

GRATIOT CO. FAIR FOR

YOUTH
*Rabbit Project
Record Book*

Intermediate Division

Check one or more Project areas

- Pet
 Breeding
 Market

Name: _____

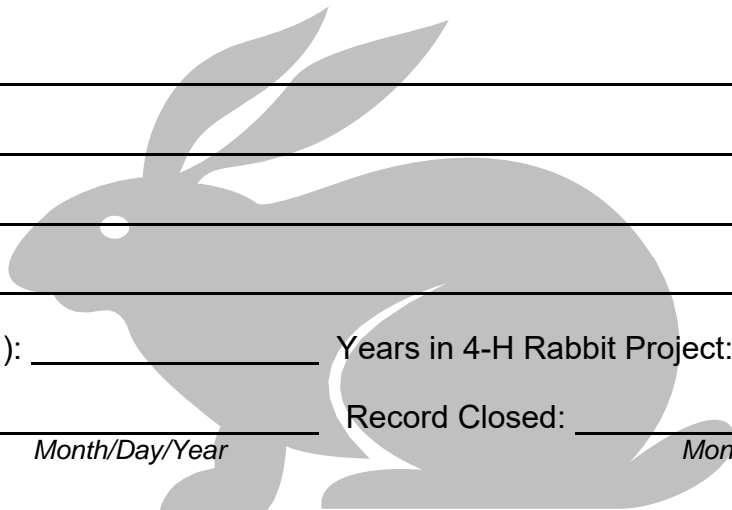
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4-H Club: _____

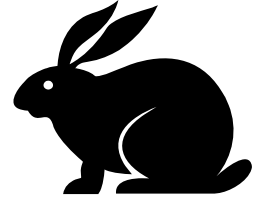
4-H Leader: _____

4-H Age (as of 1/1): _____ Years in 4-H Rabbit Project: _____

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____
Month/Day/Year Month/Day/Year



Why Keep Records?



- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.
- Documents activities and progress in the project.
- Improves management and production practices.
- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records.
This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships.
Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

I understand that this is a **completed** Breeding Beef Project Record Book as required.

4-H'ers Signature: _____

4-H Leader's Signature: _____

- A completed record book should have a beginning and final photograph. You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project animal(s), include more photographs, and include captions. You may use additional pages.
- Record book sheets should be submitted in a 3-ring binder.
- Ideas for Topic Reports:
Proper Care and Nutrition; Selection; Animal Science; Safe Management Practices or Diagram of Farm Set-up; Veterinary Science; Food Products (such as sample "healthy" recipes); Judging, etc.

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Objectives of the 4-H Rabbit Project



1. To gain knowledge and skills in managing and caring for rabbits.
2. To learn to select quality rabbits and how to feed them balanced rations.
3. To maintain management records to base decisions on regarding feed, production and breeding of rabbits.
4. To participate in group activities within the club and to assume responsibility in the 4-H Club rabbit program.
5. To gain satisfaction from completing a project to the best of your ability.
6. To let members experience and cope with the values and attitudes of responsibility, in a relatively unsupervised environment. The supervision will be on a periodic basis.
7. To let the member contribute to the family table with rabbit meat, or to experience the marketing process and system in disposal of the product.
8. To let the member experience competing through showing rabbits at local, area and state 4-H rabbit shows.

4-H Rabbit Project Guidelines

1. Members should enroll in the fall, even though they may not yet have animals. This will enable members to be well prepared to receive their animals.
2. Project records must be started and kept until the end of the project year. The latest date for starting records and for ownership of project animals is May 1 of the current 4-H year.
3. Members are encouraged to exhibit their animals at least once during the project year, such as the county fair, area rabbit shows and the state 4-H rabbit show.

4-H Rabbit Project Showmanship



1. All members are required to participate in the showmanship division of the 4-H Rabbit Project.
2. Exhibitors to be appropriately and neatly groomed/dressed in a long sleeved white shirt or lab coat and black pants.

Members Achievement Summary

Name: _____ 4-H Age (as of 1/1): _____

4-H Club: _____

This page is completed using ALL your current 4-H project animals.

1. In my 4-H project I started with: During the current year I added:

_____ doe(s)

_____ doe(s)

_____ buck(s)

_____ buck(s)

_____ kindled litters



2. Number of meetings held: _____.

Number I attended: _____.

3. I gave _____ project talks or demonstrations. Topics were:

4. Number of fairs, shows or rabbit related activities I attended: _____.

List: _____

Project Inventory and Expense Record
(Continued)

EXPENSE SUMMARY:

(for animals used in this year's project)

Expenses reflected here occurred between the following dates:

_____ and _____.

Pellets: _____

Grain: _____

Supplies: _____

Equipment: _____

Health: _____

Breeding: _____

Other: _____



TOTAL EXPENSES: _____

INCOME SUMMARY:

(as a result of this year's project animals)

Rabbits sold: _____

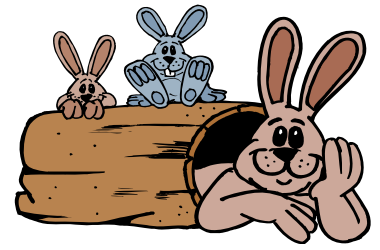
Rabbits used:
(home) _____

Premiums: _____

Other: _____

TOTAL INCOME: _____

Housing



1. Explain in detail the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use.

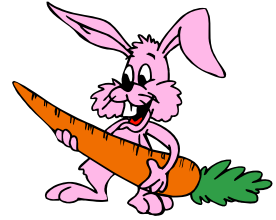
Advantages: _____

Disadvantages: _____

2. What do you do to overcome the disadvantages? _____

3. Are there any changes you make for weather conditions and why? _____

Feeding



1. What kind of food do you use? _____

List all of the nutrients: _____

2. What percentage of protein does your brand of food have?

3. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What and Why?

4. How often do you feed your rabbit(s)? _____

Why? _____

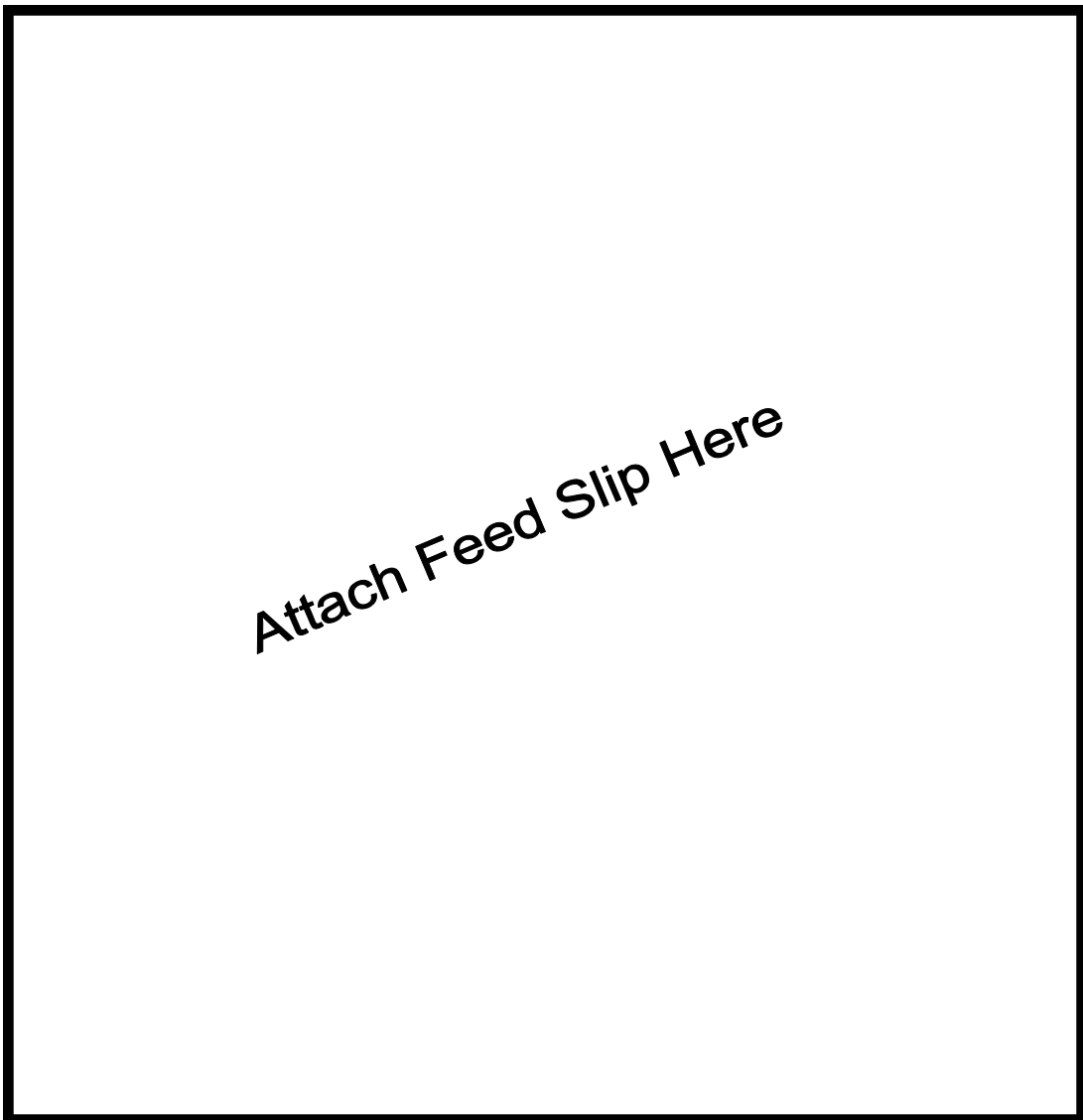
5. Do you feed your rabbit(s) at a specific time each day? _____ Yes _____ No

Why? _____

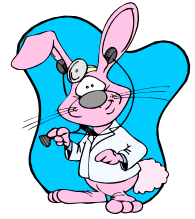
Feeding
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6. How do you store your feed? _____

7. Attach your feed slip here.



Rabbit Health



When answering these, BE SPECIFIC and use examples. You may attach an extra page if needed.

1. Describe one common condition among rabbits and how to treat this problem. List your resources.

2. Describe any health problems your rabbit(s) have had and what you did about it. List your resources.

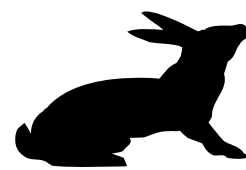
Standard of Perfection

Complete the Standard of Perfection using any ONE of your current project animal(s).
If your project is a mixed breed, choose a breed to study.

My breed of rabbit is: _____

1. Schedule of Points:

General Type	_____	Markings	_____
Body	_____	_____	_____
Hindquarters	_____	_____	_____
Midsection	_____	_____	_____
Shoulders	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Color	_____	Wool	_____
_____	_____	Density	_____
_____	_____	Texture	_____
_____	_____	Length	_____
_____	_____	Ticking	_____
_____	_____	Silvering	_____
Condition	_____		
Fur	_____	Total Points = 100	
Sheen	_____		



Standard of Perfection
(continued)



2. Where are most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit?

Why? _____

3. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR BUCK for your breed of rabbit?

4. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR DOE for your breed of rabbit?

5. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:

6. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit? _____

List them: _____

Pedigree

Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animal(s). Pedigree should be of your rabbit. If your rabbit is a mixed breed, describe what a pedigree is and/or borrow one if possible. DO NOT attach the original pedigree. The fair board and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.)

BREED _____

SEX _____

BORN _____

NAME _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

Winnings: _____

SIRE _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

Winnings: _____

G.G. SIRE _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

G.G. DAM _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

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Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

DAM _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

Winnings: _____

GRAND DAM _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

Winnings: _____

G.G. SIRE _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

G.G. DAM _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

G.G. SIRE _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

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Grand Champ. No. _____

G.G. DAM _____

Reg. No. _____ Ear No. _____

Color _____ Weight _____

Grand Champ. No. _____

Breeding

If you do not breed rabbits, attach a 1 page story about your rabbit.

1. Complete the breeding records below to show breeding of your project animal(s):

Hutch Number: _____ Doe Number and Name: _____

Breed: _____ Born: _____ Sire No.: _____ Dam No.: _____

Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

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Breed: _____ Born: _____ Sire No.: _____ Dam No.: _____

Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

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Breed: _____ Born: _____ Sire No.: _____ Dam No.: _____

Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

2. For breeding, take the _____ to the _____ hutch for service.

Why? _____

3. The gestation period for rabbits is about _____ days.
4. The birth of rabbits is called: _____.
5. What were some breeding problems or other interesting experiences you have had during this year's projects?



Market Rabbit Project

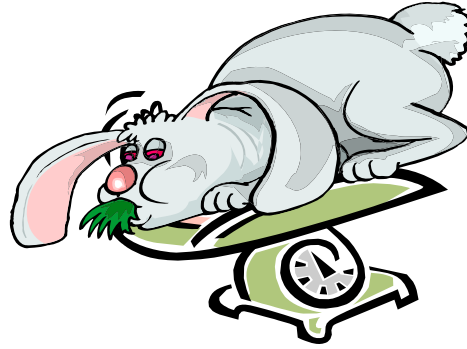
*This section needs to be completed by youth showing Market Rabbits.
Others may attach a 1 page Topic Report.*

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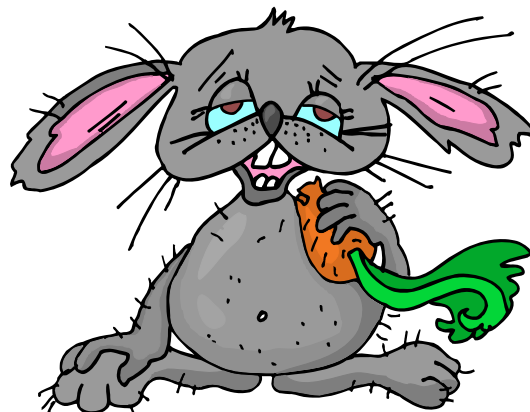
Complete charts below for each doe used in breeding program. Weight record must be complete. Extra sheets may be used as needed.

Hutch Number: _____		Doe Number and Name: _____					
Breed: _____		Born: _____		Sire No.: _____		Dam No.: _____	
Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

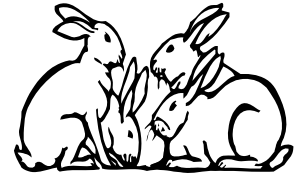
Weight Record



Weighing Sequence	Date	Weight			Age	Leader Signature
1		/ Litter		Average Weight	3 weeks	
2		/ Litter		Average Weight	5 weeks	
3		Litter	Individual	Animal Weights	7 weeks	
4		Litter	Individual	Animal Weights	8 weeks	
5		Litter	Individual	Animal Weights	9 weeks	
6		Litter	Individual	Animal Weights	10 weeks	



Project Reflection



When answering these questions, BE SPECIFIC and use examples.
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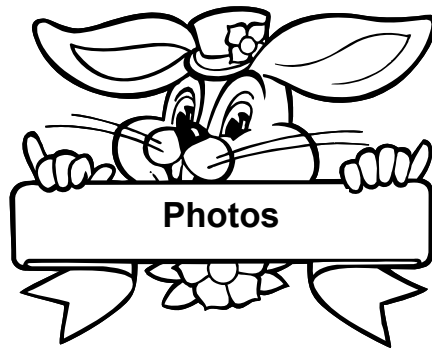
1. What did you learn NEW this year? _____

2. What was the most fun? _____

3. If you were to do this project again, is there anything you would change or do differently?

Why? _____

4. What resources did you use to prepare your project? (books, magazines, videos, people you talked to, etc.)



A photo of each project animal is to be attached to this page.

My 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1-2	COVER SHEET / WHY KEEP RECORDS	5	
	All information is neat and complete. Leader signed book		
4-5	MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT RECORD	10	
	All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered.		
6-7	PROJECT INVENTORY AND EXPENSE RECORD	10	
	Information complete.		
8-10	HOUSING AND FEEDING	10	
	Information complete.		
11	RABBIT HEALTH	10	
	Information complete.		
12-13	STANDARD OF PERFECTION	10	
	Information complete.		
14	PEDIGREE	10	
	Information complete.		
15-16	BREEDING OR 1 PAGE STORY	10	
	Information complete or story is attached.		
16-17	MARKET RECORDS/WEIGHT RECORD <i>Required for Market Rabbit Project Animals</i> OR 1 PAGE TOPIC REPORT	10	
	Information complete or report is attached.		
18	PROJECT REFLECTION	10	
	Information complete		
19	PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS	5	
	Includes photographs of project animal(s). Captions included with pictures.		
	TOTAL POINTS A: 100 - 70; B: 69 - 60; C: 59 - 10	100	