

RABBIT PROJECT

Youth Leader: Yes No

Name _____ Age of Jan. 1 _____ Yr. in this project _____

Project Leader _____ Year in 4-H _____

Number of Project Meetings Held _____ Number I attended _____

Number of County Meetings Held _____ Number I attended _____

Breeds of Rabbits: _____

Own two or more does of a medium or heavy breed of rabbits suitable for meat and raise at least three litters in a year from each doe. (You may own the buck you use, or have it in partnership with another member, or use one owned by a neighbor, but in any case the buck must be equal or superior in quality to your does.)

PRACTICES: (Check those followed)

- 1. Avoid crowding--minimum floor space in hutches 7, 10, 15 square feet for small, medium, and large breeds respectively.
- 2. Clean water vessels and hutch floors daily.
- 3. Construct hutch floor of hardware cloth or slats for cleanliness.
- 4. Remove all manure and filth from rabbitry each week.
- 5. Use self-feeders for does with litters.
- 6. Provide some greens at least three times a week.
- 7. Feed hay in a manger for cleanliness and economy.
- 8. Use protein supplement if available (linseed or soybean meal pellets), four parts grain to one part pellets for single adults; free choice for self-feeders.
- 9. Test-mate each doe five days after first mating to avoid misses.
- 10. Keep following minimum record accurately. A. Hutch card (indicated below)
- 11. Butcher some rabbits for use in your own home to become familiar with the quality of rabbit meat.

HELPS:

I have studied the following books or leaflets on rabbit raising: _____

When I Started My Rabbit Project			When I Finished My Rabbit Project		
Date Project Started:			Date Project Closed:		
#	Rabbits at Start	Value	#	Rabbits at Close	Value
	Old Does			Old Does	
	Old Bucks			Old Bucks	
	Young Does (under 6 mo)			Young Rabbits	
	TOTAL:			TOTAL:	

FEED RECORD: (Record expenses for equip., feed, alfalfa, or clover, hay, grain, sale, greens, other)

Date	What	Cost	Date	What	Cost

OTHER EXPENSES:

Date	What	Cost	Date	What	Cost

What are rabbits raised for (check one)? Profit Pet or both
 If raised for profit or both, fill in the income record below.

INCOME RECORD: (Record income from sale of dressed rabbits or skins, value of rabbits eaten, or rabbits sold alive, other income.)

Date	What	Cost	Date	What	Cost

Hutch Cards - One needed for each doe, if more are needed, make your own on a 4 X 6 card.

Animal Number or Name	Date Bred	Kindling Date	Number Born	Number Saved	Number Weaned	Weight/ Litter at Weaning (8 wks)

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Income: \$ _____
Expenses: \$ _____

PROJECT MEETINGS:

Number of club meetings _____
Number attended _____

TOTAL EXPENSES:

Amount of profit/loss \$ _____

Number of county meetings _____

Number attended _____

A. SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

Date	What Exhibited	Where Exhibited	Placing

B. PROJECT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Date	Subject of Activity, Talk or Demonstration	Where

This is a complete and accurate report of my work in this project.

Signature of 4-H club member

Project Leader's Comments: _____

Parents' Comments: _____
