



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 _____ 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 AND AS THE 4-H PROJECT BOOK

Note: The County Fair rules require that you submit a Care and Feed Book to them (check with the Fair Office for due date) if you enter any animal in the County Fair even if you don't show that animal for any reason. If you do not turn in a Care and Feed Book to the Fair, you cannot show ANY animal at next year's 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 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 book.
- **Your final Care and Feed book must be hand written by the 4-H'er (Juniors may use pencil or pen, Intermediates & Seniors must use pen, 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 attached.**
- **Junior members (age 8-10) Project Essay length is at least one (1) page.**
- **Intermediate members (age 11-13) Project Essay length is at least two (2) pages.**
- **Senior members (age 14-18) Project Essay length is at least three (3) pages.**

II. PROJECT ANIMAL INVENTORY (Non Meat pen)* (to be completed by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

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)**. Animals sold should have a \$0 value at end of project for this page.

****Beginning \$ Value:** Value of existing animals at beginning of project OR purchase cost of new animals OR value of animals born.

***\$ Value at end of project:** Your animal's value should increase and is an estimated value.

Animal Description	Breed	Sex	Date Acquired or Born	Beginning \$ Value**	\$ Value at end of project*	Indicate if animal sold, kept, died, etc.
Value at Beginning						
Value at End/Value of Animal Assets						

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)**.

****Beginning \$ Value:** Purchase cost of new animals OR value of animals born.

Breed	Sex	Date Acquired or Born	Beginning \$ Value**
Value at Beginning			

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/pass, veterinary expenses, bedding, mite treatment and other expendable items such as printing of pictures, ink etc.

Date	Description	Paid to	Total Cost
Total Non-Feed Expenses			

V. FAIR 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
Total Fair Deduction Expenses		

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
Page Total – Pounds of Feed				
Page Total – Feed Cost				

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

() Check here if you did not sell any of the rabbit related to your project. **If you have no income from this project, THEN ENTER ZERO.**

Date	Description (Breed, ID# if any)	Purchased by	Total Paid

Income from Sale of Animal(s) \$ _____

IX. 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. 5 sec. III). **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

Income from Sale of Meat pen animals \$ _____

X. 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
	Total Other Income, if none, enter zero	

XI. HEALTH AND VETERINARY RECORD * (to be up to date by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

This should include a record of any health related activities (nail clipping, grooming, vitamin supplement, flea control, mite treatment, deworming, vaccinate, or use of veterinarian's services. This should include what you used, how much you used, and what you used it for. Fill in all applicable information. **If your animal was healthy throughout project, please note.**

Date	Animal ID	Reason for Veterinarian Visit or Other Health Related Treatment

XII. PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The records in this book cover my 4-H Rabbit project consisting of _____ show animals and _____ Meat Pen entries.

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.

INCOME		Section Total	Grand Total
1	Income – Animal Sold Non Meat Pen <i>(From page 9, Sec. VIII)</i>		
2	Income- Animal Sold Meat Pen <i>(From page 9, Sec. IX)</i>		
3	Other Income – Show Premiums & Receipts <i>(From page 9, Sec. IX)</i>		
4	TOTAL INCOME <i>(Add Lines 1 + 2 + 3)</i>		
EXPENSES			
5 *	Total Depreciation <i>(From page 3, Sec. I)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		
6*	Animal Expense <i>(From page 4, Sec. III)</i> MEAT PEN ANIMALS		
7*	Total Non-Feed Expenses <i>(From page 5, Sec .IV)</i>		
8	Fair Deductions Expense <i>(From page 6, Sec. V)</i>		
9 *	Total Feed Expenses <i>(From page 7, Sec. VI)</i>		
10	TOTAL EXPENSES <i>(Add Lines 5 + 6 + 7 +8+9)</i>		
SUMMARY			
11	FINAL PROFIT/LOSS <i>(Subtract line 10 from line 4)</i>		
ASSETS			
12*	Value of Project Assets <i>(From page3, Sec. I)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		
13*	Value of Animal Assets <i>(From page 4, Sec. II)</i> NON MEAT PEN ANIMALS		
14	Total Assets <i>(Add Lines 11 + 12)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		

XIII. 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

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XIV. PROJECT ESSAY * (to be up to date by Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

Your essay may be written or typed (See page 2 for instruction for writing or typing and for the acceptable length of your essay for your age. Your essay should be about your project from beginning to end. Be creative, use examples, use interesting facts or statistics, share your experiences, and build strong images by using descriptive words. **BE SURE TO REVISIT AND FINISH YOUR STORY AFTER THE FAIR and include what happened at the fair.**

Essay Continued:

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

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

ADDRESS # 1

ADDRESS # 2

ADDRESS # 3

XV. 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)

PROJECT TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS

NOTES AND EXAMPLES FOR PROJECT INVENTORY (page 3)

- **Project Year** - Current project year is the current 4-H year or 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), i.e. - 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 \$5.11	Depreciate for 1 more year \$4.38
Cage	2017	\$19.60	\$1.96	Depreciated for 2 years \$15.68	Depreciate for 1 more year \$13.72
Brush	2018	\$5.85	\$.59	Depreciated for 1 year \$5.59	Depreciated for 1 more year \$5.26
Nail clippers	2019	\$9.10	\$.91	No Depreciation \$9.10	Depreciate for this year \$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)

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SCORING SYSTEM

4-H Rabbit Care and Feed Record Book

Section	Item	Points Possible
Cover	Signatures	3
I	Project Inventory (pages 3)	8
II & III	Project Animal Inventory- Non Meat Pen Project Animal Inventory- Meat Pen (page 4)	6
IV & V	Non-Feed Expenses (page 5) Fair Deduction Expense (page 6)	6
VI & VII	Feed Expenses & Ration Record (pages 7 & 8)	6
VIII, IX & X	Income - Animal Sold- Non Meat Pen Income- Animal Sold- Meat Pen Other Income – Show Premiums & Receipts (pages 9)	4
XI	Health & Veterinary Record (page 10)	5
XII	Project Financial Summary (page 11)	10
XIII	Pictures (page 12,13 & 14)	8
XIV	Project Essay (page 15,16 & 17)	30
XV	Addresses and Buyers Letter (pages 18 & 19)	4
	Neatness, Accuracy, Grammar & Spelling	10
	Total Points	100

Ribbon Awards

Blue	90 - 100	pts.
Red	80 - 89	pts.
White	79 & 0	pts.



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