Montcalm County

Non-Market Rabbit Project Record Book

(ages 8-19)

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Leader: _____

4-H Age (as of 1/1): _____ Years in Project: _____

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____

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4-H Project Record Book

This Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a rabbit 4-H project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your rabbit.
<u>What is a 4-H project?</u> A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is rabbits. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating in shows and competitions.
<u>Why complete a record book?</u> A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking costs and expenses, organization, and others.
<u>Completing your 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book</u>. At the beginning of the 4-H year you should select one/several of your animals to be your 4-H project animal(s) for the year. Then begin recording all the relevant information on your animal in your record book monthly. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn't become a chore at the end of the year.

What are your goals for this year's rabbit project?_____

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Summary of Accomplishments: _____

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Member Signature_____ **Leader Signature**_____

Rabbit Project Details

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Name of Animal: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Sex_____ **Breed** _____**Tattoo Information:** _____

Purpose: _____

Color: _____ **Pedigreed/Registered?** _____

How did you acquire your animal?

☐ **I purchased my animal (farm / breeder name):**

_____

☐ **My project was born on our family farm**

☐ **Other:**

_____

Purchase Price or beginning estimated value of animal:

$_____

Rabbit Project Details

In my 4-H project, I started with: During the year, I added:

    _____ Doe(s)   _____ Doe(s)

    _____ Buck (s)   _____ Buck (s)

                                             _____ Kindle (s)

Why did you choose this project? _____

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If you did not breed your project animal, attach a 1-page story about your rabbit.

Did you choose to breed your project animal? _____

Complete the breeding record below to show breeding of your project animal(s):

Dam Number and Name: _____ Breed: _____

Sire Number and Name: _____ Breed: _____

Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

What were some breeding problems or other interesting experiences you have had during this year's project?

Housing

If you have multiple rabbits, do you keep them all in the same area? Why?

Explain in detail the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use.

What are some of the advantages to your set-up?

What are some of the disadvantages to your set-up?

What changes have you made to your set-up, to overcome some of the disadvantages?

Are there any changes you make due to weather conditions? Why?

What are some things to consider when selecting an outside area to house your rabbits?

Feeding Program

How many rabbits do you have in your colony/herd?

What brand of feed do you use?

List the ingredients and name one of their purposes.

Describe your feeding routine.

Are there any other products or treats that you give to your rabbit(s)?

List some items that you cannot feed rabbits and why.

Feed Tag

Insert a copy of your feed tag here

Rabbit Health

What are some signs of illness or injury in rabbits?

Describe three diseases and how to treat them. List your sources.

Describe some health problems in rabbitry, and what you would do to solve them.

Project Inventory and Expense Record

List each item used in this year's project. Include the cost or value of rabbits
and equipment purchased, to include feed.

Item	Cost or Value	Date

End Date: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

Show and Award Records

Date	Ear # or Animal Name	Where	Name of Class	Placing

Have you participated in any additional rabbit activities? _____

If yes, please describe: _____

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_____

Pictures during shows/activities:

Standard of Perfection

Complete the Standard of Perfection using any ONE of your current project animal(s). If your project is a mixed breed, choose a breed to study.

Name / Breed of Chosen Animal: _____

Which showroom class / weight does your rabbit fit into?

Schedule of Points:

General Type (total) _____		**Fur**	_____
Body _____		**Color**	_____
Head _____		**Condition**	_____
Ears _____		**Wool**	_____
Eyes _____		**Density**	_____
Feet & Legs _____		**Texture**	_____
Tail _____		**Length**	_____

Total Points_____

Based on the Standards of Perfection, what are some of the disqualifying features for your breed?

What is the IDEAL weight of a senior buck for your breed of rabbit?

What is the IDEAL weight of a senior doe for your breed of rabbit?

How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?

List them:

List any new breeds added to the American Rabbit Breeders' Association Standard of Perfection from the past publication to current year.

List terms from the Standard of Perfection, and what they mean (8-11 choose 5; 12-15 choose 10; 16-19 choose 15).

Pedigree

Insert a copy of your project's pedigree, if available.

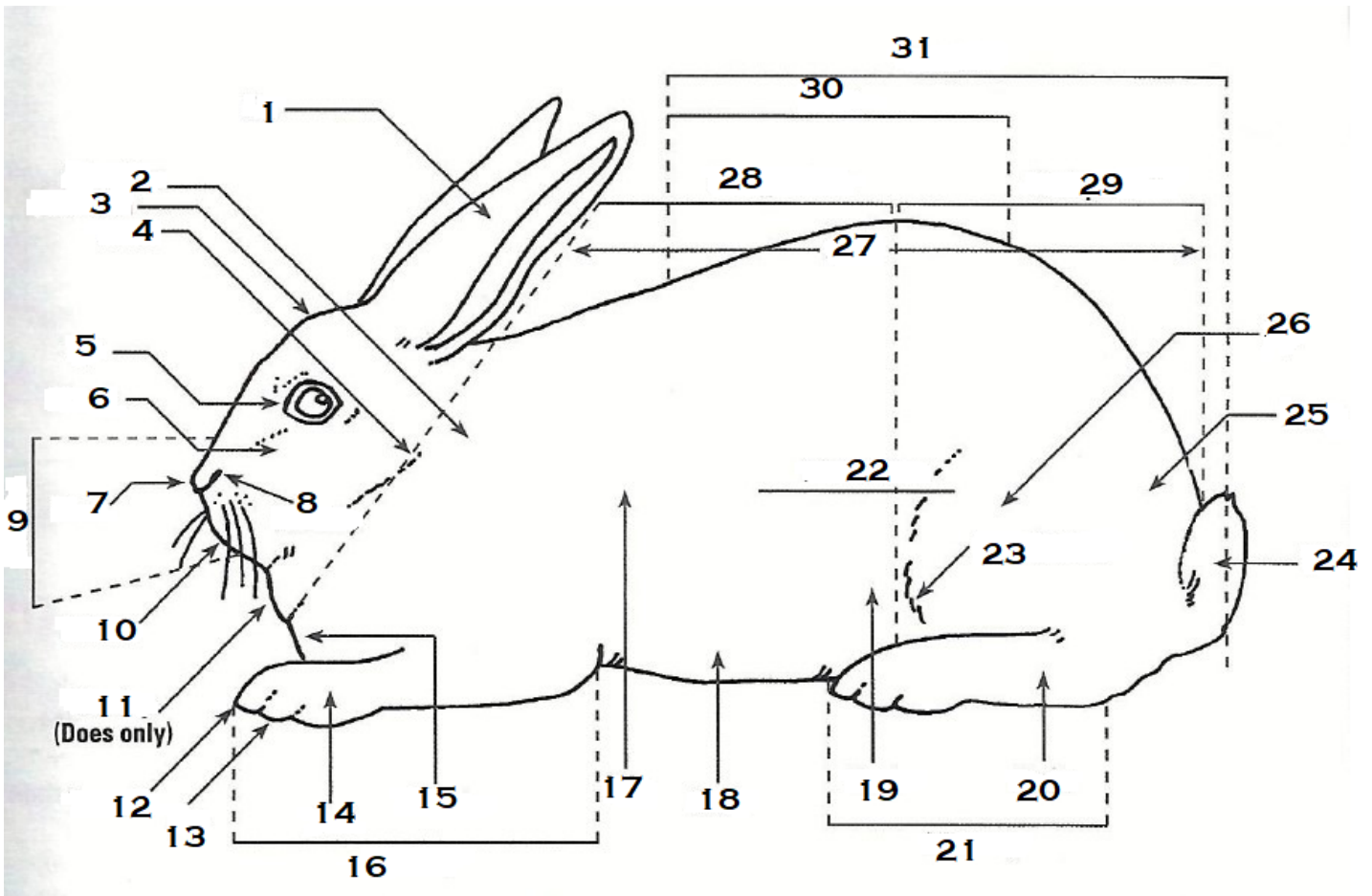**If your project does not have a pedigree, draw your family tree.**

Project Knowledge

1. For breeding, take the _____ to the _____ hutch for service. Why?

2. The gestation period for rabbits is about _____ days.

3. The birth of rabbits is called_____.

4. List out all the wool breeds.

5. What is Mange and what is the treatment for it?

6. Why is good ventilation important in a rabbitry?

7. When should you remove the nest box after Kindling?

8. Why should you keep a litter together for at least one week after weaning?

9. What are the characteristics of a good nest box?

10. How many wool breeds are recognized by ARBA? List them.

Identifying Parts of a Rabbit

Ages 8-11 - Complete 10 labels.   **Ages 12-15 - Complete 20 labels.**

Ages 16-19 - Complete all labels

1. _____	9. _____	17. _____	25. _____
2. _____	10. _____	18. _____	26. _____
3. _____	11. _____	19. _____	27. _____
4. _____	12. _____	20. _____	28. _____
5. _____	13. _____	21. _____	29. _____
6. _____	14. _____	22. _____	30. _____
7. _____	15. _____	23. _____	31. _____
8. _____	16. _____	24. _____	

Project Review

(Use additional pages if needed)

Number of project meetings held _____ Number I attended _____

Did you give any project talks or demonstrations? If so, please describe:

_____

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What training did you do with your project animal?

What didn't work well for you this year?

What would you do differently?

What was your favorite part of your rabbit project?

What were the three most important things you learned this year?

What are your goals for next year?

List below any interesting things you did with your rabbit, learned about your rabbit or write a story about your rabbit.

Project Pictures

(Use additional pages if needed)

Extra Credit
This is not mandatory! Complete any of the following, if you would like the judges to consider extra credit for your overall record book scoring.

1. Additional pictures of 4-H'er with project species.

2. Decorate your book.

3. Write an essay on the topic of your choice, within the project area.

4. Additional projects based on 4-H curriculum at MSU Extension office.

5. Design a barn/coop diagram.

6. Interview an ARBA judge.

7. Find information from ARBA on breed clubs/associations.

8. Photography report.

    a. My project animal

    b. Show/farm visit

9. By-products of (or associated to) your project species

10. Environment science (what to consider with your project animal)

My 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	**COVER SHEET**	**5**	
	All information is neat and complete.		
2	**4-H PROJECT RECORD**	**5**	
	4-H Member and Leader signed book.		
3-4	**RABBIT PROJECT DETAILS**	**10**	
	All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered. Photo from start of project.		
5-7	**HOUSING / FEEDING PROGRAM**	**10**	
	Information is neat and complete. Feed tags are copied and placed on page 7		
8	**HEALTH RECORDS**	**10**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
9	**PROJECT INVENTORY AND EXPENSES**	**5**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
10	**SHOW AND AWARDS RECORDS**	**5**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
11-13	**STANDARDS OF PERFECTION / PEDIGREE**	**15**	
	Information is neat and complete. Copy of pedigree is complete.		
14-15	**PROJECT KNOWLEDGE/PARTS OF A RABBIT**	**15**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
16	**PROJECT REVIEW**	**10**	
	Information neat and complete.		
17	**PROJECT PICTURES**	**10**	
	Has at least 3 pictures of their animal with captions.		
	TOTAL POINTS – Non-Market Rabbit Only **A: 100 – 80; B: 79 – 60; C: 59 – 30**	**100**	
18	**Extra Credit (any additional points (up to judge's discretion) or can be used to break a tie)**		