

**OCEANA COUNTY 4-H SMALL MARKET
RABBIT RECORD BOOK – 2022
(for ages 8 and up)**



As a member of the 4-H Small 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.**

AGE: _____

The age you enter depends on how old you were on January 1, 2022.

NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT: _____

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 _____

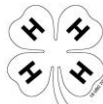
Breed, Variety and Age of Doe: _____
Breed Variety Age

How long have you owned the Doe: _____?

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

Do you own the buck? ____ Yes ____ No **If not the owner of the buck, what, if any, arrangements were made for his services:**

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 for the judge to write their comments.

This sheet should help each 4-H'er 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 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 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 4-H 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 Small 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 4-H Small Market Animal Committee encourages 4-H Leader and parent assistance with your project and project notebook.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT/JOURNAL OF CARE

The 4-H SMAA Committee requires all 4-H Market Livestock members to complete the "Journal of Care" so the judge may see the time, effort and care you have put into learning about your animal. What did you & your animal(s) do to prepare for Fair each month?

- ✓ Feeding and watering practices
- ✓ Health practices and medicines (vaccinations, etc.)
- ✓ General Management (building a cage, cleaning living area, feed pans, etc.)

MAY-JUNE**JULY-AUGUST**

If not housed at your home, have the property owner sign. If housed at your home, please have your parent sign.

I do attest and certify that this 4-Her has cared for this animal in a responsible manner while housed on my property. I also understand that integrity and responsibility are important to this 4-H experience.

Signature of Property Owner or Parent
If housed on own property

Date

MARKETING

One of the most important parts of any market animal project is marketing; this is how you get someone to come to the auction to buy your animal. It may include things such as writing letters and talking to possible buyers.

- What did you do to market your animal?
- If you had a market project in the past what did you do differently this year?

AGE & WEIGHT CHART

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

Weight at time of Weaning: Rabbit No. 1 _____
(Record in Lbs. /Oz)

Rabbit No. 2 _____

Rabbit No. 3 _____

Final Weight: Rabbit No. 1 _____
(Record in Lbs. /Oz)

Rabbit No. 2 _____

Rabbit No. 3 _____

Total Weight of Market Rabbit Pen: _____ **(TW)**

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 (A)		\$

EXPENSES- INVENTORY, EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

At the beginning of the 4-H 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
Example: rabbit pen	Already Owned	
1 feed bowl	Purchased	\$3.00
Total Equipment & Supplies (B)		

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. At the end of each month, total each kind of feed used and its cost and record the information below. Home-raised feeds should be valued at market price- what it can be sold for.

Type and Cost of Feed Used

Date of Purchase	Amount Purchased (lbs.)	Type of feed (grain, mix, hay, forage pellets, salt, mineral supplement)	Cost or Value
Total Pounds		Total Feed Cost (C)	\$

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OR FEES

List any expenses that do not fit into one of the previous categories.

Examples: Breeding Fees, Registration Papers, Medications,
Vet Fees, etc. If none write NONE.

Date	Description	Cost \$
Total Miscellaneous Expenses (D)		\$

PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Grand Total of All Expenses **(B, C, D)**: \$ _____ **(TE)** (from pgs. 5, 6, 7)

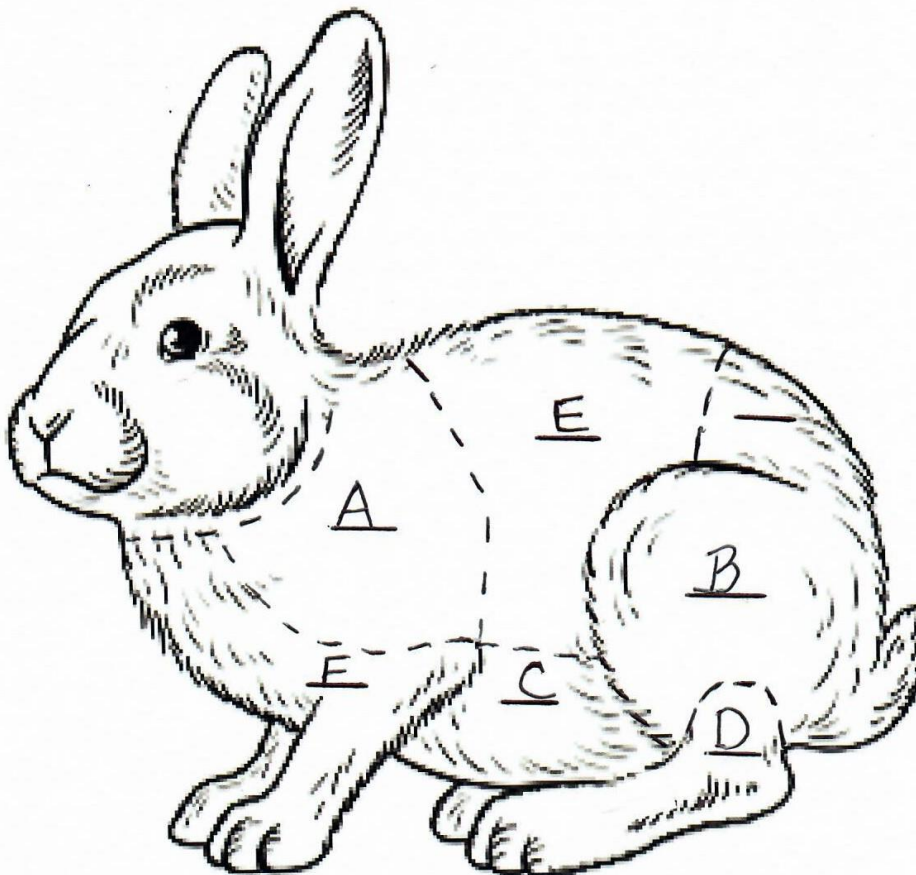
Total Expenses **(TE)** – Any Income **(A)** = \$ _____ **(PE)**
Project Expense

$$\frac{\text{Project Expense (PE)}}{\text{Total Weight (TW) (of pen of 3)}} = \text{Break Even Price (BE) (total cost per pound to raise your animal)}$$

**** The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the
Small Market animal auction in order to not
lose money on your market project. ****

RABBIT BREEDING & LITTER RECORD

					Number of Surviving Kits			Kits Kept	
Name & Number of Dam	Name & Number of Sire	Date Bred	Date Kindled	Total Number in Litter	Bucks	Does	Date Weaned	Buck	Does
Ex: Peaches VA3	Spot/VA8	3/19/19	4/20/19	5	2	2	6/1/19	0	2

**RABBIT CUTS**

Write the letter to the correct part below.

_____ Front Leg

_____ Hind Leg

_____ Loin

_____ Saddle

_____ Shank

_____ Shoulder

SHOWMANSHIP: The following is the Examination portion. When practicing with your rabbit mark off the steps that you have accomplished with a checkmark before each:

____ 1. Carry rabbit to judging table or removing rabbit from cage.

____ 2. Properly pose your rabbit.

3. Examine your rabbit in the following order. Tell the judge what you are looking for when at your show:

____ a. Ears – Check for: Ear canker; Illegible or missing tattoo; Size and carriage of ears; Torn or missing part of ear

____ b. Eyes – Check for: Wall eye (white cornea); Spots on eyes; Mismatched eye color; Runny or weepy eyes

____ c. Nose – Check for: Colds (white nasal discharge)

____ d. Teeth – Check for: Malocclusion (buck or wolf teeth); Simple malocclusion (butting teeth); Broken or missing tooth

____ e. Chin/Neck Area – Check for: Dewlap (does); Abscesses

____ f. Front Legs – Check for: Bent, bowed or deformed

____ g. Front Feet and Toenails – Check for: Missing toenails (5 on each front foot), including dewclaw; Broken toenails (too short to determine color); Unmatched toenails; Nail color not meeting breed standard

____ h. Abdomen – Check for: Mastitis or swollen teats; Tumor, rupture or hernia; Abscesses

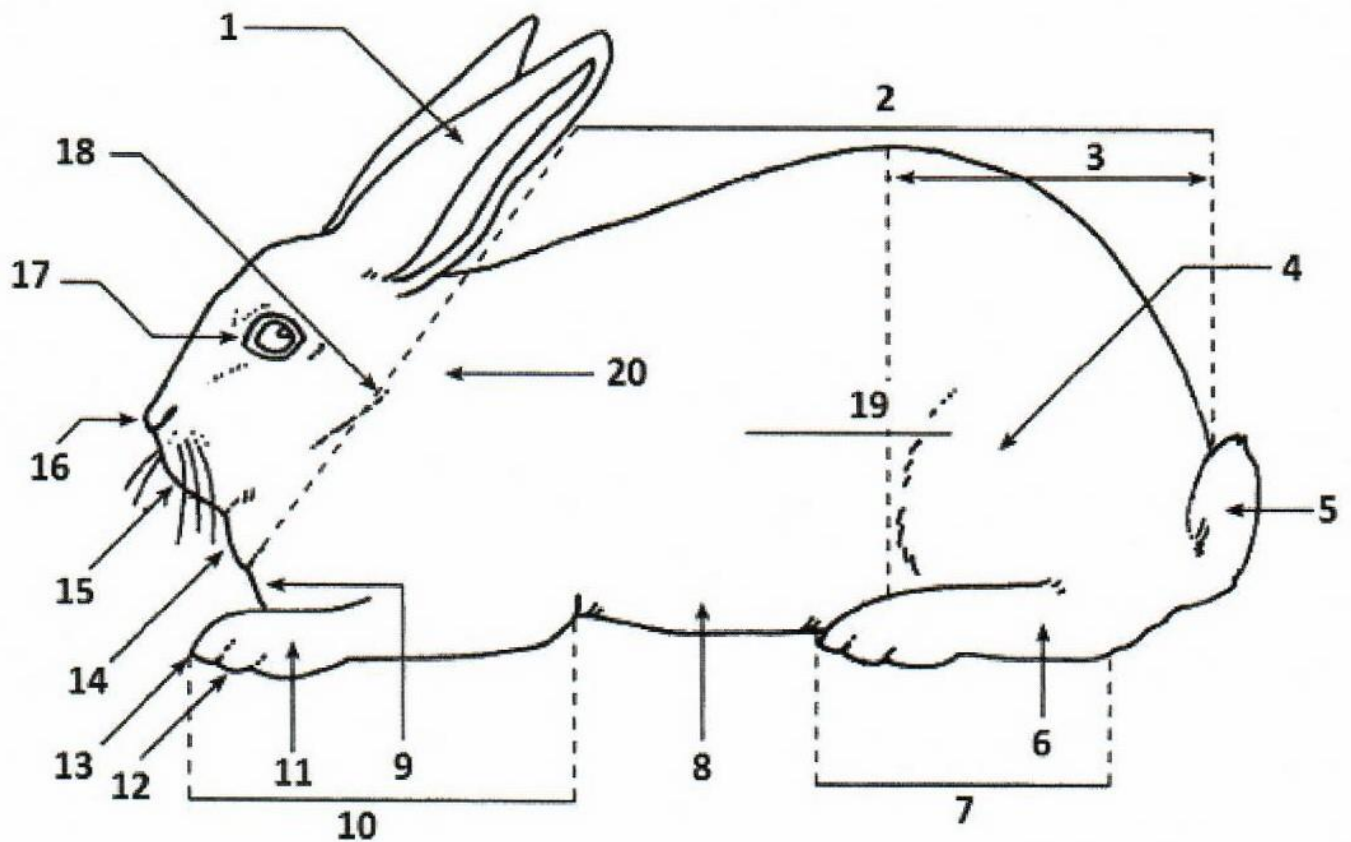
____ i. Hind Legs – Check for: Bent, bowed, deformed, or severely cow hocked

____ j. Hocks – Check for: Sore hocks (bloody)

____ k. Hind Feet and Toenails – Check for: Missing toenails (4 on each hind foot); Broken toenails (too short to determine color); Unmatched toenails Nail color not meeting breed standard

____ l. Sex – Check for: Vent disease; Missing testicle(s) on Senior Buck; Junior Buck with only one testicle showing; split penis

____ m. Tail – Check for: Stub, broken or wry tail

WRITE THE NUMBER FROM THE DIAGRAM BY CORRECT PART LISTED BELOW

____ Shoulder

____ Foot

____ Neck

____ Back

____ Foreleg

____ Nose

____ Belly

____ Hind Leg

____ Saddle

____ Chest

____ Hip

____ Tail

____ Dewlap

____ Hock

____ Toe

____ Ear

____ Midsection

____ Toenails

____ Eye

____ Mouth

PROJECT PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. What part of your project was the most fun? _____

2. Which part was the hardest? _____

3. Will you do the market rabbit project again? _____

Why or Why not? _____



The 4-H Pledge

(fill in the blanks)

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 _____.

The 4-H MOTTO: _____.

4-H ACTIVITIES

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

List any club activities in which you have:

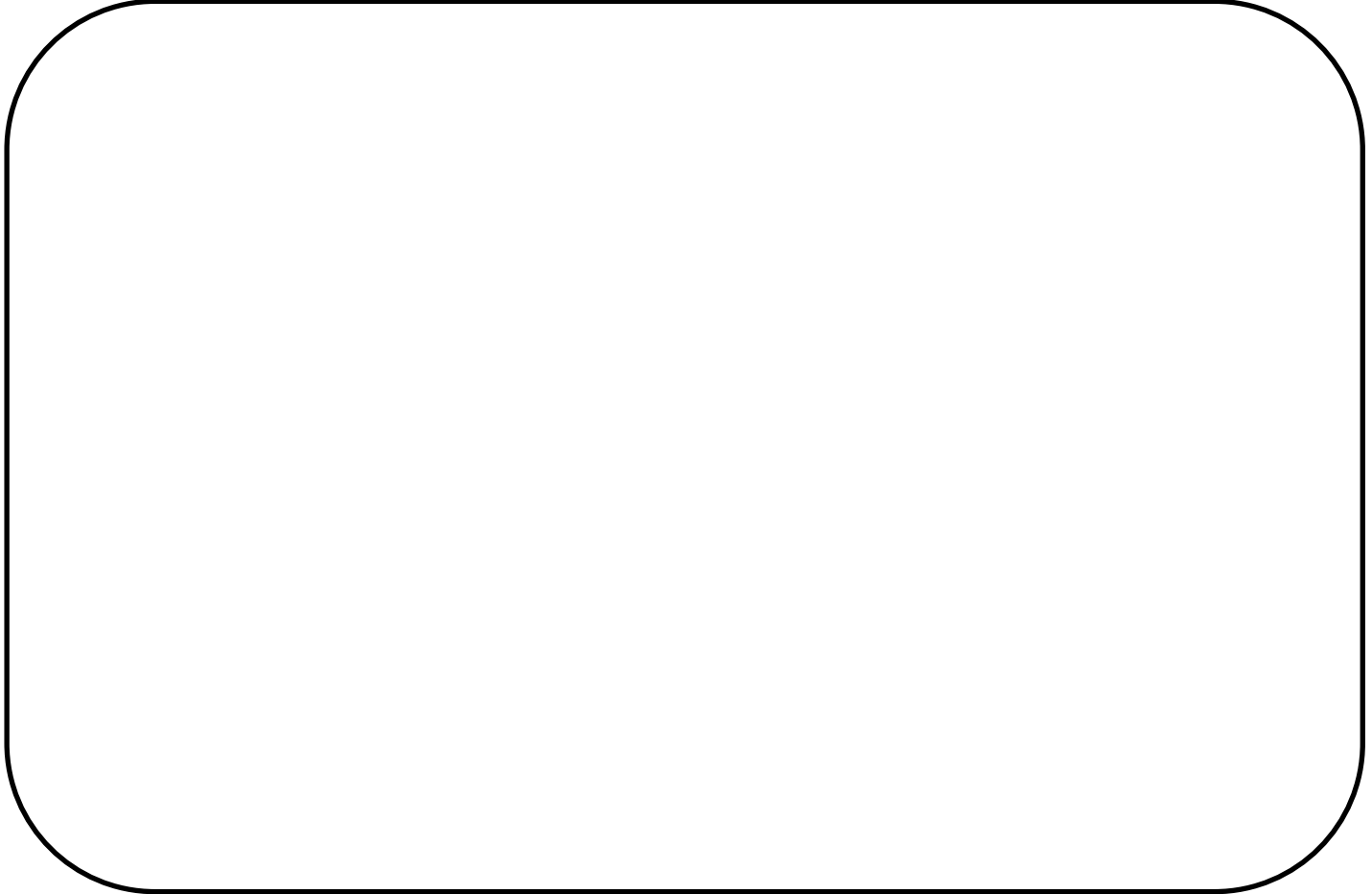
- **participated in**
- **responsibilities which you have assumed**

(for example: Community service events, workshops, judging contest, clinics, offices held, parades representing 4-H, etc., if none, write none)

Activity	Date	Location	Placing, Position or Comments

MY 4-H STORY

Interesting things that happened to me and my animal this year, challenges, highlights of my year or anything else I would like to share about my overall 4-H experience. Feel free to include an additional page if needed.



POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES

As part of your 4-H Small Market project, you must personally contact at least 3 (three) potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to try to seek at least 1 new buyer that have not been asked or submitted before. **Three different buyers than those of your siblings are required, 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 SMAA rule. Failure to comply will result in not being able to sell your animal in the 4-H SMAA Sale.

SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER'S LIST
RABBIT PROJECT (AGES 8 & up)

Name _____ Club _____
Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.

1. Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

2. Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

3. Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

(Must be stamped by the MSU Extension Office)

If you would like to contact additional buyers you can use this page. If not please throw this page out.

Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Email _____
Signature _____

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

4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION/JUNIOR MARKET PROJECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

(must be filled out by participant before requesting signatures from the office)

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER, SUPERINTENDENT OR MSU STAFF
SMAA Annual Meeting	Shelby Road Baptist Church	10/25/21	1	

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CLUB POINTS
4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION/JUNIOR MARKET PROJECT
ATTENDANCE RECORD

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER

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