

**OCEANA COUNTY JUNIOR MARKET
RABBIT RECORD BOOK – 2023
(for ages 5-7)**



As a member of the Junior Market Animal Project, you are required to submit your records as part of an educational project notebook in order to show your animal at the Oceana County Fair. **This notebook must be shown to the Rabbit Superintendent or designated Small Market Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division at the Oceana County Fair on Entry Day.**

NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT: _____

AGE: _____

Your age you enter depends on how old you were on January 1, 2023.

Use this sheet as the first page of your project record book. Fill it out completely.

Please print or type neatly.

Name _____

4-H Club Name _____

Breed, Variety and Age of Doe:

Breed	Variety	Age
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Breed, Variety and Age of Buck used:

Breed	Variety	Age
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Do you own the buck? ___ Yes ___ No

Date of Kindling: _____

No. of live kits: _____ **No. of non-live kits:** _____

JUDGE'S SCORE/COMMENT SHEET

(PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, PLACE THIS SHEET IN SHEET PROTECTOR OR GLUE TO COVER). This sheet must be kept free to the judge to write their comments.

This sheet should help each junior market member understand their ribbon placing.

A. **Specific educational value or worth**

- All questions were answered completely
- All calculations were correct
- Calculations were incorrect
- Questions were not completely answered
- Questions were not answered (missed questions)

B. **Notebook contains all project records**

- Notebook contained all project records and were fully completed
- Notebook contained additional project related information (research materials etc.)
- Project records were incomplete
- There was no additional project related information

C. **Accuracy, neatness and general appearance**

- Notebook was neat in appearance (typed/hand printed)
- Notebook pages were clean and stain free
- Notebook pages were in order and complete
- Notebook pages were out of order and missing pages
- Notebook was difficult to read and messy
- Notebook had wrinkled and stained pages

Other Comments: _____

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop desirable work habits, sportsmanship, and ability to cooperate and express ideas through participation in projects, discussions, method demonstrations, judging teams, and exhibits.
2. Experience the pride and responsibility of leasing/owning and caring for rabbits.
3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise rabbits.
4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to members and their rabbit projects.
5. Appreciate and use scientific information in rabbit production and marketing.
6. Improve knowledge of grading, marketing and merchandising of rabbits and rabbit products.
7. Improve knowledge of the nutritive value of rabbit meat.
8. Learn the importance of the rabbit industry to the local, state, and national economies.
9. Acquire information on the opportunity that rabbits offer as a career.

This record book is part of your Junior Market Rabbit project. By keeping records up-to-date you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write or type neatly and clearly. Please keep the pages in order. Feel free to add extra pages at the end of your notebook.

SCORING CRITERIA

The following breakdown will be used during the judging process of all market livestock notebooks.

A.	Specific educational value or worth	30%
B.	Creative way of showing what has been learned	10%
C.	Notebooks contains all project records	50%
D.	Accuracy, neatness and general appearance	10%

The Oceana County Oceana Agricultural Society encourages Leader and parent assistance with your project and project notebook.

If a parent or leader helped you in filling out your notebook please have them sign below that the answers are YOUR answers and that they assisted you in writing of the answers and understanding of the questions only.

(Signature of person helping with notebook)

(Printed name by member)

ABOUT YOUR RABBITS

My Rabbits Names are: (if you did not name your market rabbits, what is the name of your showmanship rabbit)

My Rabbits breeds are: _____













My Rabbits favorite thing to do is: _____

MARKETING

One of the most important parts of any market animal project is marketing. This may include writing letters and talking to prospective buyers. Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action; a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

Good Marketing Practice

Poor Marketing Practice

	Send a picture to your potential buyers	
	Send reminders to attend the auction	
	Go with an adult to speak with your potential buyers and try to answer their questions	
	Know what kind of feed you use if asked	
	Only go to the grocery stores or the bank	
	Only thank those who agree to be listed as a potential buyer	



ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Your project requires regular care and management. List the things necessary to take care of your project animal(s).

Include the following:

- ✓ Feeding and watering practices
- ✓ Grooming (clipping, toenail trimming, etc.)
- ✓ Health practices and medicines
- ✓ General Management (cleaning cages/living area, etc.)

Daily- Things done once or twice a day
Weekly- Things done once or twice a week
Monthly- Things done once a month
Yearly- Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year

COST OF YOUR PROJECT

INVENTORY- EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/MISCELLANEOUS

**** have your parent, leader or an older teen in your club work with you to help you understand this portion of your notebook- expenses, etc. ****

At the beginning of the project year take an inventory of what equipment & supplies are on hand.

Add new equipment or supplies you purchase to the list. Estimate a cost value for any shared equipment (ex: 1 set of nail clippers shared between 3 members $\$21.00 \div 3 = \7.00 each.)

Amount & Kind	Already Owned Or Purchased	Purchase Price
<i>Example: rabbit pen</i>	<i>Already Owned</i>	
<i>1 feed bowl</i>	<i>Purchased</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
Miscellaneous Expenses- if any (ex: breeding fees, cost of does, bucks, bunnies, medicines, etc.)		
<i>Example: 4 bunnies</i>	<i>Purchased</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
Total (A)		\$

FEED RECORDS & EXPENSES

Keeping good feed records is important. Good records show your expenses for feed and what kind of feed you use for your project. A good practice is to enter your feed expenses when you buy feed. Home-raised feeds should be valued at market price- what it can be sold for.

Date of Purchase	Amount Purchased (lbs.)	Cost or Value
TOTAL (B)	Lbs.	\$

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

List any income received. Examples: Selling additional offspring, fur, premiums from shows, etc.) If none just write NONE.

Date	Description	Cost \$
Total Miscellaneous Income (C)		\$

AGE & WEIGHT CHART

Date of Weaning: _____ Age at Time of Weaning: _____

Weight at time of Weaning: Rabbit No. 1 _____

Rabbit No. 2 _____

Rabbit No. 3 _____

Final Weight: Rabbit No. 1 _____

Rabbit No. 2 _____

Rabbit No. 3 _____

Total Final Weight **(FW)** of Market Rabbit Pen: _____

* Final weight may need to be estimated depending on Covid 19 restrictions summer of 2021.

PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Grand Total of All Expenses **(A+B)**: \$ _____ (from pgs. 5 & 6)

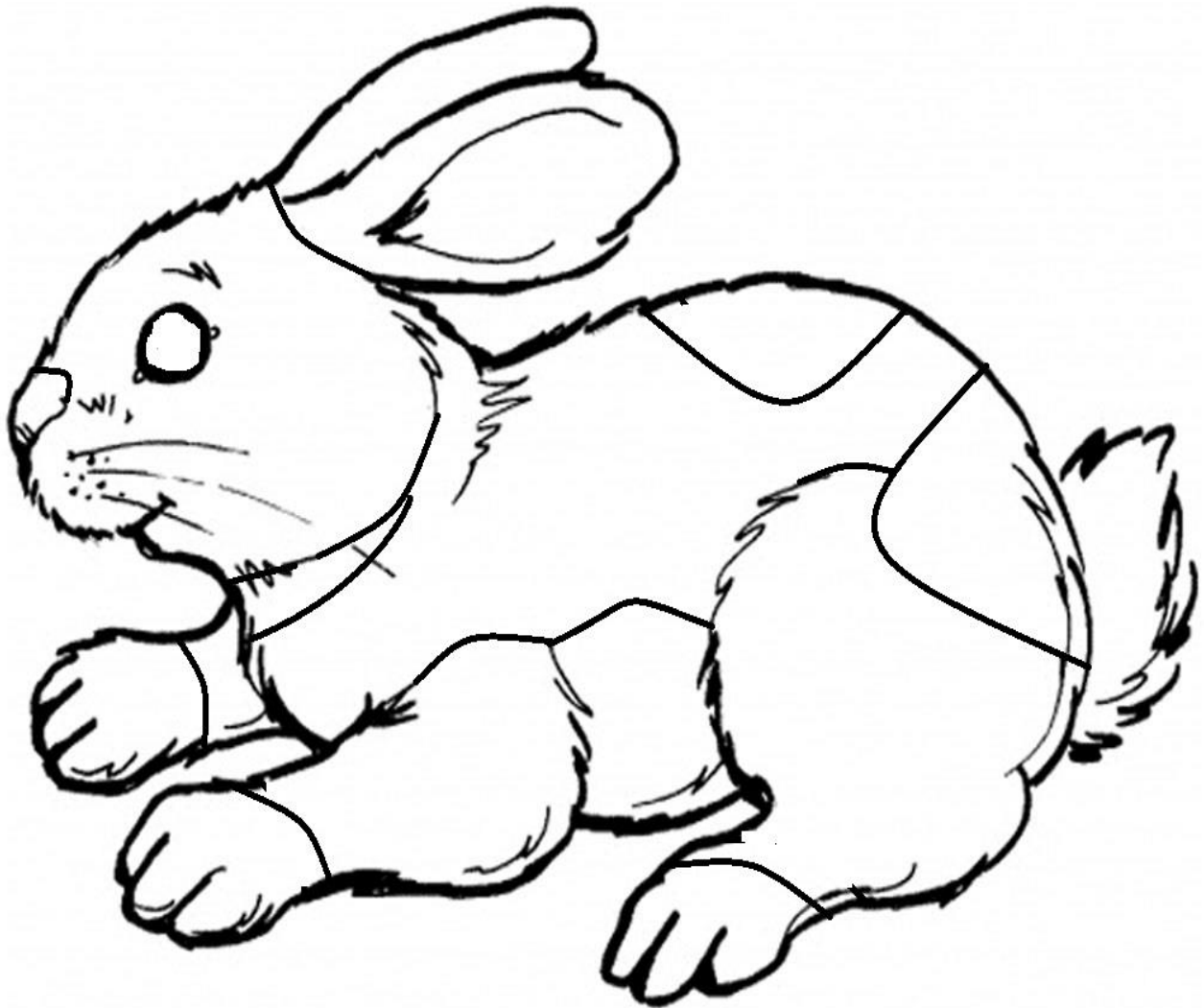
Total Expenses – Any Income **(C)** = \$ _____ **(PE)**
Project Expense

_____ ÷ _____ = _____
 Project Expense **(PE)** Final Weight **(FW)** Break Even Price **(BE)**
 (from above) (total cost per pound to raise your animal)

* Final weight may need to be estimated depending on Covid 19 restrictions summer of 2021.

**** have your parent, leader or an older teen in your club help you figure out your breakeven price. The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the Junior Market animal auction in order to not lose money on your market project. ****

COLOR THE PARTS OF THE RABBIT



COLOR THE PARTS THE FOLLOWING

BELLY- PURPLE

LOIN- BLUE

TAIL- RED

EARS- ORANGE

NECK- BLUE

TOES- ORANGE

EYES- GREEN

NOSE- YELLOW

LEGS- RED

RUMP- GREEN

TRUE OR FALSE (CIRCLE T for TRUE or F for FALSE)

1. You should begin grooming your rabbits for show at least 6 weeks before show time? T F
2. Water is the most important nutrient to a rabbit ? T F
3. The most common method of identification is tattooing? T F
4. You should tattoo your rabbit on its stomach? T F
5. You should wean your rabbit at 2-4 weeks old? T F
6. A healthy rabbit should have a wet nose? T F
7. You should carry your rabbit holding the rabbit between your arm and your body with its eyes covered? T F
8. It's a good idea to play a radio near your rabbits' hutch to get it use to the noise? T F
9. Kits are born very furry with their eyes wide open? T F
10. Different rabbits need different amounts of feed? T F
11. A Buck is a female rabbit? T F
12. Rabbits must be commercial meat type to bring to the Oceana County Fair for the auction? T F
13. Rabbits must be sold in a pen of 2 for the Fair? T F
14. Each market rabbit must weigh at least 2.5 lbs. to bring to sell at the Junior Market Auction? T F

PROJECT INFORMATION

What Does Not Belong?

In each statement one word does not belong, X (cross) out that word.

1. Rabbits have: **fur,** **eyes,** **beaks,** **muzzles**
2. Rabbits eat: **grains,** **water,** **pellets,** **pizza**
3. The people who help me take care of and learn about my rabbits are:
 my club leader **the veterinarian,** **my dentist,** **my parents,**
4. Rabbit breeds: **Holland Lop,** **Flemish Giant,** **Muscovy,** **Mini Rex**

WHAT DOES YOUR RABBIT NEED?

(have an adult help you read the following & then **circle those items that your rabbit needs** below)

All living creatures need certain things to survive, like *food*, *water* and shelter. *Farmers* take care of their animals to make sure they are healthy and comfortable. If any rabbits are sick the farmer will treat them with the help of the *veterinarian*. Shelters should have *shade* and not be in the direct sunlight, they sometimes contain *straw* for nesting. Along with *pellets*, small amounts of *hay* may be given to your rabbits. *Corn* is not safe for them to eat.



PUMPKIN



CORN



WATER



CAKE



VETERINARIAN



SHADE



FARMER



PELLETS



CANDY



STRAW



CAGE





















HAY

Identify Good & Bad Character Actions

Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action, a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

RAISING and SHOWING an ANIMAL with CHARACTER

RAISING and SHOWING an ANIMAL without CHARACTER

	Feed Animals on Time	
	Clean cages daily	
	Complain about the judges	
	Thank the judge for their time	
	Insult competitors	
	Ask for help if you need it	
	Leave animals outside without shelter	
	Complete your record book honestly	
	Have someone else complete your notebook	

How did you show good character this year? Did you help someone, or maybe you treated your animals extra special?

4-H KNOWLEDGE



The 4-H Pledge- *Draw a line to the picture that fills in the blank* (see the example)

I pledge...

My _____ to clearer thinking,

My _____ to greater loyalty,

My _____ to larger service, and







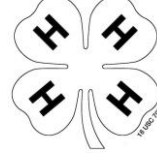

My _____ to better living,

for my _____,

my _____,

my _____,

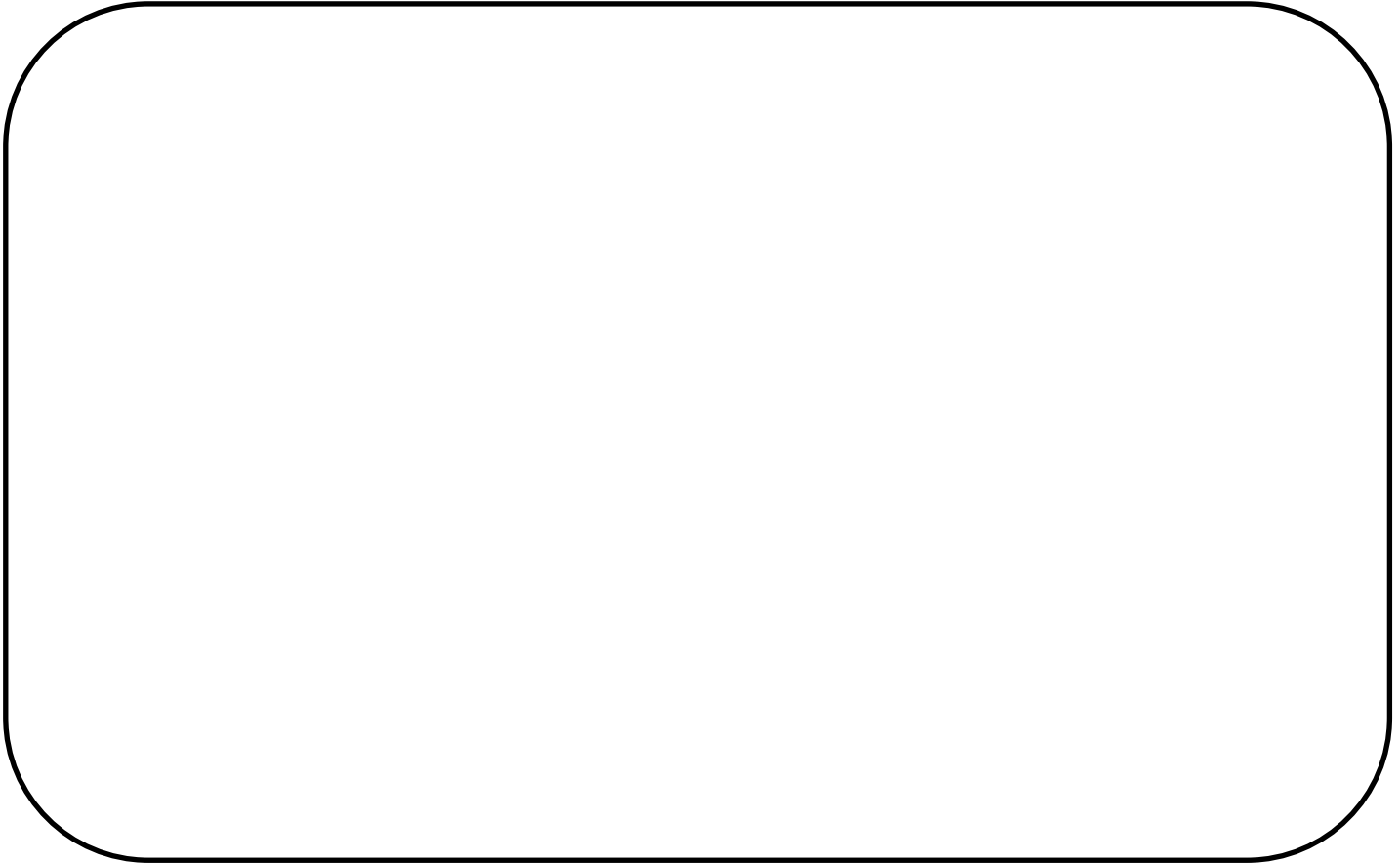
and my _____.

	HANDS
	HEALTH
	HEAD
	HEART
	WORLD
	COUNTRY
	CLUB
	COMMUNITY

Number of club meetings held: _____ Number I attended: _____

MY STORY

(Interesting things that happened to me and my animal this year, challenges, highlights of my year or **ANYTHING** I would like to share about my overall experience. You can even draw a picture of you and your animals if you prefer).

**POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES**

As part of your 4-H Small Market Livestock Project, you must personally contact at least three potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to seek two new buyers that have not been asked or submitted before. **You also must have at least three different buyers than those of your siblings in the market livestock project.** Please confirm with your buyers their accurate mailing address (example: post office box vs. a street address). The information on page 14 must be completed and taken to the Oceana County MSU Extension Office on or before the due date where it will be **copied** and used to send out letters to your potential buyers. This page will remain in your notebooks. This is a Market Livestock Committee rule. Failure to comply will result in not being able to sell your animal in the 4-H Market Livestock Sale.

JUNIOR MARKET/SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER'S LIST
RABBIT PROJECT (AGES 5-7)

Name _____ Club _____

Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.

1. Contact Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____

Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email _____ Postal Delivery _____

Email _____

Signature _____

2. Contact Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____

Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email _____ Postal Delivery _____

Email _____

Signature _____

3. Contact Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____

Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email _____ Postal Delivery _____

Email _____

Signature _____

(Must be stamped by the MSU Extension Office)

PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

(Please use this page for your project pictures. Add additional pages if you would like. The judges appreciate you labeling the pictures so they know what the picture shows.)

NON-CLUB POINTS- JUNIOR/SMALL MARKET PROJECT

(This must be filled out by participant before presenting for signatures at the MSUE office)

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER, SUPERINTENDENT OR MSU STAFF

Please note: This form must be included with your record notebook and turned into the weigh master on entry day of the Fair. **BEFORE SEEKING SIGNATURES AT MSU EXTENSION – MEETING NAME AND DATE MUST BE COMPLETED** You need to accumulate **nine (9) points** to be allowed to sell your animal. **Six (6)** of these **nine (9) points** must come from club meetings. The **three (3)** non-club points must be earned from attending various 4-H events and activities. See your leader, the MSUE office, or online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/oceana_county_4_h/oceana_4_h_market_livestock for a listing of approved nonclub points.

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