



Otsego County 4-H Non-Market Rabbit Project Book



Name: _____ Age as of Jan 1st: _____

4-H Group: _____ Years in Project: _____

Project Leader: _____

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 project book.

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 book to be on display to the public and will ensure all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Does Youth have IEP? Yes _____ 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.

Beginning Rabbit Picture

Name of Animal: _____ Tattoo: _____

Breed: _____

Color Description: _____

If registered, breed association: _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

How did you acquire your animal? (check one)

I purchased my animal from: _____

My project was bred and owned (from an animal on my family farm)

Other: _____

Purchase price or beginning value of animal: \$ _____

Project Details:

1. Is your project a pet, show rabbit, breeder, etc?

2. Why did you choose this project?

3. What plans do you have for your project animal? (keep, sell, breed, process,)

4. What training did you do with your project animal?

5. What didn't work well for you this year? What would you do differently?

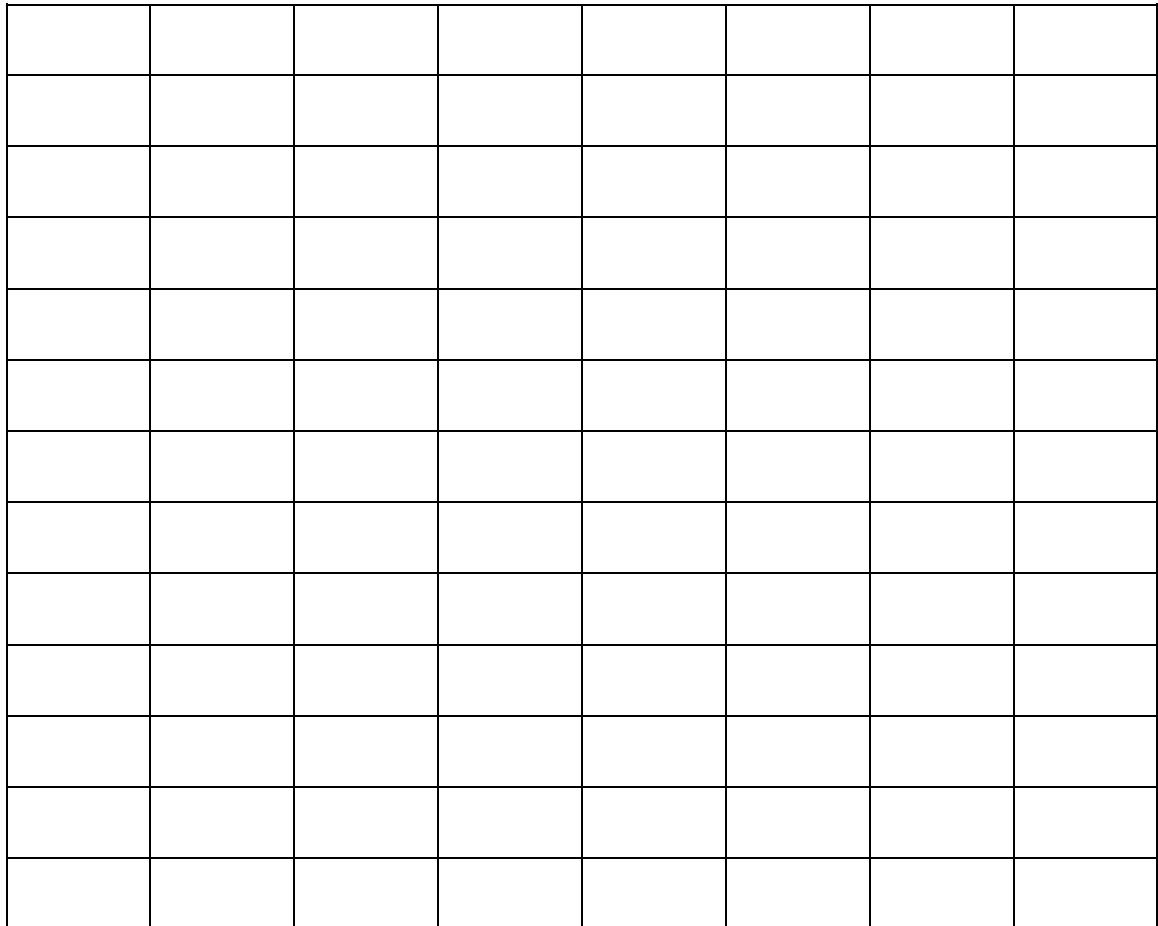
6. What was your favorite part of participating in a rabbit project?

Growth Chart

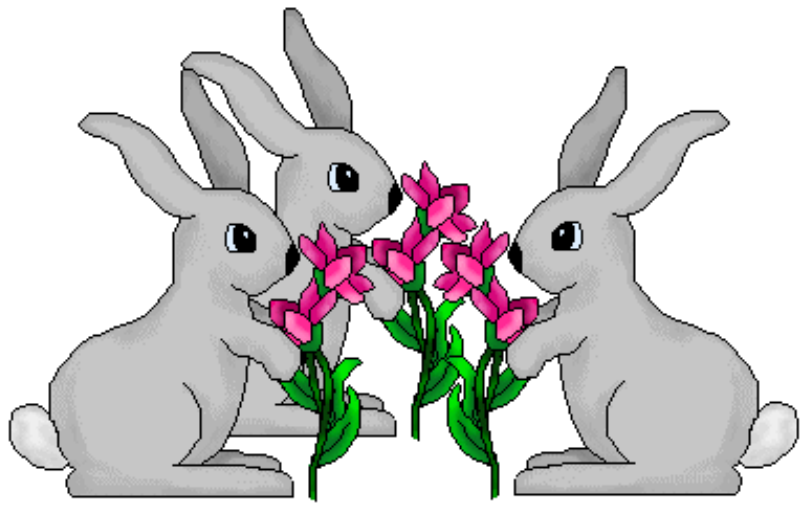
*Mark the starting weight and final weight with **red** dots on the chart. Connect the two dots with a straight **red** line. If your project is a pen of three use the average weight of the pen (add all weights together then divide by 3.)

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

Pounds



Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug



Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

| Feed Types* ⇒ | lbs. | | cost | | lbs. | | cost | | Monthly lbs. | Total Cost |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--|------|--|------|--|------|--|--------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| SEPT | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| OCT | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| NOV | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| DEC | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| JAN | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| FEB | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| MAY | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| JUNE | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| JULY | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| AUG | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| 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, | | | | | | | | | | |
| - The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included. | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL FEED COST | | | | | | | | | | |

Project Pictures.

Provide pictures and some details about your project. Insert additional pages if needed.

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 | | | | | | |

Other Expenses: _____

Total Expenses other than Feed: _____

Project Knowledge:

1. What forms the basis of the American Rabbit Breeders Associations Judging System?

2. What is the Standard of Perfection based on? _____

3. Which ear of the rabbit would have an ARBA registration tattoo in it? _____

4. What is the main cause of sore hocks? _____

5. A rabbit can withstand heat or cold better? Why? _____

Match the following 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 | 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 | |
| | Extra Credit -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: _____
