Montcalm County

Non-Market Rabbit Project Record Book

(ages 15-19)

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Leader: _____

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

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

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.
<u>What is a 4-H project?</u> 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.
<u>Why complete a record book?</u> 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.
<u>Completing your 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book</u>.   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?_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Summary of Accomplishments: _____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

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 Number and Name: _____ **Breed:** _____

Sire Number and Name: _____ **Breed:** _____

Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Bucks	Does	Remarks

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

_____

_____

Housing

If you have multiple rabbits, do you keep them all in the same area? Why?

_____

_____

Explain in detail the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use.

_____

_____

_____

_____

What are some of the advantages to your set-up?

_____

_____

What are some of the disadvantages to your set-up?

_____

_____

What changes have you made to your set-up, to overcome some of the disadvantages?

_____

_____

_____

_____

Are there any changes you make due to weather conditions? Why?

_____

_____

_____

What are some things to consider when selecting an outside area to house your rabbits?

_____

_____

_____

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 some 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 three diseases and how to treat them. 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

End Date: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

Show and Award Records

Date	Ear # or Animal Name	Where	Name of Class	Placing

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 any new breeds added to the American Rabbit Breeders' Association Standard of Perfection from the past publication to current year.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

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?
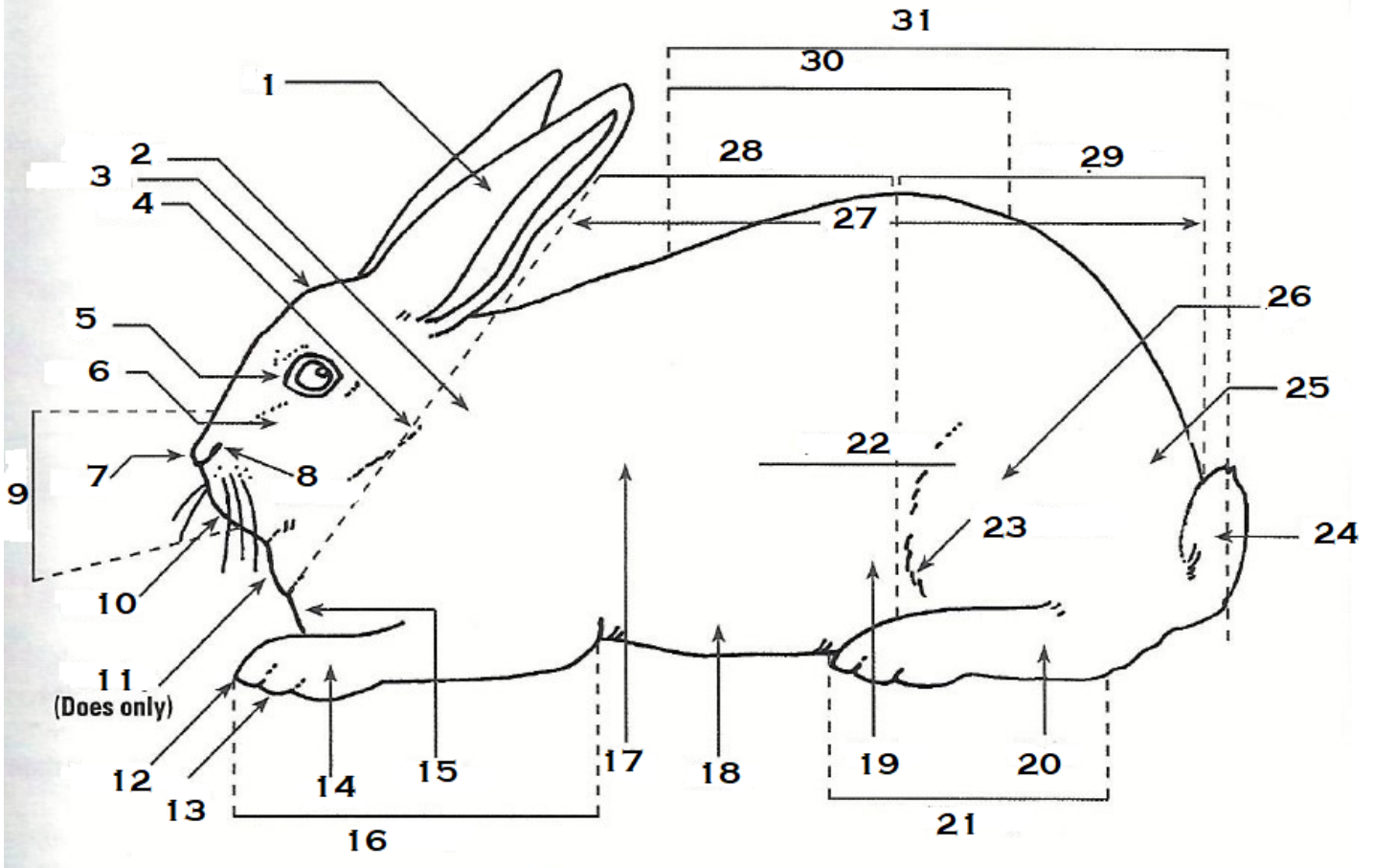   _____

    _____

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

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 give any project talks or demonstrations? If so, please describe:

_____

_____

_____

_____

What training did you do with your project animal?

_____

What didn't work well for you this year?

_____

What would you do differently?

_____

What was your favorite part of your rabbit project?

_____

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. Interview an ARBA judge.

7. Find information from ARBA on breed clubs/associations.

8. Photography report.

   a. My project animal

   b. Show/farm visit

9. By-products of (or associated to) your project species

10. 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)**		