

# Ionia County



## Rabbit Project Record Book

*Ages 12 to 14 Years*

*Check one or more Project areas*

\_\_\_\_\_ Pet

\_\_\_\_\_ Breeding

\_\_\_\_\_ Market

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of 1/1): \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Rabbit Project: \_\_\_\_\_

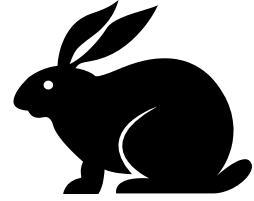
Record Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Record Closed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day/Year* *Month/Day/Year*

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# Why Keep Records?



- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.
- Document activities and progress in the project.
- Improve 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!

Leader's Comments\*:

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Rabbit Leader's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Book is incomplete without comments and signature from your leader\**

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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, with the exception of market pen does, these need to be owned and started on April 1st.
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 strongly encouraged to participate in the showmanship division of the 4-H Rabbit Project.
2. Exhibitors are to be appropriately and neatly groomed/dressed in a long sleeved white shirt or lab coat, dark and clean pants, and closed toed shoes.

## Rabbit Project Summary

This page is completed using ALL of 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. Number of rabbit project related activities attended: \_\_\_\_\_.

They were: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Complete Show Record

Ear # or Name of Animal	Date of Show	Location of Show	Type of Show	Class Entered	# In Class	Placing Or Award



# Body *Type* Word Search

J F  
S D C  
C E O Y  
H M R I  
P I B L  
A R A T N P A T U P M A O D L I U H  
C O M H J R E C Y L I N D R I C A L E F R  
T M Y A L I N M P L F C D U E P H M R Y E S O  
R G E S E M I A R C H I R F C H A U I C C A  
O N P T O C E F U O A P A S E L F M P H  
A L A I C R E M M O C Y L I E U O  
H L R A B B I T T U T O R H P C

**Compact  
Semi-arch**

**Commercial  
Full arch**

**Cylindrical**

1. Explain in detail the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Are there any changes you make for weather conditions and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What kind of food do you use? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What percentage of protein does your brand of food have? Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you feed your rabbit(s) anything other than pellets? What and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How often do you feed your rabbit(s) and how much do you feed them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How do you store your feed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Rabbit Body Parts



Rabbit Tutor®

# Standard of Perfection\*

Complete the section using any ONE of your current project animal(s).

My breed of rabbit is: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Schedule of Points:

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

\*Use the current Standard of Perfection. If you need to borrow one, ask your leader or the superintendent.



**Standard of Perfection**  
(continued)



2. Where are most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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. What body type and fur type does your breed of rabbit have? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Is your rabbit a 4 class or 6 class rabbit? \_\_\_\_\_
7. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit? \_\_\_\_\_  
List them: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How many body types are recognized by ARBA? \_\_\_\_\_  
List them: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Pedigree for Show Rabbit

Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animals. Pedigree should be of your rabbit. **DO NOT attach the original pedigree.** The fairboard and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.) Please fill in as much as possible.

### Rabbit Pedigree \*Adapted from ARBA Rabbit Pedigree

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Born: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Champ. No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Winnings: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_  
Ear # \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Champ. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Winnings: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_  
Ear # \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Champ. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Winnings: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam \_\_\_\_\_  
Ear # \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Champ. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Winnings: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam \_\_\_\_\_  
Ear # \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Champ. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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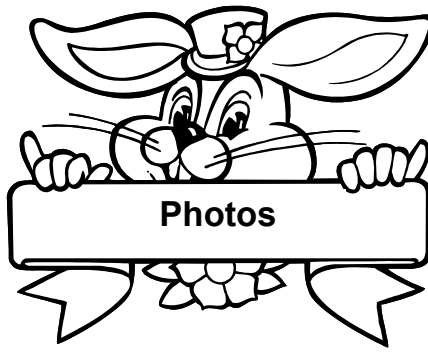
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Dam \_\_\_\_\_  
Ear # \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Champ. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Winnings: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the purpose of a nesting box? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What materials should be used in the nesting box? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where should you place the nesting box in the hutch? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Name two ways to recognize illness in your rabbit(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Name two ways to control disease in your rabbit: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did you learn NEW this year? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Intermediate Rabbit Quiz

1. What does the acronym B.O.B. mean?  
A) Best of Breed    B) Best of Breeding    C) Best of Variety    D) Best of Breeder
2. A pedigree guarantees a rabbit is healthy.  
A) True    B) False
3. The normal body temperature of a rabbit is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) 98.6 degrees    B) 92 degrees    C) 102-103 degrees    D) 42 degrees
4. Rabbits are considered monogastric. What does that mean?  
A) Complex stomach    B) Simple stomach    C) A stomach ache    D) One kidney
5. Match the following:  
A. Flyback    B. Rollback    C. Satin    D. Rex    E. Normal    F. Wool  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A short, plush, dense coat of fure that stands upright and has resistance when pressed into.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbits with this fur type have a hair shaft several inches in length.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A fur division within the normal fur category. The fur quickly snaps back iinto place when stroked from tail to head.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The fur type known for its transparency and sheen.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A fur division within the normal fur category. The fur slowly goes back into place when stroked from tail to head.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The common fur type of rabbits. The three types are flyback, rollback, and stand-



A photo of your rabbit project or market pen is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!



# Michigan 4-H Animal Rabbit Project Record Book Supplement Page

## Leadership and Service

*Please answer the following questions according to your assigned age category:  
Beginners-question 1; Intermediate-questions 1-2; Advance-questions 1-3. Additional pages may be  
attached as needed.*

1. In your animal project, what chores are assigned for you to do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe a time when you have helped someone else learn about animals or agriculture; this can be an individual (friend or family member) or public education such as your club offering a petting zoo at a local event.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is the leadership or service purpose of animal organizations such as Michigan Sheep Breeders, American Rabbit Breeders Association, etc? What organizations represent your animal species?

## My 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Page</b>		<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Your Points</b>
1	COVER SHEET All information is neat and complete.	5	
2	WHY KEEP RECORDS Leader signed book.	5	
4-5	RABBIT PROJECT SUMMARY & WORD SEARCH All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered.	10	
6	HOUSING AND FEEDING Information complete.	10	
7	RABBIT BODY PARTS	10	
8-9	STANDARD OF PERFECTION	10	
10	PEDIGREE	5	
11	PROJECT QUESTIONS	10	
12	PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS	5	
13	4-H SUPPLEMENT PAGE	10	
IF NO MARKET PROJECT	TOTAL POINTS A: 70-80, B: 60-69, C: 50-59	80	
	4-H MARKET RECORD BOOK Information is neat and questions are completely answered.	20	
INCLUDING MARKET BOOK	TOTAL Points A: 90 - 100, B: 80 - 89, C: 65 - 79	100	