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# Otsego County 4-H Market Rabbit Project Book





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4-H Group:	Years in Project:
Project Leader:	
I hereby certify that as the exhibitor of this the care of this animal, record keeping, and	project, I have personally been responsible for I have completed this project book.
Youth Signature:	Date:
I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/o completed this record book and will complete permission for this book to be on display to appropriate.	ly with all rules and regulations. I give
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Does Youth have IEP? Yes N	No

\*\* Records start with possession of your animal and end with Fair Week Estimates.\*\*

Check with your local 4-H Staff to determine when/where your project book needs to be submitted.

Name of Animal:
Breed:Color:
Estimated Date of Birth:
How did you acquire your animal? (check one)
[ ] I purchased my animal, purchased from
[ ] My project was bred and owned (from an animal on my family farm)
[ ] Other (please explain):
I took possession of my animal on:
Purchase Price of Animal: \$
Starting weight: Final weight: =Total Pounds of Gain (Purchase Date) (Final Weight minus Starting Weight)
Date of final weigh-in (Sunday of Fair):
I have attached a copy of my Youth Market Intent to Sell Poultry, Waterfowl or Rabbit Contrac
Number of days on feed (possession date to fair weigh-in):
Average Daily Gain (total pounds of gain divided by number of days on feed):
Total Feed Costs: ÷ Total Pounds of Gain: =
(Feed Cost per lb. of Gain)
Total Pounds of Feed Fed: ÷ Total Pounds of Gain: =
(bs. of Feed Fed per lb. of Gain)
Other Costs for Project: (hoof trimming, grooming supplies, vet bills, etc.) \$
Total Cost of Project (purchase price of animal + feed cost + other costs): \$
This year's Project Goats: (explain the goals that you have for yourself and/or your animal project):
What were two things you learned from completing this project this year?
1
2
Please list two potential buyers you plan to approach this year:
1

You can insert your actual fair book page in place of this page.

## Beginning Project Picture:

# Weight Gain/Growth

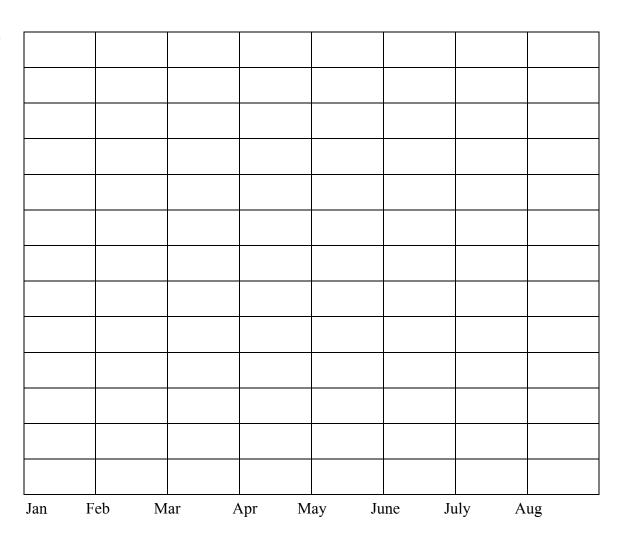
Weigh all 3 of your young rabbits together at the start of your project. Divide that total weight by 3 to get the average weight. As the project progresses, continue to do this at least 5 times during your project.

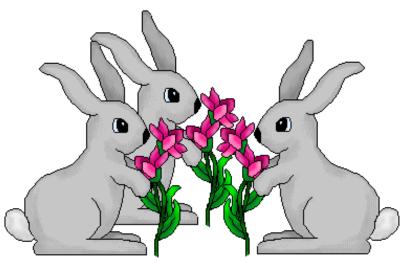
Day 1 Date:	Average Weight:	
Date:	Average weight:	
Date:	Average weight:	
Date:		
Date:		
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Daic	Average weight.	

# **Growth Chart**

\*Mark the starting weight and final weight with **red** dots on the chart. Connect the two dots with a straight **red** line. If your project is a pen of three use the average weight of the pen (add all weights together then divide by 3.)

### Pounds





<sup>\*</sup>Record your animal's weight every month (actual or estimated) and connect these points with a blue or black line.

# Rabbit PenWeight Records

Date of Starting Weight	Starting Weight	Date of Finish Weight	Finished Weight	Pounds of Gain	Days on Feed	Average Daily Gain

Average Daily Gain = Total pounds of gain ÷ days on feed

**Ending Rabbit Picture:** 

# Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

Feed										
	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	Monthly lbs. Total Cost	Total Cost
SEPT										\$
ост										\$
NOV										\$
DEC										\$
JAN										\$
FEB										\$
MARCH										\$
APRIL										\$
MAY										\$
JUNE										\$
JULY										\$
AUG										\$
TOTALS		<del>⇔</del>		<del>∽</del>		₩		\$		<b>&amp;</b> ∣

NOTE: RECORD FEED AS IT IS FED TO YOUR ANIMAL. \_Number of animals \_

\*Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes,

TOTAL FEED COST

**TOTAL FEED** 

hay, silage, etc. reflected on this chart.

The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included.

# Expenses Other Than Feed

	Vet Cost	Bedding	Medications/ Dewormer	Tack/Show Supplies	Buyer Recog- nition	Other
November						
December						
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
Total						

# **Income For Project**

Total Expenses other than Feed:

Auction Date	Rabbit pen final Weight	Price Per Pound (Auction Price)	Total Value (Rabbit pen weight x Price per Pound)

# Project Knowledge:

1. What forms the	e basis of the Ame	erican Rabbit Breeders Associations Judging System?
2. What is the Sta	andard of Perfection	on based on?
3. Which ear of the	ne rabbit would ha	ave an ARBA registration tattoo in it?
4. What is the ma	ain cause of sore l	nocks?
5. A rabbit can w	ithstand heat or co	old better? Why?
Match the follow	ing definitions to	the correct Answer:
1. Defect		a.) Written record of a rabbits family
2. Kit		b.) Most important nutrient to humans and animals
3. Buck		c.) Rabbits Cooling System is its
4. Doe		d.) Baby rabbit
5. Water		e.) Buck teeth, wolf teeth, butting teeth, pegged teeth
6. Pedigree		f.) Male Rabbit
7. Ears		g.) Anything short of perfection.
8. Malocclusion		h.) Another way to say a rabbit is "hare like"
9. Dewlap		i.) Female Rabbit
10. Racy		j.) Pendulous fold of loose skin which hangs from the Hangs under the throat of some rabbits, usually on a doe

### Additional Project Book

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Novice (first year): Pick one item from list below and complete.

Juniors (11-14): Pick one item from the list below and complete.

Seniors (15-19): Pick two items from the list below and complete.

- \*Create a chore chart of daily, weekly, and monthly chores necessary to properly care for your animal (s).
- \*Create a crossword puzzle with terms/definitions that relate to your rabbit project.
- \*Create a picture and label the parts of your rabbit project. (Not something already completed online).
- \*Is a Flemish giant rabbit an effective breed to choose for a meat pen? Why or why not?
- \*What is a four class rabbit breed? What is a six class rabbit breed? Explain the difference?
- \*Make a retail meat cut diagram and include where the cuts come from on your rabbit project. What type of market is available for your project?
- \* Research and provide a summary of by products that could come from your rabbit project.
- \* Research and write an essay on a common disease the rabbit industry is facing today including prevention, treatment, symptoms, diagnosis, best practices, etc.
- \*Write an essay about at least 5 different breeds leading the meat rabbit industry in the US today. Include heritage, physical characteristics, nick names, merits, etc.
- \* Tell us about your ideal Market rabbit pen. Be descriptive and include what physical traits your ideal rabbit pen would have that your current project does not.
- \*Another project of your own creation that illustrated your knowledge of your project. Check with your 4-H leader or 4-H Coordinator if you need assistance.







## 4-H Rabbit Project Book Score Sheet

Page	Name: Novice Junior Senior	Possible Points	Your Points
1	Novice Junior Senior  Cover Page-complete with signatures	5	
2	Fair Book Page (Name/Breed)	10	
3	Beginning Picture/Weight Records	10	
4	Growth Chart	10	
5	Ending Picture/Weight Summary	10	
6	Feed Chart	15	
7	Expenses Sheet	10	
8	Project Knowledge	10	
9	Additional Requirements	20	
	<b>Extra Credit</b> -Extra project from page 9 or another worthy project included with Project Book. If project cannot be in project book, please indicate where judges can find project. Points awarded at judge's discretion.	20	
	Total Points:	120	

A: 86-100 B: 71-85 C: 55-70

Books should be neat, and the work of the youth participant. Comments from Judge:	