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Project Tips - Rabbits

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

April 1:

Animal Care (Primary care) Form Due

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

May-March:

MQA (YQCA) Training

May 1:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

** Meat doe ID due April 1**

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Mid July:

Record Books Interview

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Record Books Due (Friday after Labor Day)

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. Do you have pet rabbit?
2. Are you interested in showing a small animal project?
3. Is this your first time having an animal project in 4-H?

Project Timeline



Breeding



Market



About the Project

Do you like rabbits? Do you want to learn how to raise and care for rabbits? Then this project is for you. It is suggested that you start with a doe rabbit and extend the project each year that you take the project. You will want to enroll in the fall to prepare for receiving your animal.

• A Few of the Learning Objectives for the Rabbit Project:

1. Identify several breeds of rabbits
2. Identify the parts of the animal
3. Discuss sanitation methods needed to raise rabbits
4. Describe good feeding and watering practices
5. Keep good feed and financial records
6. Demonstrate proper showmanship procedures
7. Gain knowledge and skills in managing and caring for rabbits
8. Learn to select quality rabbits and feed them balanced rations

Project Requirements

Rabbit Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Rabbit Project by the enrollment deadline .
2. Complete the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA/YQCA) Training annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form on 4HOnline by deadline.
4. ID all rabbits in 4HOnline by May 1 deadline. (**Meat doe ID due April 1)
5. Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
6. Enter Fair classes online by deadline.
7. Complete and turn in the Livestock Project E-Record with any necessary supplements by the deadline.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4-H Online

1. Beginning in 2016 - 4-H members will be required to enter their animals in the 4-H Online enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All rabbit project animals must be entered in the 4-H Online system no later than May 1 of the current project year (meat pen does in by April 1).
3. Rabbit members will enter their rabbits in either Breeding or Market. See images below. All 'bold' items are required. Images are optional.
4. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4HOnline. If an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



Rabbit - Breeding

Animal ID: If your animal has not been tattooed yet create a temporary number using your initials, MP for meat pen or SF for single fryer and the number of animal in increments. Example: EPSF01, EPSF02, EPSF03...

Tattoo:

Animal Name:

Sex:

Breed:

Other Breed:

Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy

Birth Weight: #.00-#.99

Colors And Markings:

Dam Name:

Dam Tattoo:

Sire Name:

Premise ID/Location ID:

Rabbit - Market

Animal ID:

Tattoo:

Sex:

Beginning Weight: #.00-#.99

Beginning Weight Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Breed:

Other Breed:

Ending Weight: #.00-#.99

Ending Weight Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Premise ID/Location ID:

State Fair Selection (office use only):

Animal Uploads

Resources

1. Adams County Fair Premium Book - Available at:
www.adamscountyextension.org
2. 4-H Project Leader
3. Adams County Extension Staff
4. County Fair Rabbit Superintendent
5. 4-H Rabbit Project Manual

Exhibit Requirements can be found at www.4h.colostate.edu

Record Book

Rabbit Project Members complete the Livestock E-Record. Must complete breeding supplement as well if applicable

Available at:

http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/#livestock

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