Washtenaw County

Rabbit Project
Record Book

Ages 12 to 19

Check one or more Project areas

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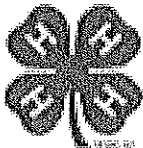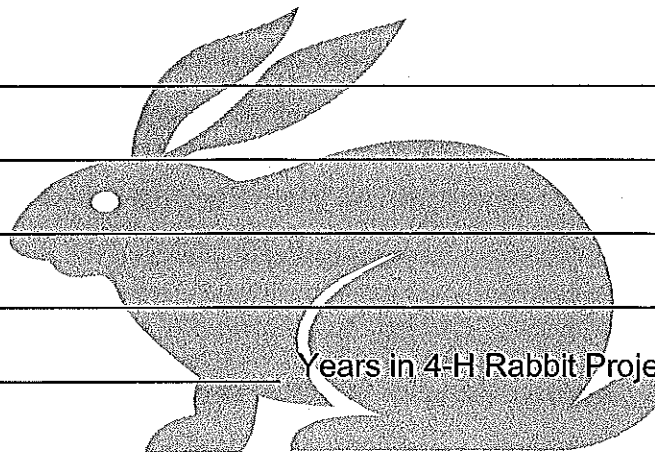
Name:_____

Address:_____

4-H Club:_____

4-H Leader:_____

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

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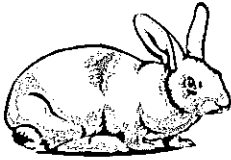
4-H Project Record Book

Introduction
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 rabbits.

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 of the relevant information on your animal in your record book on a monthly basis. 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.

Take a glance through the record book so that you can see how it is organized. As you can see, there are pages that pertain only to health, and there are pages that pertain to show records and/or financial summaries. You only need to complete the pages relevant to your project animal. But you should complete all of the relevant information for the year.

The record book has been three-hole punched so that it may be easily kept in a 3-ring binder. Your 4-H Rabbit records should be accumulative – meaning that you keep and add to your records from year to year, keeping them all in a 3-ring binder or portfolio. You can organize your notebook however you choose. Some 4-Hers may anticipate having the same project animal for more than one year. In this case you might choose to organize your notebook by project animal and will simply continue to add information and pages to your records for that animal over the years. Then when you change project animals, you just start a new section in your notebook, with a new set of records for your new project animal.

Others may choose to organize their notebooks by year, with tabs dividing one year from the next. In this case, if you have a new project animal from year to year, then you will simply begin a new set of records for your new animal each year. If, however, you have the same project animal from year to year but you still want to organize your notebook by year, you can simply make a photocopy of your completed records from the previous year and then insert them into your notebook under the current year and add any new and updated information to them to bring your records up to date.

These are just a couple of examples of ways that you might organize and present your 4-H Rabbit project records. But, remember – these are YOUR records and part of the goal for completing them is that you use your imagination and be creative in how you develop them. The idea is that at the completion of your 4-H career, you will have a compilation of records that shows your progression in your project from year to year.

Why Keep Records?

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.

- Documents activities and progress in the project.

- Improves management and production practices.

- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records.
This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships.
Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader's Comments:

_____

_____

_____

Rabbit Leader's Signature:_____

Extra Credit for my Rabbit Project?

An outstanding 4-H project record is one that goes above and beyond what is expected. Be creative!

- A completed record book should have a beginning and final photograph. You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project animal(s) and to include more photographs. Include captions. You may use additional pages.

- Write a report on a related topic of at least one page:

  Proper Care and Nutrition; Selection; Animal Science; Safe Management Practices or Diagram of Farm Set-up; Veterinary Science; Food Products (such as sample "healthy" recipes); Judging, etc.

Rabbit Inventory Record

Use one chart for all project rabbits and their offspring. Add pages if necessary.

Animal ID (Name or #)	Registration # and/or Tattoo	Description (breed, color, marking, etc.)	Birth Date	Sex	Ownership Information	Purchase Price	Value*
					☐ Raised ☐ Purchased _____ (Purchase date)		
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					Total Purchases	$	

* The price you would ask if selling the rabbit.

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Animal Care and Management

Your project requires regular care and management. List the things necessary to take care of your project animal(s).

Include the following:

- Feeding and watering practices
- Grooming (clipping, toenail trimming, etc.)
- Health practices and medicines
- General Management (cleaning living area, etc.)

Daily – Things done once or twice a day

Weekly – Things done once or twice a week

Monthly – Things done once a month

Yearly – Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year

Parts of a Rabbit

Drawing a line to match the parts of a rabbit with the parts listed below.

Leg

Tail   Eye   Cheek   Belly

Shoulder
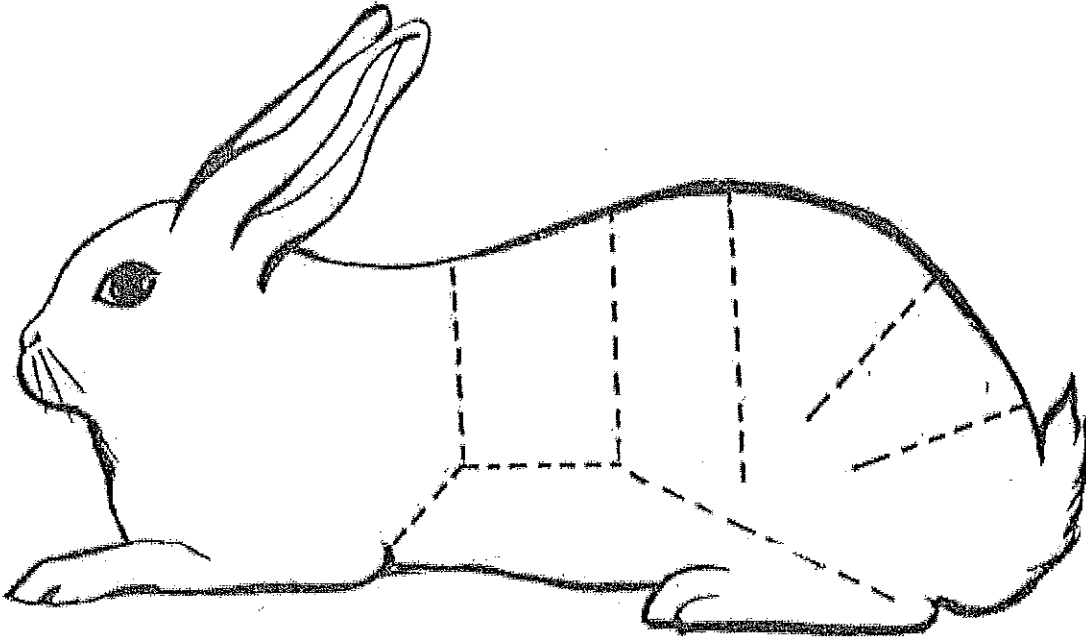
Ears

Dewlap   Flank

Loin

Hip   Rump

Rib

Standard of Perfection

Complete the Standard of Perfection using any ONE of your current project animal(s).

My breed of rabbit is:_____

1.   Schedule of Points:

General Type	_____	Markings	_____
Body	_____	_____	_____
Hindquarters	_____	_____	_____
Midsection	_____	_____	_____
Shoulders	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	Wool	_____
Color	_____	Density	_____
_____	_____	Texture	_____
_____	_____	Length	_____
_____	_____	Ticking	_____
_____	_____	Silvering	_____
Condition	_____		
Fur	_____	Total Points = 100	
Sheen	_____		

2. Where are most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit?

    _____

    Why?_____

    _____

    _____

3. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR BUCK for your breed of rabbit?

    _____

4. What is the IDEAL weight of a SENIOR DOE for your breed of rabbit?

    _____

5. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:

    _____

    _____

    _____

    _____

6. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?_____

    List them:_____

    _____

    _____

    _____

Pedigree

Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animal(s). Pedigree should be of your rabbit. DO NOT attach the original pedigree. The fairboard and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.) **Please fill in as much as possible.**

A.R.B.A. Rabbit Pedigree

EAR No. _____

SOLD TO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE SOLD _____

BREED _____

SEX _____

BORN _____

SIRE _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____
Winnings:

NAME _____
Reg. No. _____
Color _____
Weight _____
Grand Champ. No. _____
Winnings:

DAM _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____
Winnings:

I hereby certify that this pedigree is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Grand SIRE _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____
Winnings:

Grand DAM _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____
Winnings:

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Winnings:

Grand DAM _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____
Winnings:

G.G. SIRE _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

G.G. DAM _____
Ear No. _____
Color _____
Reg. No. _____
Wt. _____ G.C. No. _____

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Equipment and Supply Inventory

At the beginning of the 4-H year take an inventory of what equipment and supplies are on hand.

Add new equipment or supplies you purchase to the list. Estimate a cost value for any shared equipment. (Ex. 1 set of nail clippers shared between 3 members $21.00/3 – 7.00/each).

Amount & Kind	Already Owned or Purchased	Purchase Price
Example: rabbit pen	Already Owned	
1 feed bowl	Purchased	$3.00
	Total	

Feed Records and Expenses

Keeping good feed records is important. Good records show your expenses for feed and what kind of feed you use for your project. A good practice is to enter your feed expenses when you buy feed. At the end of each month, total each kind of feed used and its cost and record the information below. Home-raised feeds should be valued at market price — what it can be sold for.

Type and Cost of Feed Used			
Date of Purchase	Amount Purchased (lbs.)	Type of Feed (grain mix, hay, forage pellets, salt, mineral, supplement)	Cost or Value
Total Pounds		Total Feed Cost	$

Feed Tag Information

**Please attach a tag or label from one feed being used for your project animals.
If a homemade mix is used please describe the mix on the back of this page.**

1. What production level or type of animal is this feed designed for?
   (Ex. Lactating animal, growing animal, maintenance, etc.)

2. What is the Crude Protein level of this feed?

3. What is the main ingredient in this feed?

4. Is this a medicated feed?

Other information related to your feeding program:

Rabbit Health Record

Name & Number	Breed	Sex	Age	Illness or Symptoms	Treatment	Date Treated	Cost of Treatment	Recovered from illness or successful treatment

Total Health Care Expenses $

Rabbit Death Record

Name & Number	Breed	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Cause

Rabbit Breeding & Litter Record

Name & Number of Dam	Name & Number of Sire	Date Bred	Date Kindled	Total Number in Litter	Number of Surviving Kits		Date Weaned	Kits Kept	
					Bucks	Does		Bucks	Does
Ex: Peaches/VA3	Spot/VA8	3/19/08	4/20/08	5	2	2	6/1/08	0	2

Market Rabbit Project

1. Complete the breeding records below to show breeding of your market project doe(s):

Hutch Number:_____ Doe Number and Name:_____

Breed:_____ Born:_____ Sire No.:_____ Dam No.:_____

Served By	Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

Hutch Number:_____ Doe Number and Name:_____

Breed:_____ Born:_____ Sire No.:_____ Dam No.:_____

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Why?_____

_____

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

4. The birth of rabbits is called: _____.

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

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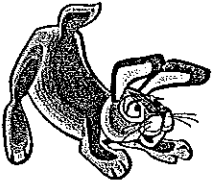
Buck Used

Name of Buck _____ Ear # _____

Age at Breeding: _____ Weight of Buck _____ lbs. _____ oz.

Attach a photo of the buck used below:

Doe Ear # _____ (use one sheet per Doe—More sheets may be added if doe had more than 6 kits.

Kit #_____ Ear # _____ If Expired Date _____

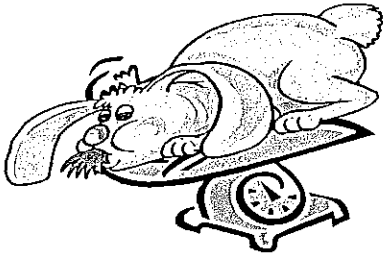|					
Week #4	_____ lbs.	_____ oz	Week #8	_____ lbs.	_____ oz
Week #5	_____ lbs.	_____ oz	Week #9	_____ lbs.	_____ oz
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Week #7	_____ lbs.	_____ oz			

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Miscellaneous Expenses or Fees

List any expenses that do not fit into one of the previous categories. Examples: Breeding Fees, Registration papers, etc.

Date	Description	Cost $
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	$

Miscellaneous Income

List any income from the sale of products from your project animal. (offspring, fur, etc.)

Date	Description	Income $
	Total Miscellaneous Income	$

Rabbit Show Record

Name / Rabbit ID#	Breed/Variety	Show Date	Entry Fees	Placing	Name of Show	Judge	Premium Amount
		Total Entry Fee Cost	$			Total Premiums Won	$

Project Financial Summary

One goal of the rabbit/cavy project is to teach budgeting, marketing and money management skills. The following chart will help you evaluate the financial status of your project.

Income	
A. Miscellaneous Income (pg. 13)	
B. Show Premiums (pg. 14)	
Total Income	$
Expenses	
1. Purchased Animals (pg 5 & 6)	
2. Equipment Expenses (pg 8)	
3. Feed Expenses (pg 9)	
4. Health Expenses (pg 11)	
5. Miscellaneous Expenses (pg 13)	
6. Show Expenses (pg 14)	
Total Expenses	$
Financial Summary (Total Income – Total Expenses)	Profit/Loss (circle one)

1. Was the cost of keeping your project what you expected? Why? please explain.

2. What (if anything) will you do differently next year?