



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 _____ Final Date _____ Initials for fair _____

I, the parents/guardian certify that my child has completed this Care and Feed Book, and I have reviewed it for completeness and accuracy of reporting.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Final Date _____ Initials for fair _____

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

Organizational Leader Signature _____ Final Date _____ Initials for fair _____

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

Note: The Manatee County Fair requires that a Care and Feed Record Book (this book) is submitted for any project a youth submits a registration for at the Manatee County Fair. Even if the youth doesn't show at the fair or complete the project, they must still submit a Care and Feed Record Book. If you do not turn in a Care and Feed Record Book to the Fair, you may not participate in the next year's Manatee 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 you are referring to when completing the various sections of this book. **Do not use ditto marks anywhere in 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 you, the 4-H member. 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 inserted. If you type your essay or write it on a separate sheet of paper **DO NOT TAPE THE STORY TO THE PAGES, USE A HOLE PUNCH AND INSERT THE PAGES.** Write a note on the first page of the essay section to **“SEE ATTACHED”**.**
- **Do not submit your Overall Story to the fair** with this book. **This story should ONLY be included in your 4-H Record Book that is submitted to 4-H for judging.** For more information, see the “How To of Putting Your 4-H Member Record Book Together”.
 - Junior members (age 8-10) Essay length is at least one (1) page.
 - Intermediate members (age 11-13) Essay length is at least two (2) pages.
 - Senior members (age 14-18) Essay length is at least three (3) pages.

I. Project Plans and Goals (Write answers in complete sentences)

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) * (must be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

CHECK HERE IF YOU ONLY RAISED MEAT PEN ANIMALS (then skip to the next page)

Both 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 the beginning of the project, OR the purchase cost of new animals, OR the 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

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

Section B (you must complete this section for all animals listed in Section A)

Animal ID	Purchased from:	State animal was born in

VI. SALE DEDUCTIONS EXPENSE (FOR MEAT PEN ENTRIES ONLY)

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT RAISE MEAT PEN ANIMALS (Then enter ZERO for total and skip to next section)

The Manatee River Fair Association deducts 6% from any add-on's that are processed through the fair. They also deduct 6% from the total sale amount of animals sold at the fair. (Sale check)

This 6% is an expense to you. List the amount deducted from add-on's and from your sale check here. If you had no add-on's, please indicate "Received no Add-on's" on the chart.

If your animal did not make the requirements for admittance to the fair, and/or you sold it privately, please put an (X) in the space below.

I sold my animal privately_____.

Description	Paid to	Total Cost
Total Sale Deduction Expenses		

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

List all feed (feed, supplements, treats, etc.) expenses. Each feed purchase should be listed separately or monthly. Be sure to always include the feed weight.

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

IX. BREEDING RECORD

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT BREED YOUR ANIMALS (and skip to the next section)

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

X. KITTEN OR KIT RECORD

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT BREED YOUR ANIMALS (and skip to the next section)

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

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

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

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT SELL ANY NON-MEAT RABBITS RELATED TO YOUR PROJECT. Then enter **ZERO** for income.

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

Income from Sale of Animal(s) \$ _____

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

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT SELL ANY MEAT PEN RABBITS. Then enter ZERO for income.

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.**

Date	Description (Breed)	Purchased by	Total Price Per Pen

Income from Sale of Meat Pen Animals \$ _____

XIII. OTHER INCOME - SHOW PREMIUMS AND RECEIPTS

Other project income should be recorded here, such as each show premium (ribbon money), or other money earned. Keep in mind, every animal exhibited at the county fair receives monetary premiums that should be recorded in this section. **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		

XV. 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 the areas with a * 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 11, Sec. IX)</i>		
2	Income- Animal Sold MEAT PEN <i>(page 12, Sec. X)</i>		
3	Other Income – Show Premiums & Receipts <i>(page 12, 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 5, Sec. III)</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 page 4, 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		

XVI. PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT * (You should have at least half of your pictures by the Fair Record Book check in date)

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. Captions should be in complete sentences. 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. Limit the number of pictures of your project animal(s) without you in the picture demonstrating something to 2.** Spelling and grammar are included in the judge's decision.

Do not cover up the directions.

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES

Pictures (continued):

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XIX. MEAT PENS ONLY -ADDRESSES AND BUYERS LETTERS *(must be up to date for the Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT SELL ANY MEAT PEN RABBITS.

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

ADDRESS # 1

ADDRESS # 2

ADDRESS # 3

XIX. Continued

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR BUYERS LETTER HERE for Meat Pen projects. * (must 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)

- **Date Acquired** - List the date (mm/dd/yy) you obtained this item. On items older than one year, list only the year.
- **Purchase Cost or Value** - What did this item cost when you first got it? (If you did not purchase this item and it was given to you, what was its value?)
- **Value at Beginning of Project Year** – If you bought the item this 4-H project year, this number would be the same as the “Purchase Cost or Value”. If you had this item last project year, use the “Value at End of Project” from last year’s record book.
- **Depreciation of 10%** - Each year your items will “depreciate” (lose value) by 10% of the original purchase cost. For new items, estimate 10% depreciation even if you have had the item for less than a year (ex: purchased in November of the 4-H year and it is now January).
- **Value at the End of the Project** - This is the value at the beginning of the project year minus the depreciation.

Examples:

Items Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Value at beginning of project year	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost)	Value at end of project
Rope	Purchased 4 years ago	\$10.00	(Value at end of last year’s project/had already depreciated 10% for 3 years) \$7.00	(\$10 x 0.10) \$1.00	(\$7 - \$1) \$6.00
Comb	Purchased 3 years ago	\$20.00	(Value at end of last year’s project/had already depreciated 10% for 2 years) \$16.00	(\$20 x 0.10) \$2.00	(\$16 - \$2) \$14.00
Brush	Purchased at the beginning of last year’s project	\$5.60	(Value at end of last year’s project/had already depreciated 10% for 1 year) \$5.04	(\$5.60 x 0.10) \$0.56	(\$5.04 - \$0.56) \$4.48
Bucket	Purchased this project year	\$9.10	(No Previous Depreciation) \$9.10	\$0.91	(\$9.10 - \$0.91) \$8.19
Total Depreciation*				\$4.47	
Value of Project Assets					\$32.67

*Depreciation is an expense

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 Member Record Book are tabbed and labeled	5
Care & Feed Cover Sheet	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 22-23)	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%



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