

Antrim County 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Workbook



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.

Rabbit Showmanship

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 (Tuesday of Fair): _____

This year's Project Goats: (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.

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: _____

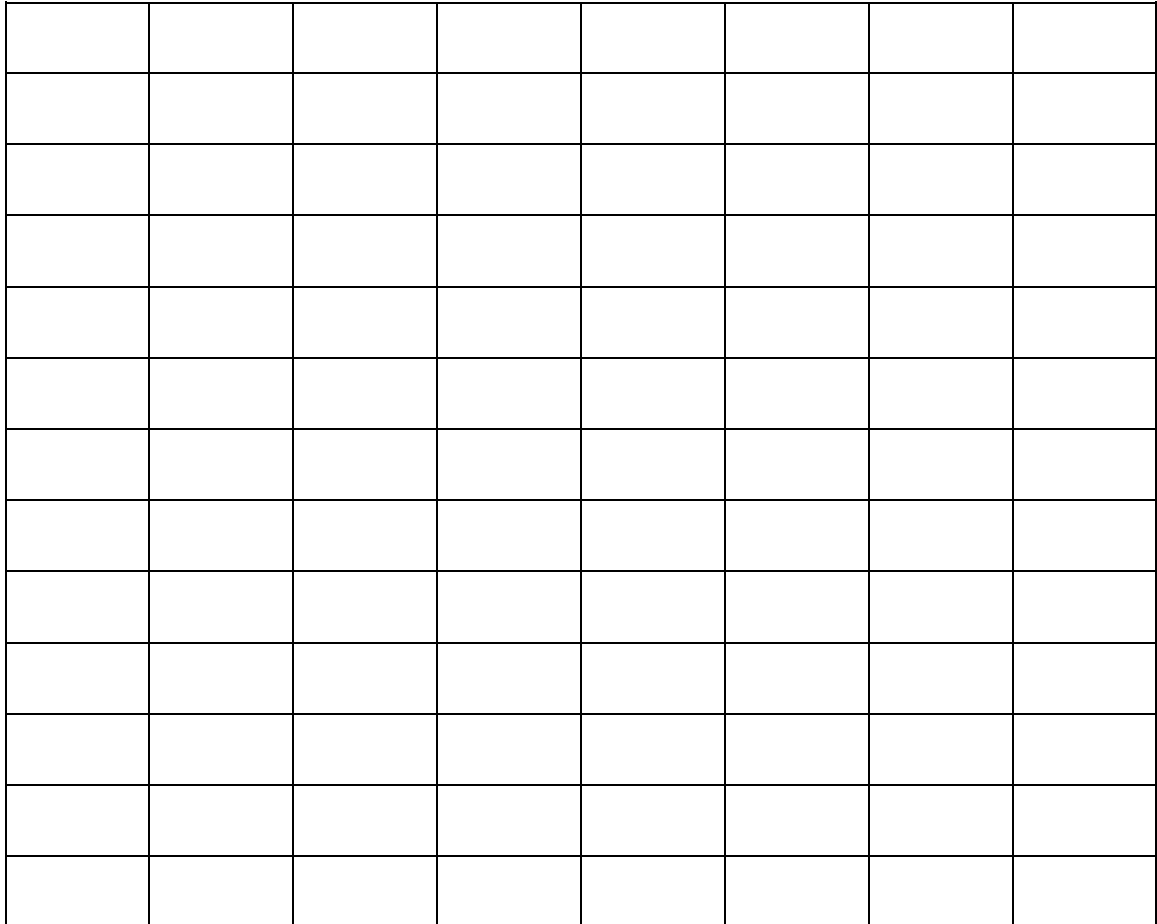
Date: _____ Average weight: _____

Growth Chart

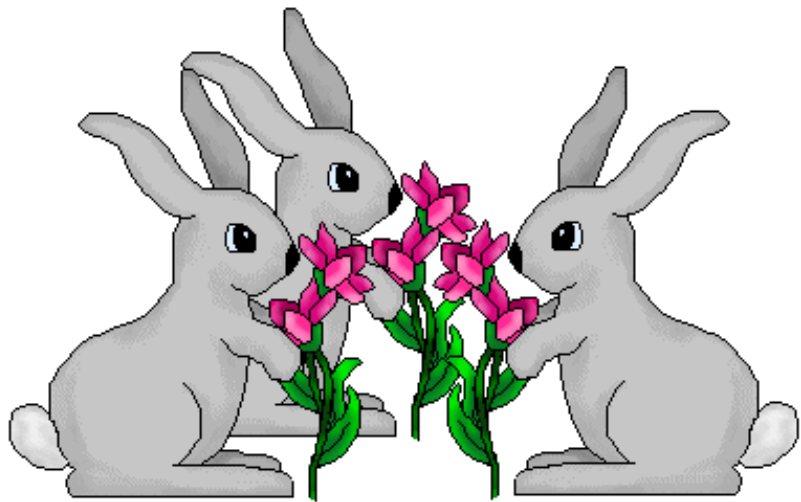
*Mark the starting weight and final weight with **red** dots on the chart. Connect the two dots with a straight **red** line. If your project is a pen of three use the average weight of the pen (add all weights together then divide by 3.)

*Record your animal's weight every month (actual or estimated) and connect these points with a blue or black line.

Pounds



Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug



Ending Rabbit Picture:

Project Knowledge:

1. What forms the basis of the American Rabbit Breeders Associations Judging System?

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? _____

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

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
Hangs under the throat of some rabbits, usually on a doe |

Additional Project Book

REQUIREMENTS

Cadets (5-7): same as 4-H Cloverbuds (non-competitive)

Juniors (8-11): Pick one item from list below and complete.

Intermediates (12-14): 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 Showmanship Project Book Score Sheet

Page	Name: Novice [] Junior [] Intermediate [] 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	10	
6	Project Knowledge	10	
7	Additional Requirements	20	
	Extra Credit -Extra project from page 7 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	
	Total Points:	75	

A: 75-65 B: 64-57 C: 56-49

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