

# Sarasota County Fair

## Rabbit

### Project Book

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Project Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age (at Sept. 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Club / Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Years in this project \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify, as the exhibitor of this project, I personally have kept records on this project and have completed this Project Book to the best of my ability.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor's Signature

**I hereby certify that that my son/daughter has completed this project and Project Book and will comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this Fair.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Guardian Signature

## General Project Book Guidelines

**It is suggested that a copy of this Project Book be made for use as a “Work Copy”. Records then can be transferred into this Project Book for a “Final” copy.**

1. Your Project Book should begin when you purchase your animal.
2. You may place your Project Book in a folder or plastic sheet protectors. 3-ring binders are not recommended.
3. Always double-check your work, especially your math calculations.
4. Have someone check your Project Story for spelling and grammar before you write it in the final Project Book.

## Project Terms and Explanations

1. Project Year: Based on a calendar year. Current Project Year is the same as the current Fair.
2. Date Acquired: List the date you obtained this item. On items older than 1 year, the year will be sufficient.
3. Purchase Cost or Value: What did this item cost when you obtained it? (Fair Market Value)
4. Value at Beginning of Project: Same as purchase cost for items purchased in the current calendar year. On items from previous years, this should be the value from last year’s ending inventory or depreciated value of 10% of purchase cost per calendar year.
5. Depreciation of 10%: This will be 10%, per calendar year, of the original purchase cost for the items you still will have at the end of the project. This includes items you had at the beginning of the project as well as items purchased during the current calendar year. Depreciation is the loss in value of your assets and is an expense.
6. Value at the End of the Project: This is the value at the beginning of the project minus the depreciation.

Examples:

Item Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Value at Beginning of Project	Depreciation (10% of Purchase Cost for this Calendar Year)	Value at End of Project
Cages	Purchased 4 years ago	5.00	(Depreciated 10% for 3 years) 3.50	.50	3.00
Feeder	Purchased 3 years ago	5.00	(Depreciated 10% for 2 years) 4.50	.50	3.50
Nesting Box	Purchased previous calendar year	5.00	(Depreciated 10% for 1 year) 4.50	.50	4.00
Miscellaneous	Purchased current calendar year	5.00	(No depreciation – purchased current project year) 5.50	.50	4.50
Total Beginning Inventory	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	17.00	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
Total Depreciation Expense	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	2.00	XXXXXX
Value of Project Assets	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	15.00

\*Depreciation is an expense



## Notes for Rabbit Project Inventory

List all rabbits you own at the beginning of the project and add any animal(s) you purchase or animal(s) born during the project year. Rabbits sold during the year should be recorded under *OTHER INCOME*. Rabbits sold should have a \$0 value for “End of Project” for this page.

**Starting Price or Value:** Value of existing rabbits at beginning of project OR purchase cost of new animals.

**Comparison Price:** Current market value for your rabbit.

**Value at end of project:** Your rabbit’s value should increase and is an estimated value.

### Examples for Rabbit Project

Initial Animal Inventory								
Identification of Animal				Date Acquired		Initial Animal Inventory		
Animal Description (Animal No. and/or Name)	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Raised (Born)	Purchased	Starting Weight	Starting Price or Value	Comparison Price (Market Value)
#43-Bertha	Lionhead	F	12/10	-----	8/2011	1 lb	\$15	\$20
#44-Oscar	Holland Lop	M	12/10	12/10	-----	0.5 lbs	\$5	\$5
							\$20	
							Value of Animals Raised	

Closing Animal Inventory				
Kept	Sold			
Value at end of project*	Final Weight	\$/cwt. Or head	Total Price	Comparison Price (Market Value)
\$50				
-----	5 lbs	\$250/head	\$250	\$760 (\$95/100 lbs.)
\$50			\$250	
Value of Animals Kept			Total Income from Animals Sold	

**Note:** Check with your leader, teacher, or extension agent for starting and ending values and comparison prices.



## **Production/Loss/Breeding Section Special Instructions**

If your project is NOT a breeding project but rather a pet project, please make note of this and tell why it will not be a breeding project. Include how to improve or expand your rabbit project even though it is not a breeding project.

If your project animals are old enough to be bred, please fill out the following pages as they apply to your animal. However, if your project animals are NOT old enough to be bred, write a breeding plan. This could include sire or dam selection, process planned, possible dates, costs, and other items. Use forethought when writing this statement. Think about things that would improve your project.

Judges will be looking to see if you've thought about what to do with your animal from a business production standpoint. Include the breeding plan after this page and leave the breeding/production records blank.

### **Production Record (if applicable)**

<b>Doe No.</b>	<b>Buck No.</b>	<b>Date of Delivery</b>	<b>Offspring No.</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Birth Weight</b>	<b>Wean Weight</b>	<b>Sell Weight</b>	<b>Comments</b>

### **Loss (Death/Mortality) Record**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description and ID of Animal</b>	<b>Estimated Weight</b>	<b>Cause of Loss</b>	<b>Value (\$) Before Death</b>
<b>Total Value of Loss</b>				

**Breeding Record (if applicable)**

**Natural Mating**

<b>Doe No.</b>	<b>Buck No.</b>	<b>Exposure Date</b>	<b>Date Male Turned In</b>	<b>Date Male Removed</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Confirmed by Palpation</b>	<b>Comments</b>

**Artificial Insemination**

<b>Doe No.</b>	<b>Buck No.</b>	<b>Artificial Insemination Date</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Confirmed by Palp.</b>	<b>Additional Information (did it take the first time, when did you preg. Check, etc.)</b>

## Non-Feed Expenses

List everything that you spend money for that you will **NOT** have at the end of the project and that is NOT feed or hay. This includes veterinary expenses, wormers, bedding, and other expendable items such as shampoo, film/printing, grooming supplies, interest on project loan, etc.

**LIST ITEMS YOU WILL KEEP PAST THE END OF THIS PROJECT ON THE PROJECT INVENTORY (PAGE 3) ONLY. Inventory examples include buckets, pens, waterers, etc.**

Date	Quantity	Description	Total Cost
Example	1 bottle	Shampoo	2.50
<b>Total Non-Feed Expenses</b>			

# Feed Expenses

List all feed and weights expenses on this page. List each feed purchase separately.

Date	Description	Paid To	Pounds	Total Cost
<b>Page Total- Pounds of Feed</b>		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXX
<b>Page Total- Feed Cost</b>		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	

Total Pounds of Feed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Feed Cost = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **Health Record**

This should include a record of any health-related activities (deworm, vaccinate, or use of veterinarian's services for any other reason). This should include what you used, how much you used, and for what it was used. Include well-animal care, such as health certificate. Fill in all applicable information.

### **Vaccinations—Treatments**

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Type of Rabbit</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Signs of Illness</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Prevention</b>

\*\* ROA – Route of Administration: IM – Intramuscular (into a muscle); SQ – Subcutaneous (under the skin); O – Oral (ingested); T – Topical (onto the skin); IV – Intravenous (into a vein).

### **Questionnaire** (To be filled in at close of record)

What are 3 major diseases that affect rabbits? What causes them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Were any of the treatments used effective (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

Which treatments worked best? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What biosecurity measures, if necessary, can be taken to prevent disease and infection within your project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Project/Production Income**

Income from your project should be recorded here, such as sale of project rabbits, sale of any fiber products, ribbon premiums, add-on receipts, non-show premiums, etc.

**Note: Table 1 is to be completed with production income (or estimate, if applicable) before the Fair. Table 2 is to be completed with production income and figures after the Fair.**

**Table 1 – Production/Estimate – To be completed before the Fair**

<b>Date/Month</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Product Sold To</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total value of product sold (if none, enter zero)</b>			

**Table 2 – Project– To be completed after the Fair**

Use actual figures for this table, i.e. actual prices you received for your rabbits, ribbons, add-ons, etc.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ribbons-Premium</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total value of product sold (if none, enter zero)</b>				

## Financial/ Project Summary

### GAIN

1. Final Weight (At Fair check-in) \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

### FEED

2. Total Pounds of Feed From Page 9 \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

3. Total Cost of Feed From Page 9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### INCOME

4. Production/ Project Income From Page 11 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### EXPENSES

5. Total Depreciation From Page 3 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Cost of Animal From Page 5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Total Non-Feed Expenses From Page 8 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Total Feed Expenses From Page 9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. Loss Expenses From Page 6 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Total Expenses Lines 5+6+7+8+9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### CHANGE IN RABBIT INVENTORY

11. Value at End From Page 5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Value at Beginning From Page 5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Net Change in Animal Inventory (Lines 11-12) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### SUMMARY

14. Estimated Profit/ Loss Line 4-Line 10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

15. Fair Project Income From Page 12 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(to be filled in after Fair)

**16. Final Profit/ Loss Line 15-Line 10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Pictures of Your Project**

1. The beginning of your project.
2. Work being done.
3. Your completed project.
4. Please put captions with each picture.

Minimum of 4 pictures. Additional pictures encouraged.

**Pictures of Your Project (continued)**

## **PROJECT STORY OUTLINE:**

You will make an outline for your project story first. It should include what you have learned about your animal, safety practices you used, what you could do to improve your project, and the different skills you learned/used during your project.

**I: Introduction:** Introduce your story and capture your reader’s attention.

What type, breed, weight, etc. rabbit did you purchase?

Why did you choose the rabbit you did (cost, breeder, past successes, etc.)?

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**II: What did you learn?** (About yourself and/or your rabbit.)

- A.
- B.
- C.

**III: What safety practices did I use?**

- A.
- B.
- C.

**IV: What improvements could I make?** What would you change or do the same next time you begin a rabbit project? For example, different feed, different breed, type, size, etc.

- A.
- B.
- C.

**V: What skills did I learn or improve?**

- A.
- B.
- C.

**VI: Summary – leave the reader with the idea or impression you want them to have.**

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**Use this outline to write your story.**

## Demonstrations

Did you give any demonstrations **related** to this project? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please list them below.

Date	Title	Description	<u>Level</u> CL: Club CT: County D: District S: State

## **PROJECT STORY**

Your project story must be developed from your outline. Be sure to use stories to make a point, use examples, use interesting facts and statistics, remember your experience, and build strong images by using descriptive words. **Mention your demonstration(s) in your story.** Grammar, spelling, and neatness will be noticed by the judges.