

Montcalm County



Non-Market Rabbit Project Record Book

(ages 12-14)

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.

What is a 4-H project? 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.

Why complete a record book? 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.

Completing your 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book. 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? _____

Did you accomplish your goals? Yes or No _____ Please Explain: _____

Member Signature _____ Leader Signature _____

Rabbit Project Details

Beginning Project Picture Here

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? _____

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, if you bred your project animal(s):

Dam Name: _____ Breed: _____

Sire Name: _____ Breed: _____

| Date Bred | Date Tested | Date Kindled | Number Kindled | Bucks | Does | Remarks |
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What were some interesting experiences you have had during this year's project?

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 two 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 one disease that affects rabbits and how to treat it. 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 |
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End Date: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

Show and Award Records

| Date | Ear # or Animal Name | Where | Name of Class | Placing |
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Have you participated in any additional rabbit activities? _____

If yes, please describe: _____

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 terms from the Standard of Perfection, and what they mean (8-11 choose 5; 12-14 choose 10; 15-19 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?

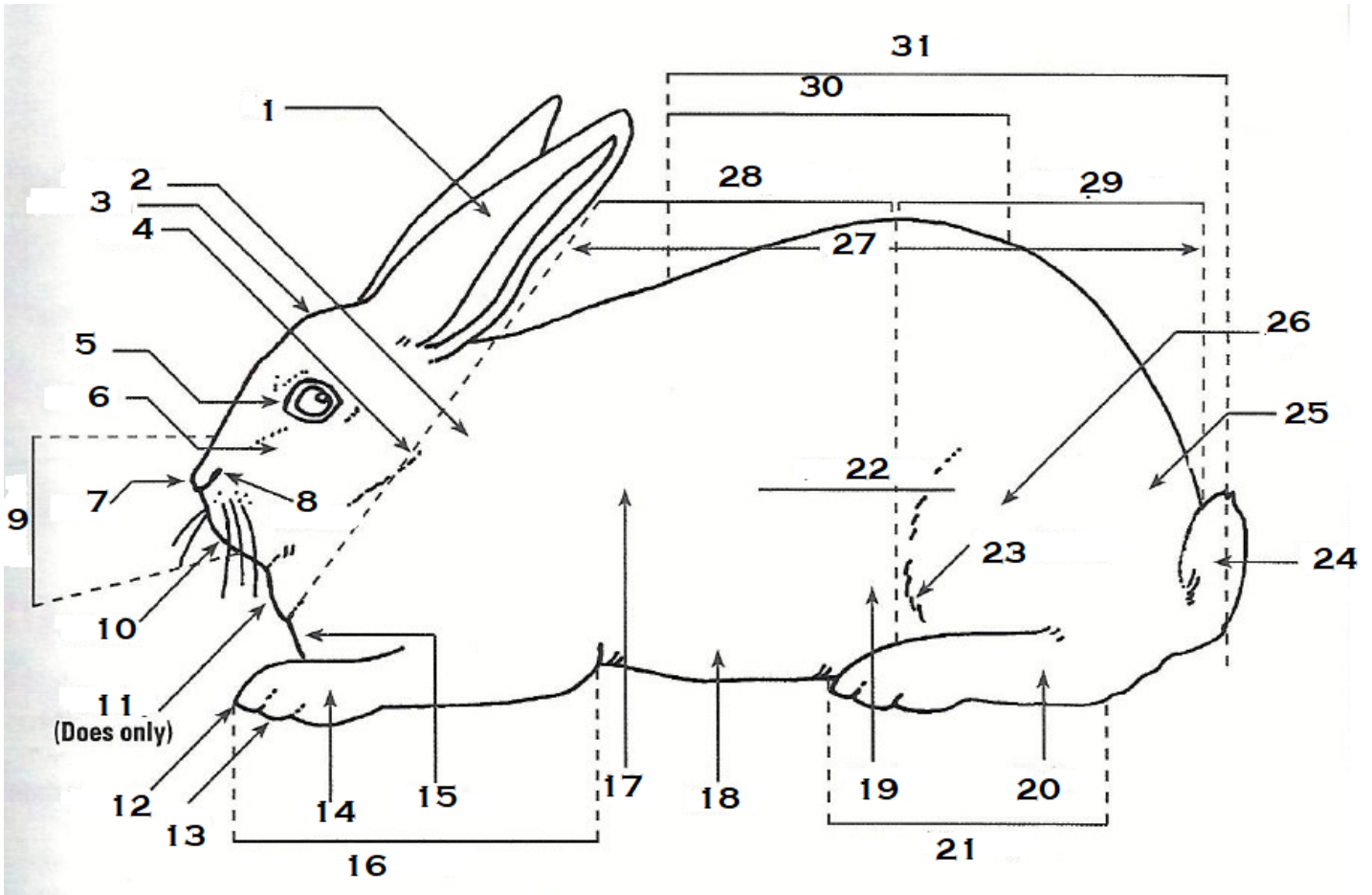
10. How many wool breeds are recognized by ARBA? List them.

Identifying Parts of a Rabbit

Ages 8-11 - Complete 10 labels.

Ages 12-14 - Complete 20 labels.

Ages 15-19 - Complete all labels



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| 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 attend any project talks, workshops, or demonstrations? If so, please describe: _____

What training did you do with your project animal?

What would you do differently?

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. Find information from ARBA on breed clubs/associations.**
- 7. Photography report.**
 - a. My project animal**
 - b. Show/farm visit**
- 8. 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) | | |