

GRATIOT COUNTY



Senior Rabbit Project Record Book

2023

Name: _____

4-H Club/FFA Chapter/Open: _____

Leader: _____

Age (as of January 1): _____

Years in Project Area: _____

Record Started: / / Record Closed: / /
Month Day Year Month Day Year

Senior Exhibitors are 15-19 years old as of January 1

Record Book Instructions:

FORMAT CORRECTLY:

Project record books should be presented in a 3-ring binder. Photos should be on the front and back covers only. Do not put record book pages in page protectors.

DON'T CHANGE THE PAPER:

Completed record books must be on standard letter sized (8.5"x11") white paper. There are classes in still exhibits for scrapbooks so please leave these types of books there. Minor embellishments are allowed and neatness is encouraged. Books must be fastened with a staple in the upper right hand corner or secured inside a 3 ring binder or folder.

DON'T BE LATE... KNOW THE DUE DATE:

The date and time to turn-in a completed record book will be listed on the Schedule of Events for Exhibitors printed in the front of the annual Fair Book.

USE THE RIGHT RESOURCES:

Good resources to help complete this record book is the publication "*Rabbit Resource Handbook*" (OSU Extension 4H228R) is available for checkout at the MSU Extension Office. Some answers will be found at gcffy.org and inside the fair book general and species rules.

My Rabbit Inventory...

Litter Productions: If you did not breed this year mark N/A.

Buck Name	Buck Identification	Doe Name	Doe Identification	Breeding Date	Kindling Date	Number of Kits at birth	Number of Kits at Weaning	Number of Does	Number of Bucks

Livestock Profit/Expense Record	
Total Income	Net Profit/Loss

What age range (in weeks) do you wean a litter of rabbits? _____

Explain your breeding procedures: _____

Explain your weaning procedures: _____

Market Rabbit Project (Pen of 3)

This section needs to be completed by youth showing Market Rabbits.

Breed	Buck ID	Doe ID	Date Kindled	Date Weaned	Purchased	Purchase Price
Litter Weight: Week 3	Litter Weight: Week 5	Litter Weight: Week 7	Litter Weight: Week 8	Litter Weight: Week 9	Litter Weight: Week 10	Total Weight Gain of Litter
Week 5	Individual Weight: Kit 1	Individual Weight: Kit 2	Individual Weight: Kit 3	Individual Weight: Kit 4	Individual Weight: Kit 5	Individual Weight: Kit 6
Week 7						
Week 8						
Week 9						
Week 10						

What is the procedure called when checking for kits during pregnancy? _____

Did you or the owner of your market pen use this procedure, if so at what day in the gestation period did you complete the procedure? _____

How did you or the owner prepare for the kits to be kindled?

How did you decide which three rabbits to use for your market pen?

Housing

What type of housing do you use? Include information on shelter, cages (including dimensions), supplies used for housing.

What do you like about your housing?

What would you change about your housing?

How do you disinfect your housing?

How do you maintain the temperature for your animals?

My Feeding & Watering Plan:

What kind of feed do you feed your rabbits? _____

What is the percentage of protein in your feed? _____

What is the percentage of fiber in your feed? _____

What is the percentage of crude fat in your feed? _____

What kind of supplements do you provide your rabbits?

How often do you feed your rabbits? _____

What time of day do you feed your rabbits? _____

Explain your feeding procedures:

What is it called when a rabbit eats it's own feces? _____

Why is this a normal process and what does it do for digestion?

What is one of the mineral deficiencies that would cause rickets, tetany and brittle bones?

What mineral do you need to add if you have weak or dead offspring? _____

What mineral deficiency would cause poor fur growth, fur chewing and hyperirritability?

Rabbit Health

What are two common diseases or disorders that occur in rabbit herds?

1) _____

a. What are the symptoms?

b. What can you do to cure it or is it terminal?

c.. What can you do to prevent it from occurring?

2) _____

a. What are the symptoms?

b. What can you do to cure it or is it terminal?

c.. What can you do to prevent it from occurring?

3) _____

a. What are the symptoms?

b. What can you do to cure it or is it terminal?

c.. What can you do to prevent it from occurring?

My Rabbit Knowledge:

What breed(s) of rabbit do you show/own? If this a mixed breed choose one of the breeds that you can identify in your rabbit.

What is the maximum and minimum weights for one your breeds?

Is your rabbit a four or six class animal? _____

Name 2 disqualifications or faults associated with your bred of rabbit.

Define what a variety is: _____

Define what a group is: _____

Does your rabbit breed show in groups or varieties? _____

What body type is your breed? _____

What fur type is your breed? _____

Standard of Perfection Schedule of Points for your Breed					
	Points Possible		Points Possible		Points Possible
General Type		Markings		Color	
Wool		Condition		Fur/Wool	

My Project Reflection:

What did you learn new this year?

What was the most fun about the project?

What will you do differently next year for your project and why?

What resources did you use to prepare for your project?

What topics would you like the record book to cover next year?

Scoring Rubric:

4-H Member: _____

Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
Format Presentation	Binder without sheet protectors	5	
Binder Covers	Photos: On the binder covers only	5	
1	Cover sheet: Complete and neat	5	
3	Livestock Inventory: Complete with all information about animals including costs, sale prices and expense record.	15	
4	Litter Productions: Market Pen: Complete with all information	10	
5	Market Pen: Complete all information including all weights of animals for market.	5	
6	Project Inventory: Complete with cost breakdown for all feed, supplements, supplies, and expense record.	10	
7	Housing: Complete and handwritten by the exhibitor.	10	
8	Feeding: Complete and handwritten by the exhibitor.	10	
9	Health: Complete and handwritten by the exhibitor	10	
10	Project Knowledge: Complete and handwritten by the exhibitor.	10	
11	Project Reflection: Complete and handwritten by the exhibitor.	5	
Total Points Possible	100	Total Points Earned	