



# Manatee River Fair Association Rabbit Care and Feed Book

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| Select One: | Junior | Intermediate | Senior |
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**NOT FOR 4-H MEMBERS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (September 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

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**

## Purpose

### The purpose of a 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.

### 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 record book may be filled out electronically with the provided PDF format or hand written.
- Record books are required to be completed by the exhibitor only.
- This document must be printed and submitted to fair personnel by the exhibitor at the time of final check-in.
- Your Care and Feed book should start with the **purchase date of your animal or September 1st of the current school 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 Care and Feed book.
- **Junior members (age 8-10) Essay length is at least 1 page.**
- **Intermediate members (age 11-13) Essay length is at least 2 pages.**
- **Senior members (age 14-18) Essay length is at least 3 pages.**



**II. PROJECT ANIMAL INVENTORY (NON MEAT PEN) \* (to be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in) Sections A & 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**

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

**Section B MANDATORY**

**The following questions must be answered.**

| <b>Animal ID</b> | <b>Purchased from:</b> | <b>State animal was born in</b> |
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**III. 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 |
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|                       |     |                               |                       |                |
| <b>Purchase price</b> |     |                               |                       |                |

**IV. 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 |
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| <b>Total Non-Feed Expenses</b> |             |         |            |

**V. SALE DEDUCTIONS EXPENSE (For Meat Pen Entries only)**

The Manatee River Fair 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 you sold it privately please put an (X) in the space below.**

**NON-MEAT PEN ENTRIES ENTER 0 FOR TOTAL**

**I sold my animal privately\_\_\_\_\_.**

| Description                          | Paid to | Total Cost |
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**VI. 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 |
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**VIII. 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.

|                           |                   |                  |                     |                        |               |              |             |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Doe Name or Id:</b>    |                   |                  |                     |                        |               |              |             |
| <b>Litter Information</b> |                   |                  |                     | <b>Number of Young</b> |               | <b>Sex</b>   |             |
| <b>Litter #</b>           | <b>Buck Ear #</b> | <b>Date Bred</b> | <b>Date Kindled</b> | <b># Born</b>          | <b>Raised</b> | <b>Bucks</b> | <b>Does</b> |
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**DOE FACTS:** Record any important information for this doe. Example: Difficulties, Show records etc.

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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Comments</b> |
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**IX. 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 |
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**X. 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<br>(Breed, ID# if any) | Adult or Kitten | Sex | Purchased by | Total Paid |
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Income from Sale of Animal(s) \$\_\_\_\_\_

**XI. 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. 6 sec.VI). **This will be your actual sale price 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 |
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**Income from Sale of Meat pen animals \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**XII. 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 |
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| <b>Total Other Income, if none, enter zero</b> |  |       |



#### XIV. 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.

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

**XV. 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 and a maximum of 10 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**

**Pictures (continued):**

**DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES**









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

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

**ADDRESS # 1**

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**ADDRESS # 2**

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**ADDRESS # 3**

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**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 3)

- **Project Year** - Current project year is the current 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): ie- 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<br>\$5.11           | Depreciate for 1 more year<br>\$4.38  |
| Cage                    | 2017          | \$19.60                | \$1.96                              | Depreciated for 2 years<br>\$15.68         | Depreciate for 1 more year<br>\$13.72 |
| Brush                   | 2018          | \$5.85                 | \$.59                               | Depreciated for 1 year<br>\$.59            | Depreciated for 1 more year<br>\$.526 |
| Nail clippers           | 2019          | \$9.10                 | \$.91                               | No Depreciation<br>\$9.10                  | Depreciate for this year<br>\$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)

$\$5.11 - .73 = \$4.38$  (value at end of project)

## SCORING SYSTEM

### Rabbits Care and Feed Record Book

| Section      | Item   | Points Possible |
|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Cover        | Signatures   | 3               |
| I            | Project Inventory (page 3)   | 8               |
| II & III     | Project Animal Inventory- <b>Non Meat Pen</b> (page 4)<br>Project Animal Inventory- <b>Meat Pen</b> (page 5)   | 6               |
| IV & V       | Non-Feed Expenses (page 5)<br>Sale Deduction Expense (page 6)  | 6               |
| VI & VII     | Feed Expenses & Ration Record (pages 7 & 8)  | 6               |
| VIII & IX    | Breeding Record, Doe Facts (page 9)<br>Kitten/Kit Record (page 10)   | 6               |
| VIII, IX & X | Income - Animal Sold- <b>Non Meat Pen</b> (page 10)<br>Income- Animal Sold- <b>Meat Pen</b> (page 11)<br>Other Income – <b>Show Premiums</b> (page 11) | 4               |
| XI           | Health & Veterinary Record (page 12)   | 5               |
| XII          | Project Financial Summary (page 13)  | 8               |
| XIII         | Pictures (pages 14-16)   | 8               |
| XIV          | Project Essay (pages 17-19)  | 30              |
| XV           | Addresses and Buyers Letter (pages 20 & 21)  | 4               |
|              | Neatness, Accuracy, Grammar & Spelling   | 6               |
|              | Total Points   | 100             |

### Ribbon Awards

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| <b>Blue</b>  | 90 - 100 | pts. |
| <b>Red</b>   | 80 - 89  | pts. |
| <b>White</b> | 79 & 0   | pts. |

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