



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 Training

May 1:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

** Meat doe ID due April 1**

Mid June:

Animal Record Books Interview

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close **Early August:**

Adams County Fair

September:

Record Books Due (Friday before 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



Breed-



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) 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 Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are 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

Tag: **Animal Tag ID**

Tattoo:

Sex: **Male**

Breed: *

Colors And Markings: **Variety OR Colors/Markings OR list Other Breed**

Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy

Birth Weight: #.00-#.99

Dam Name:

Dam Tattoo:

Sire Name:

Animal Name: (optional)

Animal Uploads

Rabbit - Breeding (Photo 1)

Rabbit - Breeding (Photo 2)

(Image/PDF files)

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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...

Resources

- 4-H Rabbit Project Manual-MA2201 -Order through Club leader
- Adams County Fair Premium Book - Available at: www.adamscountyextension.org
- 4-H Project Leader
- Adams County Extension Staff
- County Fair Rabbit Superintendent
- Exhibit Requirements can be found at co4h.colostate.edu/

Stay up to date!

News/Events/Social Media Posts
adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm

Record Book

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

Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records/>

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Required Information:

Tattoo - ear tattoo #
Animal Name
Birth date - animals birth date
Sex
Breed

Optional Information

Photos
Tag
Color + Markings
Dam + Sire Info
Weight Info