
4-H Market Rabbit Record Guide

Title project taken

Year

Your animal's photo here!

Name _____ Club _____

County _____ Address _____

Age _____ Years in 4-H _____ Date project completed _____

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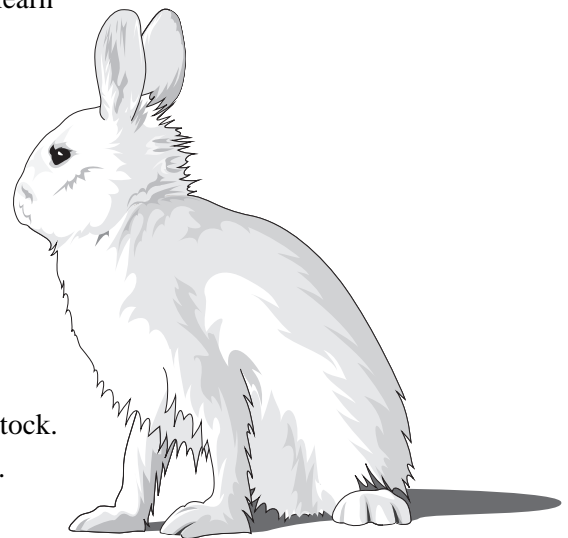
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Introduction

The 4-H Market Rabbit Record Guide is for members wanting to learn to raise domestic rabbits for market. Market means meat, wool (angora breeds), to sell for show, or to sell as breeding stock. This project is suitable for those wanting to raise and sell rabbits for pets, but not for those wishing to raise a rabbit as a pet. **Those wishing to raise rabbits as pets are encouraged to enroll in the 4-H Small Pets project.**

Meat project: 4-H'ers keep one or more does and breed them to a suitable buck. Resulting litters are marketed as fryers at approximately 56 days of age. Selected rabbits are retained for breeding stock. Others are marketed as fryers or processed for home consumption.

Pet or other nonslaughter market: 4-H'ers keep one or more does and breed them to a suitable buck. Resulting litters are marketed as pet rabbits or as breeding stock, or they are plucked or sheared for wool.



Monthly Record of Market Rabbits

Rabbits to be sold or used for home consumption. Breeding stock information needs to be recorded on buck and/or doe records.

Month	On Hand First Day of Month	Born During Month	Died During Month	Sold During Month		Used at Home During Month*		On Hand at End of Month
				No.	\$\$	No.	\$\$	
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								
Jan.								
Feb.								
Mar.								
Apr.								
May								
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Total								

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* Use current market price for rabbits used in home consumption or estimate 80 cents per pound live weight if unknown.

Doe Breeding Record

(A breeding record should be completed for each breeding doe in your herd. More than one record may be required for each doe. Make additional copies of this form as needed.)

Doe # _____
 or Name _____ Born _____ Breed _____

Sire _____ Dam _____ Cage # _____

Date Bred	Buck #	Date Kindled	Litter #	# Young Born		* Total Litter Wt. @21 Days	Date Weaned	Number Weaned	** Total Litter Wt. @56 Days	Comments
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* Total litter weight at 21 days is a good indicator of milk production since the doe produces more than half her total milk yield during that time, and the kits generally consume only milk during that period.

** While animals may be sold or shipped at any age, you can't compare animals unless the day of age remains constant; 56-day weight can be used in selecting breeding stock.

Feeding Record

(Report will include feed fed to all rabbits in your herd. Include the market value of feed purchased or provided by parents/others. To determine average cost per pound, divide total cost by total pounds.)

Month	Days in Month	Pelleted Feed *			Hay **			Total Costs
		Cost/Lb _____		Cost/Lb _____	Cost/Lb _____			
		Lbs/Mo	Days Fed	Cost/Mo	Lbs/Mo	Days Fed	Cost/Mo	
October								
November								
December								
January								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
Total								

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$$* \text{ Cost/lb of feed} = \frac{\text{total price of feed purchased}}{\text{total \# of feed purchased}}$$

$$** \text{ Cost/lb of hay} = \frac{\text{cost of bale of hay or estimate \$2/bale}}{\text{actual wt of bale of hay or estimate 40\#/bale}}$$

$$\text{Total Costs per month} = \# \text{ days in month} \times \text{days fed (feed + hay)}$$

Show Record

Name and Place of Show/Fair	Animal ID	Date	Class	Placing	Premiums/Ribbons
Total Costs					

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Other Expenses

Item (<i>be specific</i>)	Date	Cost
Equipment (cages, feeders, etc.)		
Stock (purchase of additional rabbits)		
Health Care		
Merchandising/Advertising		
Other (entry fee, etc.)		
Total Costs		

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Record of Demonstrations, Talks, and Activities During the 4-H Year (List All)

Date	Location	Activity	Remarks

My Project Story

(This should trace your progress through the year. List some important things you learned about your animal and yourself, your accomplishments, and improvements you need to make.)

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My Project Story *(continued)*

Merchandising Summary

Who bought your animal(s) and/or animal products?
(processing plant, pet store, grocery, rabbit producer, county fair, etc.)

What method(s) did you use to advertise?
(bulletin boards, classified ad in paper, word of mouth, etc.)

If you sold your animal(s) at the county fair, include a copy of your thank-you letter.

4-H Project Evaluation



Now that you have finished this project, it is time for you to think about what you have learned. We also would like to know what you have learned and if the project needs to be improved. Your comments will help the people write the projects. Please write answers to the following questions. Then give this form to your 4-H leader or mail it to:

**Project Evaluation
State 4-H Office
Knapp Hall, PO Box 6031
Morgantown, WV 26506-6031**

Title of Project _____

Girl Boy (circle one) Age _____ Grade in School _____ Years in 4-H _____

1. Was this your first project in this subject? _____

2. Why did you pick this project? _____

3. What was your favorite part of this project? _____

4. By doing this project, what did you learn that you didn't know before? _____

5. Did you do the activities in the project book? Why or why not? _____

6. What activities did you like doing? _____

7. How would you change this project to make it better? _____

8. Would you tell others to take this project? Why or why not? _____

9. What other 4-H projects have you taken? _____

10. If you have something else to say, write it on the back.

Market Rabbit Project Score Sheet

★ If you are taking this project without an animal, check with your Extension agent for approval. It is suggested that the Self-Determined project be used with the North Central rabbit project book as a resource. Consult with your Extension agent to plan your project work.

Rabbit Project Book

- ✓ Complete seven activities in the Rabbit Achievement Program of the North Central Project Book
(Each activity is worth 5 points ~ Total 35 possible points)

- ✓ Complete Planning Guide in North Central Project Book on pages 3-5
(Worth 5 points)

Exhibit/Production Score *(Total 20 possible points)* ★

- ✓ This may be the actual exhibition of your animal or other designated project or service determined with your Extension agent.

Rabbit Record Guide

(Worth 20 points)

Activity Record

(Worth 20 points)

TOTAL _____

Comments:

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