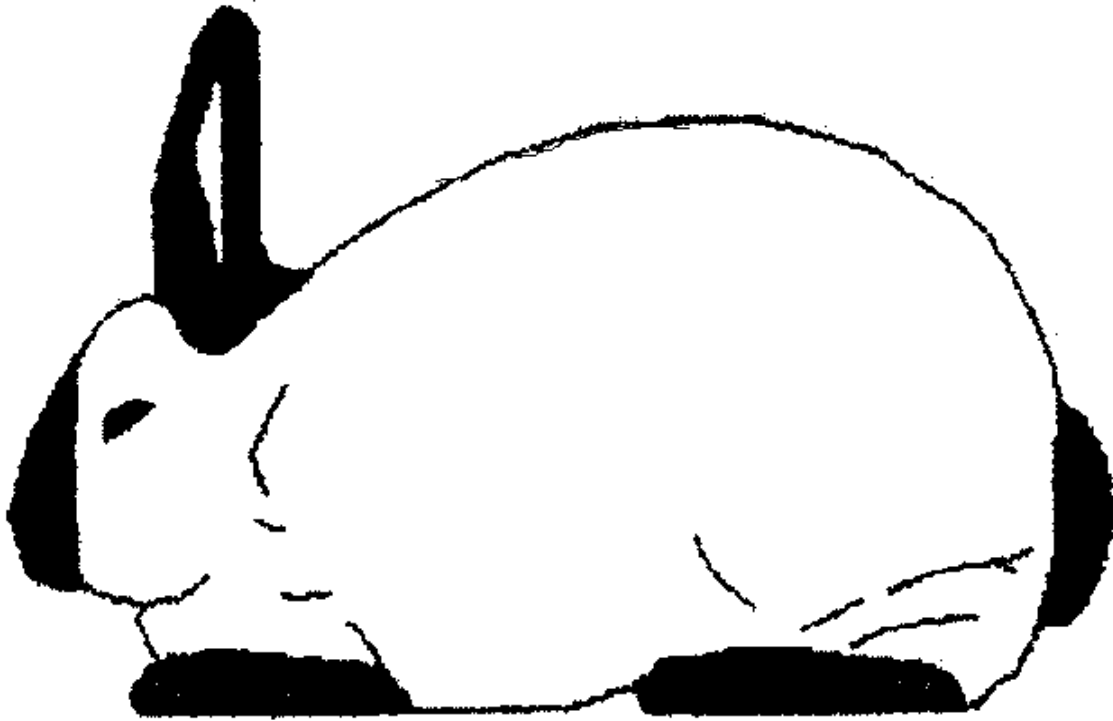


# MARKET RABBIT PROJECT BOOK



Name:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Current Age:

Birth Date:

Age is exhibitors age on Jan. 1 of current year.

Number of Years in Rabbit Project:

4-H Club

4-H Leader

Newaygo County Agricultural Fair

# SUMMARY

Use this page to write a summary of your project. Please include the following information; what did you learn? What would you do differently? What would you do the same? Did you have any problems with breeding, feeding, or any other problems?

# NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

What brand of feed do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

You can glue the nutritional value label from your feed bag here.









# Other Feeding Information

Do you feed your market rabbits anything other than pellets? If so what and why?

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Week	Amount	Price

Grand total

Grand total



# INVENTORY

List the equipment used for your market project and its approximate value.

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# EXPENSES

List the total expenses for each of the following used in your project.

Pellets _____	Equipment _____
Hay _____	Supplies _____
Other Feed _____	Other _____
	Expense Total _____

# Income

List the total income for your market project. This section should be filled out after your market rabbits have been sold.

Rabbits sold _____	\$ _____
Premiums _____	Other _____
	Total Income _____

# Weight Chart

Week 1	Weight of whole litter
Week 2	Weight of whole litter
Week 3	Weight of whole litter

	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #	Ear #
WEEK 4									
WEEK 5									
WEEK 6									
WEEK 7									
WEEK 8									
WEEK 9									
WEEK 10									

Ear # of Market Pen of 3


Ear # of Single Fryer

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# PHOTO PAGE

## **MARKET PROJECT**

### **MARKET PEN OF THREE & SINGLE FRYER**

1. The last day an exhibitor can purchase senior bucks or senior does for a Market Project to exhibit at Fair is April 15 of the current year.
2. The Market Does must be registered on Rabbit Registration Day.
3. The feeding of the doe from the time she is bred until the record book is due the first day of Fair, must be calculated and recorded. This will also include all the feed amounts consumed by the kits.
4. All the costs in the project such as market parents, cages, feed, etc. must be totaled. The exhibitor will learn about running costs and compare them to the sale of their market kits.
5. Market rabbits will be placed in the same cage, which is specifically constructed for a Market Pen of Three. Exhibitors are responsible for supplying their own large feeder and water bottle.
6. Market rabbits are weighed by 5:00 p.m. on Monday of fair week by persons chosen by the Rabbit Superintendent. Market rabbits must weigh between 3 ½ and 5 pounds. Rabbits may be re weighed by judge on show day.
7. Ear numbers, sex, and weights are given to the judge on the day of show. Market Livestock Auction order is determined by the placing given by the judge. Judges word is final.
8. Market Rabbits will be judged on uniformity in weight, size, meat quality and fur. (Color and density).
9. The Single Fryer project must follow the same procedures as the Market Pen of Three project.

### **CONCERNING MARKET PROJECTS & JUDGING**

1. Exhibitors must personally own and be present to show their own Market Projects animals. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Small Animal Market Livestock Auction must sell their own market projects. If a conflict occurs because an exhibitor is showing another species, see the Rabbit Superintendent.
2. Exhibitors must be between 9 and 19 years of age and participated one year in the Rabbit Project area to be eligible for the Market Project area.
3. Market Rabbits must be under 70 days old and weigh as close to 5 pounds as possible by the show day of Fair week. Market Rabbits cannot weigh less that 3 1/2 pounds and not more than 5 pounds.

4. All Market Rabbit Projects must be registered at by April 1, by calling the rabbit superintendent. Registration of Newaygo County Fair paperwork is a must in Rabbit Market Project class. Market Rabbit Project must also earn an "A" award to be eligible to sell at the Market Livestock Auction.
5. All livestock sold at the Market Livestock Auction must have been shown and received and "A" award to be eligible for the sale.
6. All exhibitors must complete a market project book for the project to be deemed complete.
7. The main reason for having this project area is for the exhibitor to learn rabbit husbandry, proper record keeping, feeds that produce the best pens, as well as what type of rabbits grow not only fast but a proper meat to bone ratio so that the best possible pen is achieved. The purchasing of market animals to be shown at fair is prohibited. Again the point of this project is to raise the market pens, not to purchase them. Any purchased animals will be disqualified.

#### CONCERNING THE AUCTION

1. Exhibitors must be in show dress with their awards a half hour before the start of auction.
2. Market rabbits must be placed in clean carry cages to be taken down to the Market Livestock Auction.
3. Exhibitors must invite at least 3 buyers per project to bid on their project. This is to be done about 3 weeks prior to fair. Buyers should be reminded the week of fair.
4. A \$10.00 flat fee will be deducted for the Market Livestock Fund. To cover auction expenses.
5. Exhibitors must send a thank you to the buyers they invited even if they did not buy the project. Thank yous should be sent with a week or 2 of the close of fair.

#### CONCERNING BUYERS

1. Exhibitors should personally invite at least 3 persons of business or individuals to the Market Livestock Auction prior to fair.
2. Exhibitors should tell the potential buyers their age, where they are from, how long they have been involved in rabbits etc. The exhibitor should also give the buyer a personal invitation with the time, date, and location of the Market Livestock Auction. Tell the buyer their support will be appreciated.
3. The exhibitor should greet their buyers at the auction and thank them for coming.

4. All rabbits are sold live. Buyers can pick up the rabbit(s) Thursday night if they like, superintendent must be present. Otherwise rabbits can be picked up at the same time that poultry is picked up. Day and time will be announced at the auction .

5. Most of all have fun doing this project.

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