



# Market Rabbit Project Record Book 2026 U.P. State Fair Senior (ages 17-20)

Consult U.P. Fair Exhibitor's Guide for class weight and bird age

**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**

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

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**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.

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### 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three communication strategies you plan to utilize 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.**

<b>Herd Health Plan</b>	
Project Owner Information	
Physical Address where animal is housed	
Name	
Phone	
	purchase price or estimated value of the animal
Breeder	
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 of your animal's needs and their 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





# 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										
<b>TOTALS</b>										

\*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 birds reflected on this chart.

 <b>TOTAL FEED</b> add column	 <b>TOTAL FEED COST</b> add column
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**Weight Record Add additional pages if needed.**

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

Rabbit 1	
Date	Weight
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	
(Final)	

Rabbit 2	
Date	Weight
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	
(Final)	

Rabbit 3	
Date	Weight
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	
(Final)	

## Project Final Average Weight

Column A Rabbit 1	Column B Rabbit 2	Column C Rabbit 3	Column D Total	Column E Final Average Weight
(Final weight from page 11)	(Final weight from page 11)	(Final weight from page 11)	(Final weight= Rabbit 1+ Rabbit 2+ Rabbit 3)	(Column D divided by 3)

## Project Expenses:

Column F Total Feed Costs	Column G Total Cost	Column H Total Expenses
(Total Feed Costs from page 9)	(Total Expenses from page 10)	(Column F + Column G)

## Calculate Your Break Even Price:

Column I Total Expenses	Column J Total # of Birds Raised	Column K Final Average Weight	Break Even Price per Pound
(Total Expenses from column H)		(Final average weight from Column E)	Column I divided by Column J divided by Column K ( I ÷ J ÷ K=)
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**Project Photo(s):**



## **Project Reflection:**

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

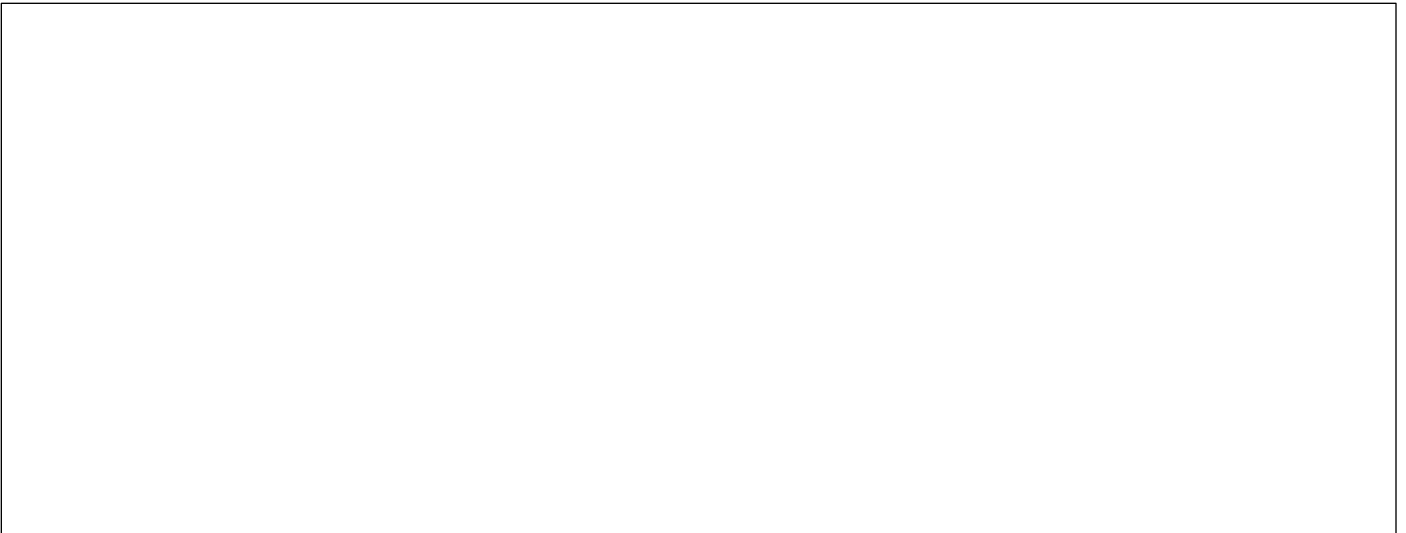
1. Describe the proper way to carry a rabbit during showmanship.

2. What is drug residue? Why is it important to abide by withdrawal time (withholding period) for medication you administer to animals?

3. Describe three diseases that can have an effect on your animal. What are your treatment options for each?



4. Why is good ventilation important in a rabbitry?



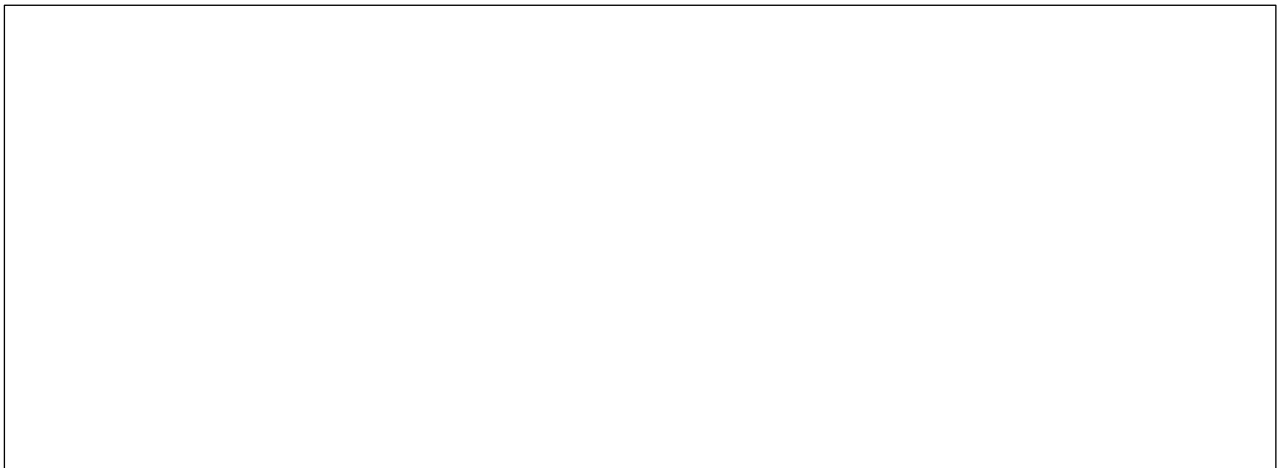
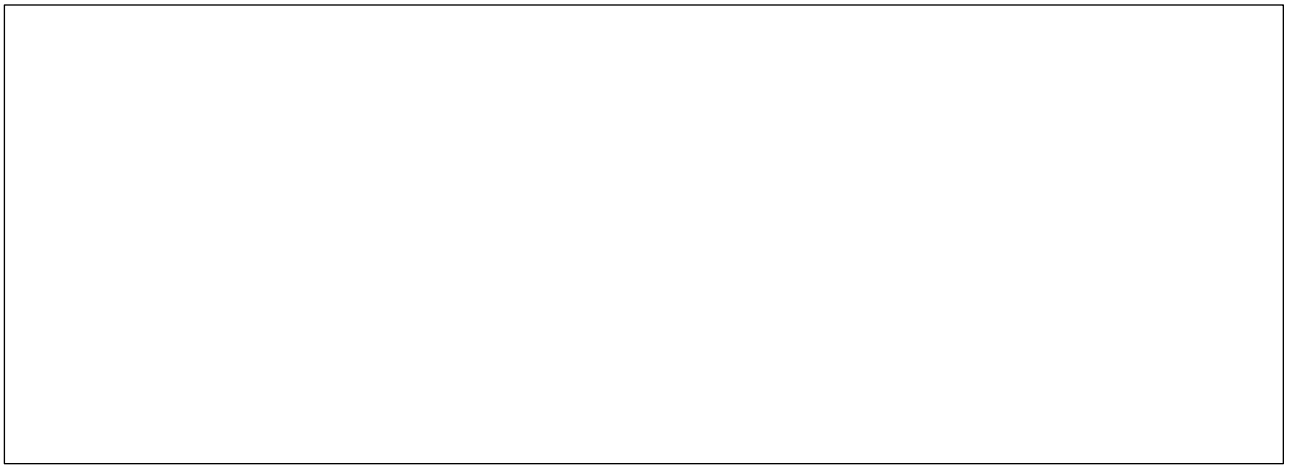
## **Project Reflection Bonus Questions:**

1. What advice would you give a younger exhibitor?

2. List five important things you need to record when administering medication to an animal.

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

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### Scoring- Senior Rabbit

PAGE	CONTENT	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
1	Exhibitor Information	2	
3	Animal Information	2	
4	Goals	3	
4	Potential Buyers	3	
4	Communication Strategies	3	
5	Herd Health Plan	8	
6-7	Herd Health Plan Production Calendar	8	
8	Inventory of Supplies	5	
9	Feed Record	12	
10	Expenses Record	8	
11	Weight Record	10	
12	Average Weight Calculations	4	
12	Project Expense Calculations	4	
12	Break Even Calculations	5	
13	Project Photo	3	
14	Question 1	5	
14	Question 2	5	
15	Question 3	5	
15	Question 4	5	
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	

Exhibitor Name

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#### BONUS QUESTIONS

16	Question 1	5	
16	Question 2	5	

**TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_