



# 4-H RABBIT WORKSHEET

## Grade 7



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

### Step-by-step Processing of Rabbits

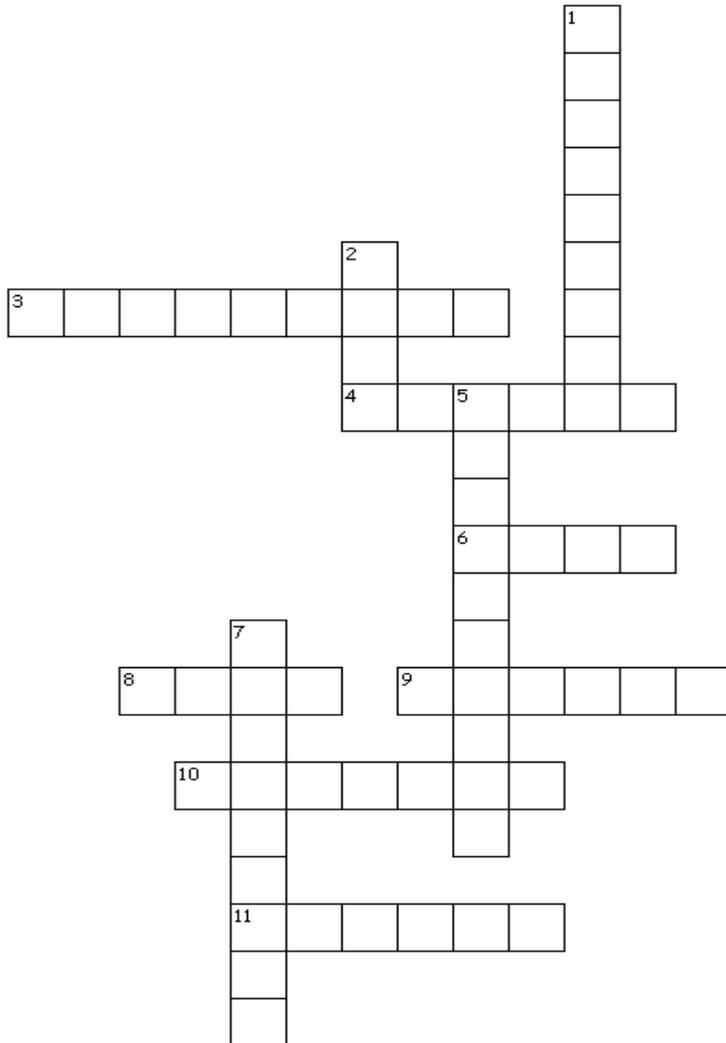
Place a number beside the step so that they are in the correct order that they would be completed.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Refrigerate carcass for 24 hours prior to cutting into usable cuts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suspend the rabbit upside down.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the heart and lungs by cutting from sternum to neck.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carefully separate the edges of the skin from the carcass, and pull the skin down over the animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The heart, liver and kidneys are edible by-products of the carcass and can be saved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the head at the atlas joint.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Render the rabbit unconscious.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rinse the carcass with cool water and remove all blood clots.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rinse carcass with cold water and soak in ice water no longer than 10 minutes to remove hairs and blood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Using your knife, remove the tail.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove rear legs by snapping the leg bone with your fingers just below the hock and cutting off with a knife.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Slit the abdominal wall of the carcass along the midline of the belly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Slit the skin just below the hock of the suspended leg.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the bladder whole and take out the entrails.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the front feet.

### Diseases and Health Conditions - Answer the following either True or False

1. You should observe your rabbit's behavior once a week to determine its health. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Signs of illness could include severe diarrhea or profuse nasal discharge. \_\_\_\_\_
3. If your rabbit starts to drink less water don't worry. It just means it is not thirsty. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other signs of illness can include grinding their teeth or trouble breathing. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You do not need to have a veterinarian if you are raising rabbits. \_\_\_\_\_

## Mineral Functions:



### Across

3. Necessary for functioning of the nervous system.
4. Necessary for hemoglobin formation.
6. Assists with transfer of nutrient to the cells and removal of waste materials. Important in making bile.
8. Enables blood to carry oxygen.
9. Constituent of Vitamin B-12.
10. Essential for development of normal bones and teeth.
11. Needed for thyroxin production.

### Down

1. For proper function of mammary glands and normal reproduction.
2. Component of several enzyme systems.
5. Necessary for enzyme activation.
7. Essential for nerve function, and appetite.

# DeKalb County 4-H Rabbit Record Sheet

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H (include this year) \_\_\_\_\_ Years in project (include this year) \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many rabbits do you have in your care this year? \_\_\_\_\_ List by age/sex/breed, the rabbits you have as of May 1st of this year:

	Breed Variety	Number	Value
Senior Buck			
Senior Doe			
6-8 Month Buck			
6-8 Month Doe			
Junior Buck			
Junior Doe			

Total Value \_\_\_\_\_

2. List the equipment and facilities you are using for your rabbits and the value.

	Describe Items	Number	Value
Hutches/Holes			
Feeders			
Waterers			
Nest Boxes			
Other Supplies			

3. How many pounds of pellets were fed from May 1 to Fair time? \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Cost

List other feed items and their costs fed during this time.

4. Did you purchase additional rabbits from May 1 until 4-H Fair? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No.  
 If yes, list the age/breed/sex and purchase cost for each rabbit purchased.

	Breed/Variety	Number	Value
Senior Buck			
Senior Doe			
6-8 Month Buck			
6-8 Month Doe			
Junior Buck			
Junior Doe			

5. What veterinary expenses did you have, if any? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. List three things you learned in the rabbit project:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What workshops, tours, judging events, shows, did you participate in?

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8. List resources used to gain information about this project (magazines, people, newsletters, etc.)

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9. What would you do to improve your 4-H rabbit project for next year? \_\_\_\_\_

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I reviewed this record sheet and affirm its information to be accurate.

Signature of 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 4-H Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_