



4-H Rabbit Care and Feed Book



Circle One:	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
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Manatee County

Name _____ Age (September 1) _____

Club _____

Years in 4-H _____ Years in Project _____

I hereby certify that I have personally been responsible for the care of this/these animal (s), have personally kept records on this project, and have personally completed this Care and Feed Book.

Member Signature _____ Date _____ Initials for fair _____

I/We, the parents/guardian certify that our son/daughter has completed this Care and Feed Book and I/we have reviewed it for completeness and accuracy of reporting.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ Initials for fair _____

I have reviewed this 4-H Care and Feed Book for completeness and accuracy of reporting.

Organizational Leader Signature _____ Date _____ Initials for fair _____

FOR USE AT THE MANATEE COUNTY FAIR AND AS THE 4-H PROJECT BOOK

Note: The County Fair rules require that you submit a Care and Feed Book to them (check with the Fair Office for due date) if you enter any animal in the County Fair even if you don't show that animal for any reason. If you do not turn in a Care and Feed Book to the Fair, you cannot show ANY animal at next year's County Fair.

Purpose

The purpose of a 4-H Rabbit project is:

- To acquire an understanding of animal care by preparing for, purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on one or more animals.
- To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment for an animal project.
- To keep an account of all your activities and accomplishments in one place.
- To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
- To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

4-H Rabbit Care and Feed Book Guidelines:

It is suggested that a copy of the Care and Feed book be made for use as a work copy. Records should then be transferred into this book for submission.

- Your Care and Feed Book should start with the **purchase date of your animal or September 1st of the current 4-H year (for ongoing project animals)**.
- Your Care and Feed book should contain information relating only to your current rabbit project animals. If you have more than one project animal you must identify which animal when completing the various sections of this book.
- Always double-check your math and have someone check your project Essay for spelling and grammar before you write it in the final book.
- **Your final Care and Feed book must be hand written by the 4-H'er (Juniors may use pencil or pen (blue or black ink), Intermediates & Seniors must use pen (blue or black ink), however the Project Essay may be typed (on 8 ½ X 11, single-sided paper, in a 12-point font, double-spaced , by the 4-H member and attached.**
- **The Overall Story is not found in this book. This story is in the finished 4-H Record book that is submitted to 4-H for judging.**
- **Junior members (age 8-10) Project Essay length is at least one (1) page.**
- **Intermediate members (age 11-13) Project Essay length is at least two (2) pages.**
- **Senior members (age 14-18) Project Essay length is at least three (3) pages.**

I. Project Plans and Goals (Answer in complete sentence(s))

These areas are to be filled in, signed and dated at the beginning of the project for full points.

What would you like to learn or accomplish this year? (Goals)

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

What has your leader agreed to help you with this year?

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

How will your parent(s)/guardian(s) help you with this project?

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

III. PROJECT ANIMAL INVENTORY (NON MEAT PEN)* (to be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in) Sections A and B MUST be completed

List all animals you own at the beginning of the project and add animals you purchased or animals born during the project year. Animals sold during the year should be recorded under **INCOME- ANIMALS SOLD (Non Meat Pen)**. **Purchase Value:** Value of existing animals at beginning of project OR purchase cost of new animals OR value of animals born.

If you have a Pedigree for your animal(s) you may include a copy of the Pedigree in the back of this book.

SECTION A MANDATORY

Animal Description	Breed	Sex	Date Acquired or Born	Purchase price	Indicate if animal sold, kept, died, etc.
Value of project animal(s)					

Section B MANDATORY

The following questions must be answered.

Animal ID	Purchased from:	State animal was born in

IV. PROJECT ANIMAL INVENTORY (MEAT PEN)* (to be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

List all animals you own at the beginning of the project. Animals sold during the year should be recorded under **INCOME- Animal Sold (Meat Pen)**.

****Purchase Price:** Purchase cost of new animals OR value of animals born.

Breed	Sex	# of animals you started with	Date Acquired or Born	Purchase price
Purchase price				

V. NON-FEED EXPENSES * (to be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

List non-feed expenses (everything you spend money on that you will **NOT** have at the end of the project). **This should NOT include feed.** This includes entry fees/ Exhibitor pass, veterinary expenses, bedding, mite treatment and other expendable items such as printing of pictures, ink etc.

Date	Description	Paid to	Total Cost
Total Non-Feed Expenses			

VII. FEED EXPENSES * (to be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

List all feed (feed, supplements, treats, etc.) expenses. Each feed purchase including weight should be listed separately.

Date	Description	Paid To	Pounds	Total Cost
Page Total – Pounds of Feed				
Page Total – Feed Cost				

VIV. BREEDING RECORD

If you breed your doe use this chart to keep track of important breeding and Kindling information. If you have more than one doe that you breed you may copy this page and insert as many as needed.

Doe Name or Id:							
Litter Information				Number of Young		Sex	
Litter #	Buck Ear #	Date Bred	Date Kindled	# Born	Raised	Bucks	Does

DOE FACTS: Record any important information for this doe. Example: Difficulties, Show records etc.

Date	Comments

XV. KITTEN OR KIT RECORD

Record any Kittens or Kits born to your project animals here.

Litter #	Dam	Sire	Kindled Date	Kit Ear #	Tattoo	Kept or Sold

IX. INCOME – ANIMAL(S) SOLD (NON MEAT)

() Check here if you did not sell any of the rabbits related to your project. **If you have no income from this project, THEN ENTER ZERO.**

Date	Description (Breed, ID# if any)	Adult or Kitten	Sex	Purchased by	Total Paid

Income from Sale of Animal(s) \$ _____

X. INCOME - ANIMAL SOLD MEAT PEN * (complete all that you can by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

Do not subtract % deducted by the fair here (see pg. 7 sec. VI). **Your actual sale price will go here. If you have no income from this project, THEN ENTER ZERO.**

() Check here if you did not sell your project animal.

Date	Description (Breed)	Purchased by	Total Price Per Pen

Income from Sale of Meat pen animals \$_____

XI. OTHER INCOME - SHOW PREMIUMS AND RECEIPTS

Other project income should be recorded here, such as each show premium (ribbon money) or other money earned. **If you have no other income from this project, THEN ENTER ZERO.**

Date	Description (Show/contest/demonstration/placing and/or ribbon)	Total
Total Other Income, if none, enter zero		

XIII. PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

If the animal(s) in your 4-H Rabbit project are hobby/companion animals and family pets, you are not expected to show a profit on your project. This section is to help you recognize the cost involved in caring for and maintaining these animals at home.

If you participate in the Meat Pen project you may show a profit.* If your project will continue past the County Fair fill in areas with an * in PENCIL for the fair check- in then rewrite in PEN (if you are an Int. or Sr.) before you turn your book in to 4-H for judging.

INCOME		Section Total	Grand Total
1	Income – Animal Sold NON MEAT PEN <i>(page 10, Sec. IX)</i>		
2	Income- Animal Sold MEAT PEN <i>(page 10, Sec. X)</i>		
3	Other Income – Show Premiums & Receipts <i>(page 10, Sec. XI)</i>		
4	TOTAL INCOME <i>(Add Lines 1 + 2 + 3)</i>		
EXPENSES			
5 *	Total Depreciation <i>(page 4, Sec. II)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		
6*	Animal Expense <i>(page 3, Sec .V)</i> NON MEAT PEN		
7*	Animal Expense <i>(page 6, Sec. IV)</i> MEAT PEN ANIMALS		
8*	Total Non-Feed Expenses <i>(page 6, Sec .V)</i>		
9	Sale Deductions Expense <i>(page 7, Sec. VI)</i>		
10 *	Total Feed Expenses <i>(page 8, Sec. VII)</i>		
11	TOTAL EXPENSES <i>(Add Lines 5 + 6 + 7 +8+9+10)</i>		
SUMMARY			
12	FINAL PROFIT/LOSS <i>(Subtract line 11 from line 4)</i>		
ASSETS			
13*	Value of Project Assets <i>(From page4, Sec. II)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		
14	Purchase value of Animal Assets <i>(page 5, Sec. III)</i> NON MEAT PEN ANIMALS		
15	Total Assets <i>(Add Lines 13+ 14)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		

XIV. PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT * (you should have at least 5 of your pictures by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

Show your project from the beginning to the end along with different skills that you have learned. This should include a **minimum of 8 pictures**. Include a caption with each picture. The pictures and captions should compliment your project essay. Explain what you are doing and why you are doing the things shown in the picture. What skills are you demonstrating and why? **Limit the number of pictures of you just posing with your animal to (2) pictures.** Spelling and grammar are included in the judge's decision.

Do not cover up the directions.

Pictures (continued):

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES

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XVII. MEAT PENS ONLY -ADDRESSES AND BUYER'S LETTERS *(to be up to date for the Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

Please list three (3) people or businesses to whom you sent the letters along with their addresses below.

ADDRESS # 1

ADDRESS # 2

ADDRESS # 3

XVII. Continued ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR BUYERS LETTER HERE for Meat Pen projects. * (To be up to date for the Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

IF YOU CHOOSE TO INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR PEDIGREE(S) YOU MAY INSERT THEM HERE.

PROJECT TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS

NOTES AND EXAMPLES FOR PROJECT INVENTORY (page 4)

- **Project Year** - Current project year is the current 4-H year or School year.
- **Year acquired** - List the year you purchased/obtained the item.
- **Purchase cost or value** - What did this item cost when you purchased/obtained it? (Fair market value)
- **Depreciation of 10%** - This will be 10% of the original purchase price. $\$7.30 \times .10$ or $(10\%) = .73$
- **Value at Beginning of Current Project Year**- If purchased in current year, the value is the purchase price. If purchased in previous year(s), i.e. - 2016, there are 4 years from 2016-2019, depreciate for 3 years to get beginning value for current year $.73 \times 3 = \$2.19$ $\$7.30 - \$2.19 = \$5.11$ (Beginning value of current year.)
- **Value at the end of the project**- This is the value at the beginning of the project minus the depreciation. Depreciate for one additional year to equal the 4 years mentioned above. $\$5.11 - .73 = \4.38 (Value at end of project)

Examples are done assuming the current year is 2019

Items Description	Year Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost)	Value at beginning of current project year	Value at end of project
Feeder	2016	\$7.30	\$.73	Depreciate for 3 years \$5.11	Depreciate for 1 more year \$4.38
Cage	2017	\$19.60	\$1.96	Depreciated for 2 years \$15.68	Depreciate for 1 more year \$13.72
Brush	2018	\$5.85	\$.59	Depreciated for 1 year \$.59	Depreciated for 1 more year \$.526
Nail clippers	2019	\$9.10	\$.91	No Depreciation \$9.10	Depreciate for this year \$8.19
Total Depreciation*			\$4.19		
Value of Project Assets					\$31.55

*Depreciation is an expense

10% depreciation: $\$7.30 \times .10$ or $(10\%) = .73$

Value at the beginning of current year if the year is 2019:

From 2016-2019 is 4 years, depreciate for 3 years to get value at beginning of current project year.

$.73 \times 3 = \$2.19$ $\$7.30 - \$2.19 = \$5.11$ (value at beginning of current project year)

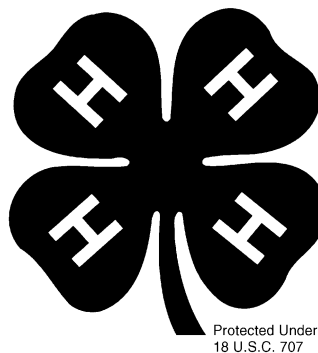
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SCORING SYSTEM
4-H Rabbit Care and Feed Record Book

Section	Item	Points Possible
Title page & Summary page	All information completed	5
Properly Tabbed	All required sections of completed 4-H Record Book are tabbed and labeled (ie: Summary page, Overall Story...)	5
Care & Feed Cover	All information and signatures	5
I	Plans and Goals (Answered in complete sentences, signed and dated at beginning of project) (page 3)	10
II	Project Inventory (pages 4)	10
III & IV	Project Animal Inventory- Non Meat Pen (page 5) Sec. A & B Project Animal Inventory- Meat Pen (page 6)	10
V	Non-Feed Expenses (page 6)	8
VI	Sale Deduction Expense MEAT PENS (page 7)	2
VII & VIII	Feed Expenses & Ration Record (pages 8 & 9)	6
IX & X	Breeding Record, Doe Facts (page 10) Kitten/ Kit Record (page 11)	6
XI, XII & XIII	Income - Animal Sold- Non Meat Pen (page 11) Income- Animal Sold- Meat Pen (page 12) Other Income - Show Premiums & Receipts (page 12)	4
XIV	Health & Veterinary Record (page 13)	8
XV	Project Financial Summary (page 14)	10
XVI	Pictures (page 15-17)	10
XVII	Project Highlights (page 18)	6
XVIII	Project Essay (page 19-21)	40
XIX	Meat Pens - Addresses and Buyers Letter (pages 23-23)	4
Overall Story	Overall Story (This story is not found in this book it is part of the finished 4-H Record book)	45
	Overall Neatness, Accuracy, Grammar & Spelling	6
	Total Points	200

Ribbon Awards

Blue 90% - 100%
Red 80 - 89%
White 79% - 0%



This document, **4-H Rabbit Care and Feed Record Book**, was compiled by Diana L. Smith, Ph.D., Extension 4-H Coordinator, University of Florida/IFAS Extension - Manatee County, December 7, 2004, September 6, 2012, August 3, 2013, July 2015, August 2016, July 2019.

Credits:

Florida State Fair Youth Livestock General Record Book (Revised August 1, 2003).

4-H Rabbits Care and Feed Record Book (Claudia Cahill, Author), Manatee County 4-H (Revised June 2001).

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