



Market Rabbit Project Record Book

2026 U.P. State Fair

Beginner (ages 8-10)

IMPORTANT: In order to participate in the U.P. State Fair Small Animal Auction, exhibitors are required to submit a completed market livestock record book and achieve a minimum score of 40 in the scoring rubric.

Records books may be picked up in the poultry barn office

PLEASE TYPE, PRINT, OR WRITE CLEARLY.

ALL PROJECT RECORD LIVESTOCK BOOKS ARE DUE by
1:00 PM EDT: Monday, August 17, 2026

NAME MUST BE PRINTED LEGIBLY ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE MARKET
LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK.

Name _____

EXHIBITOR CELL PHONE NUMBER _____
(best # to reach you during fair week)

Club Name _____

Club Leader _____

County _____ **Years in Project** _____

Official Fair Age ____

(Fair age is the exhibitor's age on January 1 of the year of the fair)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this record book. I am aware that this record book may be on display during the auction and/or fair, and thus all content will be appropriate.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this record book to be displayed to the public and will ensure that all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

****RECORDS START WITH POSSESSION OF YOUR ANIMAL(S) AND END WITH
FAIR WEEK ESTIMATES!****



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Why Keep Records?

By keeping records, you will be able to see how much progress you make this year and over the course of your 4-H career as you set goals and work to accomplish them.

Good records will:

- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed they require and their habits.
- Increase understanding of your project's financial outcome.
- Assist you in gathering information to market your animal.
- Improve your management practices.
- Keep track of your project activities and learning experiences.
- Allow you to better plan for future livestock projects.

If you have questions or need help on this record book, please contact your leader, parent/guardian, or County MSU Extension Office.

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY.

Project Information

(Submit one completed record book for each market species)

Name and /or description of Animal(s) _____

Breed(s): _____

Identification number: _____

Estimated Birth date of animal(s): _____

Date of ownership or purchase date: _____

Estimated beginning value of animal(s): _____

Please tell us about your project animal (check all that apply):

☐ Purchased my project animal(s)

☐ Project animal(s) are bred & owned (from an animal on my family farm)

☐ Other (please explain): _____

Comments by Leader/Parent (optional): _____

This Year's Project Goals

Complete this portion of the record book pre-project or once animals are purchased.

Date this page completed: _____

Please explain three goals that you have for your poultry project:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please list three potential buyers you plan to approach this year:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Herd Health Plan

A herd health plan is a simple, written plan you make **before** obtaining your livestock project. It helps you think ahead about how to keep your animal healthy, safe, and cared for properly.

In your plan, you decide what you need to do regarding things like where your animal will live, what it will eat, how you will keep it safe from getting sick, and what to do if it does get sick.

A herd health plan gives you an opportunity to predict what will be needed regarding animal housing, feed, biosecurity protocols, or health treatment you may need to ensure proper animal health and welfare.

Please note: you may not have something in every section of the chart each month.

THIS IS YOUR BEST ESTIMATION OF YOUR ANIMAL'S NEEDS.

Herd Health Plan		
Project Owner Information		Physical Address where animal is housed
Name		
Phone		
	purchase price or estimated value of the animal	
Veterinarian Contact Information		
Name		
Phone		
Address		

What is the target weight for your animal?	
Describe your animal housing/barn/facility	
List 5 biosecurity protocols you have implemented in your plan.	
What did you do to keep your animal healthy? (Consider the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare)	

Please use additional sheet if needed.

Herd Health Plan: Production Calendar- Complete this calendar **before** you take possession of your animal to plan how you will manage and care for your animal. Focus on animal care. Include information regarding animal housing, biosecurity protocols, treatment protocols and any notes of feed types you may use. This is a projection. Project your estimated cost.

January	General Management	Feeding	Health
February	General Management	Feeding	Health
March	General Management	Feeding	Health
April	General Management	Feeding	Health

Herd Health Plan: Production Calendar

May	General Management	Feeding	Health
June	General Management	Feeding	Health
July	General Management	Feeding	Health
August	General Management	Feeding	Health

Inventory of Supplies and Equipment

This is a record of what you have before you start your project, borrow, or utilize from your club. It can include items listed under equipment and supplies in your expenses record.

item description	quantity	borrowed or club equipment Y/N

Weekly Feed Record (add additional pages if needed)

Feed Type*										
	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	Monthly lbs.	Total Cost
Week 1										
Week 2										
Week 3										
Week 4										
Week 5										
Week 6										
Week 7										
Week 8										
Week 9										
Week 10										
Week 11										
Week 12										
Week 13										
Week 14										
Week 15										
Week 16										
Week 17										
Week 18										
Week 19										
Week 20										
TOTALS										

*Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes, hay, silage, etc.

*The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included.

Number of rabbits reflected on this chart.

TOTAL FEED  add column	TOTAL FEED COST  add column
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Expense Record

Record all expenses, including date of purchase, description of the expense, and cost.

Health costs-include vaccinations, medications, treatment for parasite control, and hoof trimming, ,vet fees, cost of any required health tests

Equipment-include blowers, trimming chute, clippers, show sticks, halters, brushes, combs, hoses, feeders, pitchforks, wheelbarrow, stalls, show boxes, fences

Facility costs-include estimated cost of utilities to house your animal, bedding, repairs, housing rent/lease fees

Advertising/Marketing- include cost of buyer's letters, printing, postage, promotion, and buyer gifts

Transportation-include costs to transport the animal to and from weigh-ins, buyer visits, and to the fair

Supplies- include costs for show shampoos, grooming products, clipping/shearing fees, show clothes, stall decorations

Registration/certification fees- include fair fees, fair pass, DNA testing, YQCA certification costs, lost tag fees

date purchased	item description	cost

(add column)

Weight Record

Weigh your rabbit at least once each week. It is recommended to choose and identify three animals as your “representatives” that you weigh each week.

Rabbit 1

Tattoo# _____

Date of birth _____

Weighing	Date	Weight	Weight Gain	Age of Rabbit
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
(Final)				

Rabbit 2

Tattoo# _____

Date of birth _____

Weighing	Date	Weight	Weight Gain	Age of Rabbit
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
(Final)				

Rabbit 3				
Tattoo# _____		Date of birth _____		
Weighing	Date	Weight	Weight Gain	Age of Rabbit
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

Project Photos

Project Reflection:

Please respond to the following questions (additional pages can be added).

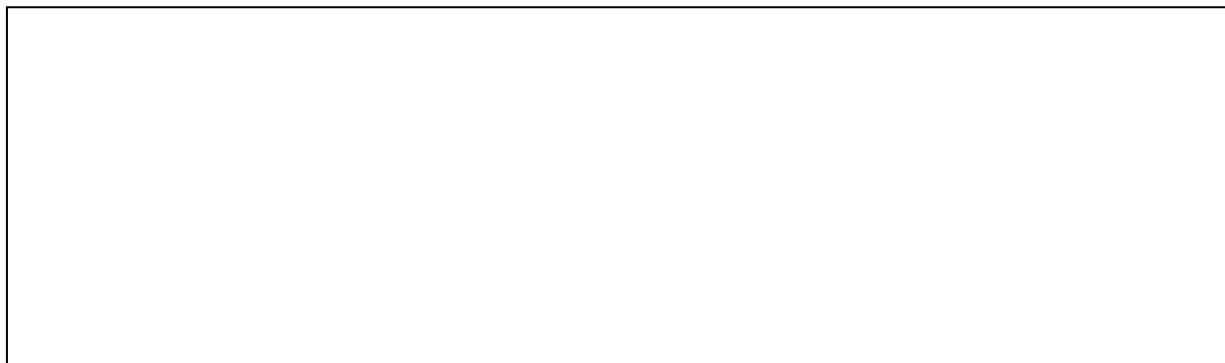
1. What is the best way to disinfect cages?

2. Describe one of the concepts in the three circle model of animal welfare.

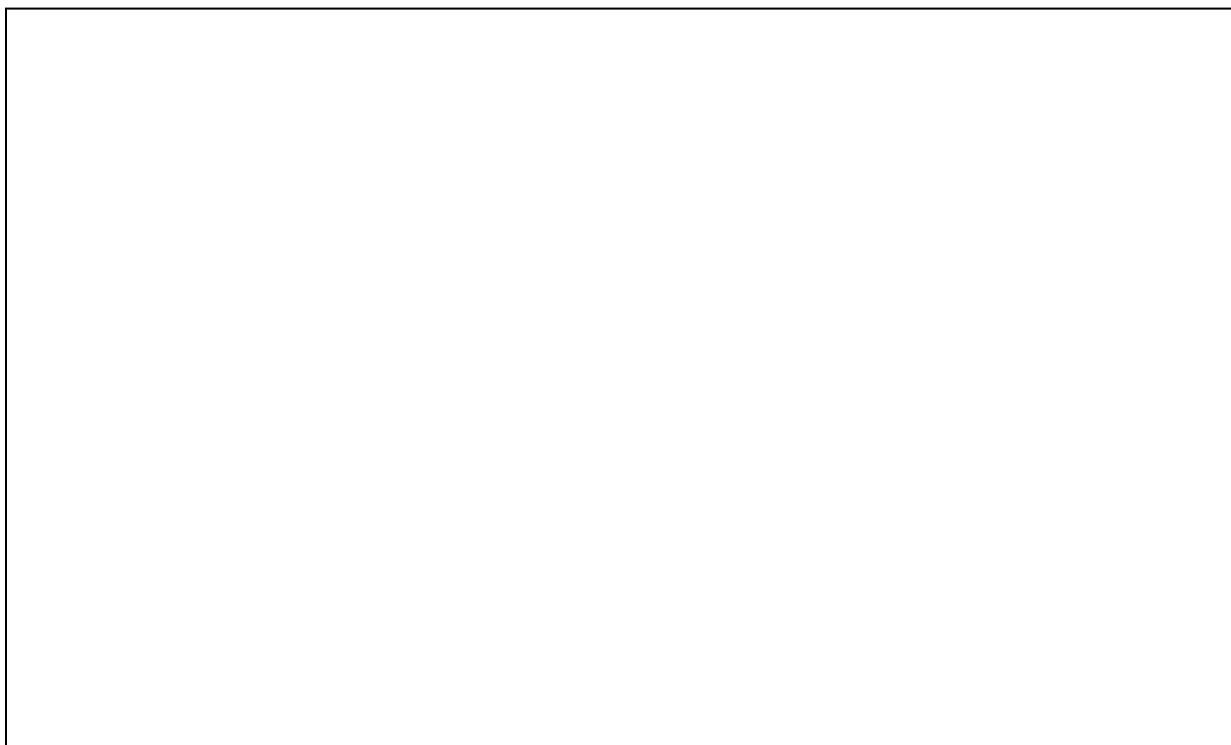
Project Reflection Bonus Questions:

Please respond to the following bonus questions to increase your final score.
(additional pages can be added)

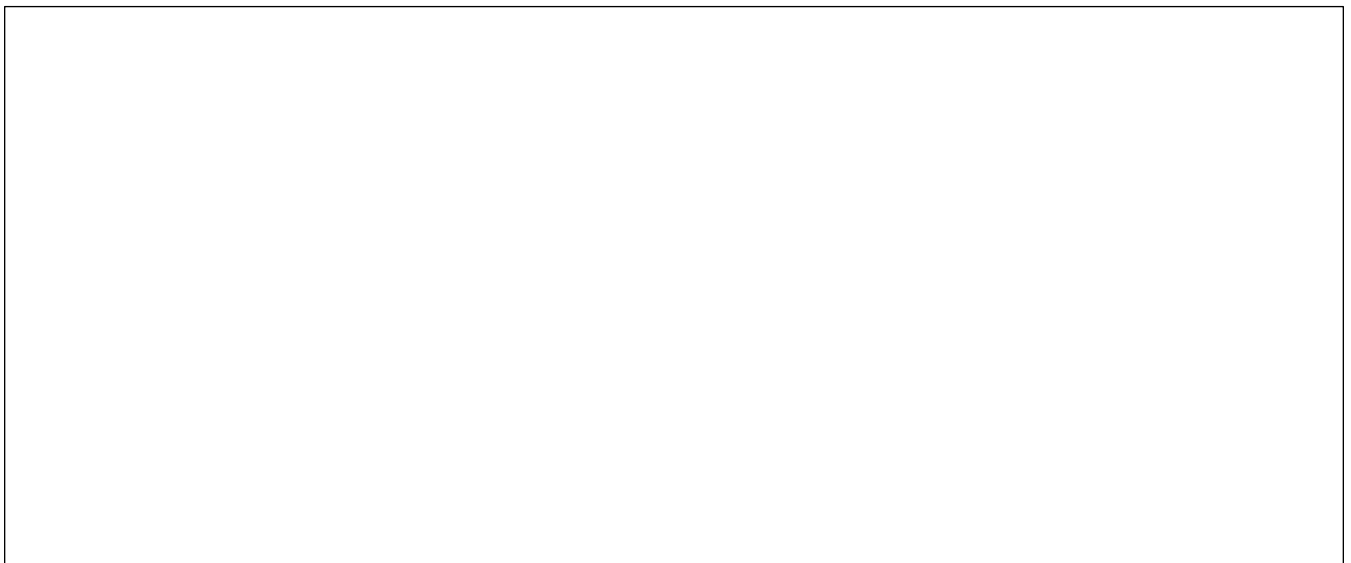
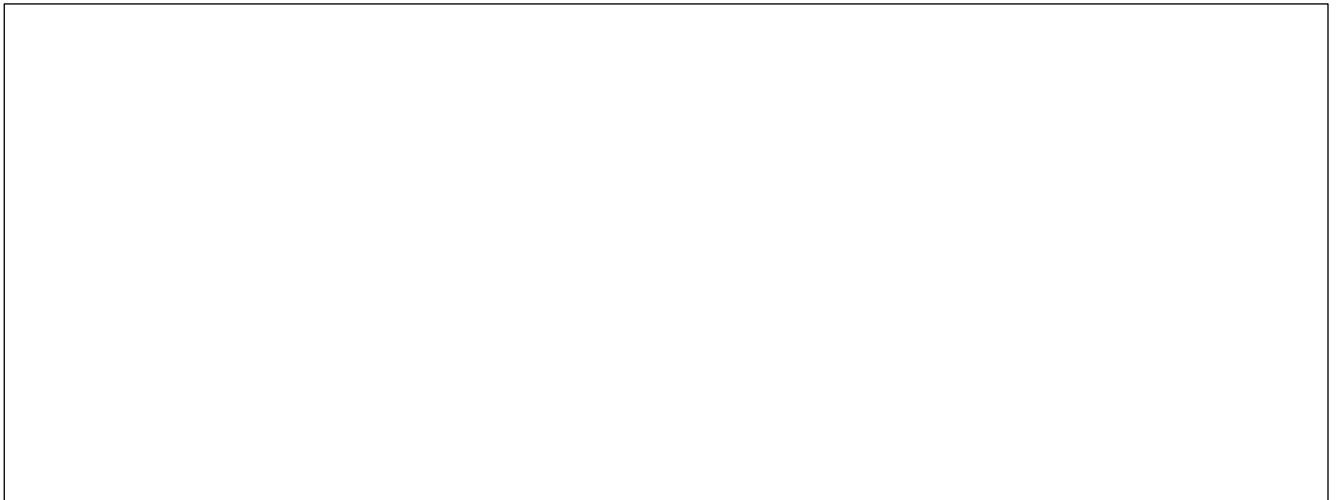
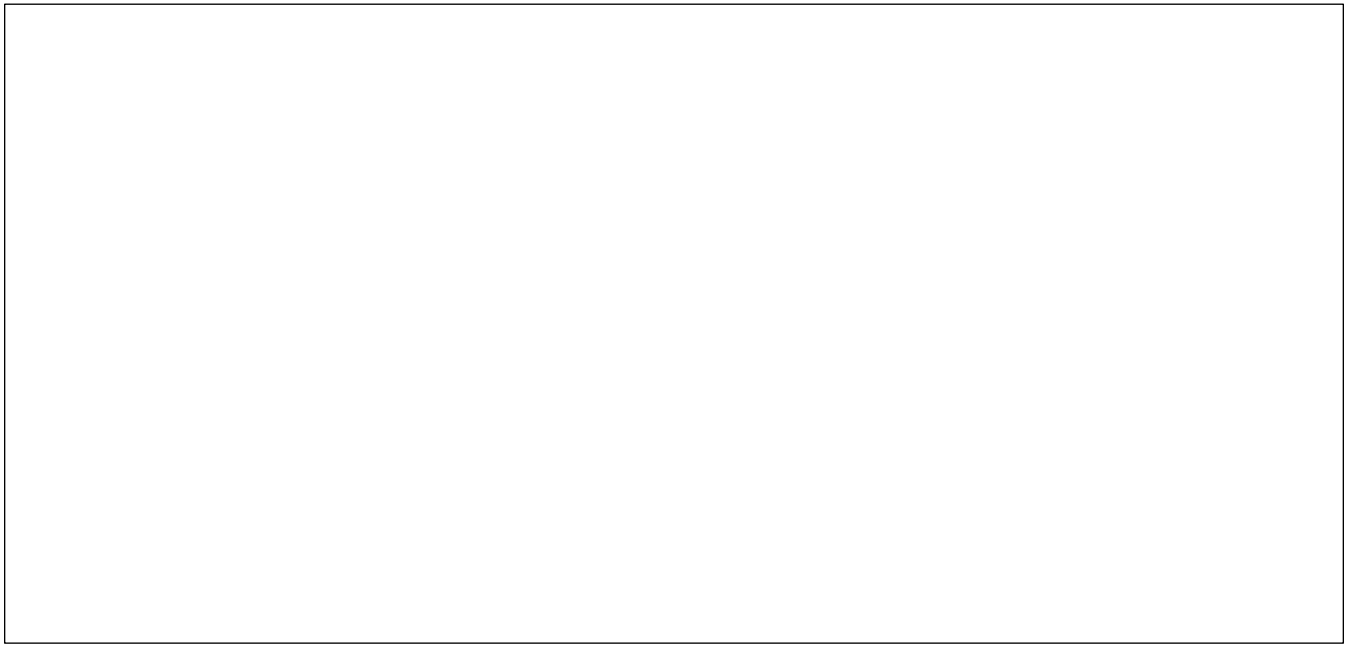
Describe your animal housing/facility.



2. Name 3 things you would look for when performing a health check on your rabbit.



Use these pages if you need additional space
(Please make sure you indicate which question number)





Beginner- Rabbit

PAGE	CONTENT	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
1	Exhibitor Information	2	
3	Animal Information	2	
4	Goals	6	
4	Potential Buyers	6	
5	Herd Health Plan	9	
6-7	Herd Health Plan Production Calendar	9	
8	Inventory of Supplies	9	
9	Feed Record	15	
10	Expenses Record	15	
11-12	Weight Record	15	
12	Project Photos	2	
13	Question 1	5	
13	Question 2	5	
	TOTAL POINTS	100	

Exhibitor Name _____

Judge comments

BONUS QUESTIONS			
14	Question 1	5	
14	Question 2	5	

TOTAL POINTS: _____