



# Otsego County 4-H 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.

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 Contract.

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 Goals:** (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. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Average weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Average weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Average weight: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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	cost		lbs.		cost		lbs.		cost		lbs.		Monthly lbs.	Total Cost
	lbs.		lbs.		lbs.		lbs.		lbs.		lbs.			
SEPT													\$	
OCT													\$	
NOV													\$	
DEC													\$	
JAN													\$	
FEB													\$	
MARCH													\$	
APRIL													\$	
MAY													\$	
JUNE													\$	
JULY													\$	
AUG													\$	
<b>TOTALS</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, hay, silage, etc. reflected on this chart.  
 - The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included.

**TOTAL FEED COST**

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Income For Project

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 basis of the American Rabbit Breeders Associations Judging System?

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Match the following definitions to the correct Answer:

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|-----------------|-------|---|
| 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<br>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	
	<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	
	<b>Total Points:</b>	120	

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

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

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