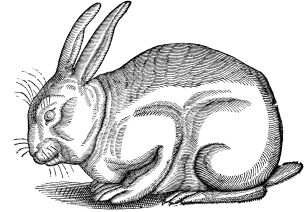


# RABBITS

**STATE FAIR ENTRY:** Yes

**EXHIBIT BY:** Class. Project manuals only are by division. All \* items must come to animal check-in.

Division	Project Book	Record Sheet
Beginner (grades 3 - 5)	BU-08080*	RAB1-12/11**
Intermediate (grades 6 - 8)	BU-08081*	RAB2-12/11**
Advanced (grades 9 - 12)	BU-08082*	RAB3-12/11**
Resource Book – 4-H 288 – Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits will be distributed by family the first year someone is in the project. Additional resource books may be purchased for \$4.00. Complete 3 activities in your project book each year.		



**JUDGING TIME:** Saturday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m. Check in: All rabbits must be checked in Saturday, July 17 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. All record books must be turned in on Saturday, July 17 for all rabbit exhibitors. Rabbits may be released on Mon. from 9 – 10 pm. If the 4-H'er wants to keep their animal longer on the fairgrounds, the final release time is on Thurs. evening after Royal Showmanship – 12 midnight. See species project committee prior to release.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The rabbit project is a good one for those who wish to own and show livestock but do not have the space or facilities for larger animals. Rabbits can be raised in a backyard. Members taking this project will learn the basics of rabbit selection, herd management, housing and nutrition. In addition they will also strengthen showmanship, public speaking, leadership skills by mentoring younger 4-Hers and demonstrating at public relations opportunities.

**OWNERSHIP:**

1. All animals must be owned by the 4-H member.
2. All animals must be in the 4-H member's possession by May 15. This includes the mother of the meat pen.

**RECORDS:**

1. All record books must be started by May 15.
2. All rabbit project record sheets will be turned in when the animals are checked-in at the fair. A committee will review the records and they must be at least 50% complete to show or sell at the auction. NOTE: 4-H'ers are required to do 3 activities in the record book and then record the activities on the record sheet.
3. A rabbit record sheet must be turned in at the time of project check-in even if the 4-H'er chooses not to exhibit.

**RULES - GENERAL:**

1. 4-H rabbits sold or purchased privately or offered for sale at public auction after May 15 and prior to the fair shall not be eligible to show. Posting "for sale" signage on the fairgrounds is not permitted.
2. 4-H rabbits shown at other shows after May 15 under different ownerships are not eligible to show.
3. Only show officials and exhibitors are permitted at the judge's table.
4. All questions should be directed to the Project Leader. Protest guidelines are outlined on page 19.
5. No animal may be substituted after MAY 15.
6. A meat pen is constituted by three rabbits of the same breed and same variety weighing 3.5 to 5.5 pounds each and not over 10 weeks of age. **Mother of meat pen must be in ownership by May 15.**
7. All 4-H Rabbit members must attend 1 health and safety meeting in order to be eligible for exhibition.

**REGISTRATION:**

1. All rabbits must be either purebreds and recognized by the ARBA or crossbred (not state fair eligible).
2. All 4-H rabbits (excluding meat pen) must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the left ear by May 15.
3. Rabbits to be shown must be registered in 4-H online on the 4-H member's profile by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Failure to

have the rabbit registration entered into 4-HOnline by the above deadline will prevent exhibition at Carroll County 4-H Rabbit show.

4. Responsibility of correctly entering all rabbits by class name (includes Breed, sex, variety and tattoo number) by **May 15**, rests with the 4-H'er.
5. **Each 4-H member must declare their entries in Fair Entry by July 1<sup>st</sup>.** 12 rabbits plus a meat pen of three and a single fryer may be exhibited. On the rabbit entry form, you may enter up to 16 animals and 1 meat pen. NOTE: Only 1 rabbit may be exhibited per class.

#### HEALTH:

Any livestock that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious must be treated by following the veterinary procedures process, outlined on page 24 in "Animal Policies". Failure to meet all health requirements will necessitate removal of all animals presented by exhibitor.

1. Any questionable animal will be brought to rabbit **project leader, 1<sup>st</sup> VP or Extension Educator** to determine treatment by accredited veterinarian or removal.
2. 4-H Market Animals shall not contain any foreign substance including: drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the USDA or FDA as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and at harvest.

#### RULES - BARN:

1. The 4-H'er is responsible for caring for their rabbits during the fair (feed, feeders, water and pans).
2. Pens must be cleaned BY THE 4-H EXHIBITOR prior to conclusion of the 4-H fair.
3. Signs are NOT allowed in livestock barns except those provided by the Carroll Co. 4-H Exhibit Assoc.
4. Members may put locks on the cages if they so desire, but they must see the Project Leader before doing so. The Project Leader is not responsible for keys.
5. Members are responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbit's daily. In case of an emergency, a rabbit in a locked cage will be the responsibility of the rabbit owner.

#### EXHIBIT:

1. **Any 4-H member wishing to show rabbits at the Carroll County 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair must be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Members must complete the certification course by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
2. At fair check-in, each animal must be designated to a specific 4-H'er and can only be shown by this 4-H'er throughout the entire county fair (including showmanship).
3. All livestock shown at the Carroll County 4-H Fair must be shown by a Carroll County 4-H member. Substitute showman request must be brought to the Project Leader for approval by the Carroll Co. 4-H Exhibit Board Livestock Committee 24 hours prior to the showing of the animal for these reasons – medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals or circumstances deemed unavoidable.
4. A 4-H'er may show a maximum of **12** entries plus one (1) meat pen and one single fryer with only one entry per class. One entry is constituted as any one of the following per breed or variety: one senior buck, one senior doe, one 6/8 buck, one 6/8 doe, one junior buck and one junior doe. Junior rabbits should meet minimum weight requirements for that breed.
5. Non-exhibited animals are not to be on the fairgrounds.
6. All 4-H members are responsible on the day of judging for carrying their 4-H rabbit to and from the judging table. If the 4-H'er needs assistance, they may ask an older member to help them out. No adults, except show officials, will be allowed at the judge's table during the rabbit show.
7. All classes will be judged according to the Standard of Perfection (published by the ARBA).
8. All rabbits must be checked-in at the Project Leader table before putting them in cages. All rabbits are expected to be free of disease or parasites. The Project Leader has the authority to either hold the rabbit for the vet to examine or to send it home immediately.
9. Animal release is listed on the schedule at the first time the specie is released. **(Mon. 9 – 10 pm: Rabbits and Lamas; Tues. 9 – 10 pm: Goats, Poultry and Sheep.; Wed. after beef show: Beef; Swine is Thurs. evening after Royal Showmanship – 12 midnight. If the 4-H'er wants to keep their animal longer on the fairgrounds, the final release time is on Thurs. evening after Royal Showmanship – 12 midnight. See species project committee prior to release.**
10. The two Best "Four Class", the two Best "Six Class", the two Best "Breeder's Class", and the two Best Crossbred Class" will be selected from the Best of Breed rabbits.
11. Best in show and Reserve Best in Show will be selected from the two Best "Four Class" and the two Best "Six Class".
12. All exhibitors must provide their own shavings for under their cages.

13. The Carroll County 4-H Rabbit Show's structure will run accordingly to ARBA show standards.
14. The Best in Show and Best Reserve in Show will be retired from exhibition at any future Carroll County 4-H fairs.

**CLASSES:**

NOTE: Maximum & Minimum weights of breeds must also be considered. \* **NO PRE-JUNIOR CLASSES\***

**6 CLASS RABBITS:**

1. Senior Buck - Rabbits over 8 months of age.
2. Senior Doe - Rabbits over 8 months of age.
3. 6/8 Buck - Rabbits 6 to 8 months of age.
4. 6/8 Doe - Rabbits 6 to 8 months of age.
5. Junior Buck - Rabbits up to 6 months of age.
6. Junior Doe - Rabbits up to 6 months of age.

**4 CLASS RABBITS:**

1. Senior Buck - Rabbits over 6 months of age.
2. Senior Doe - Rabbits over 6 months of age.
3. Junior Buck - Rabbits under 6 months of age
4. Junior Doe - Rabbits under 6 months of age.

**Breeder's Class** – Entry shall consist of 1 rabbit per 4-H'er. Rabbit must be born between the previous year's fair and the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the current year's fair. Rabbit must be born and raised on the 4-H'ers property.

**Meat Pen Class** - Three rabbits from the same variety weighing at least 3.0 and not over 5.5 pounds each and not over 10 weeks of age. The rabbits should be as near the same size and same weight as possible. Only one meat pen per year may be shown by those members who wish to show. Meat pens are counted as one rabbit when counting number of rabbits to be shown. A meat pen will be placed in one pen only. Rabbits shown in Meat Pen Class cannot be shown in any other class.

**Single Fryer Class**- Entry shall consist of 1 rabbit weighing 3.0-5.5 pounds and not more than 10 weeks old by the day of show. Only 1 single fryer may be shown by those members who wish to show. (The mother of the single fryer must be in ownership by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible.)

**Costume Class**- This costume class is for 1 rabbit in costume and decorated one-hole carrier, to be judged after Best In Show. Entry will be judged on theme, originality, rabbit tolerance of costume and a 1 minute narrative to be read during the class.

**Crossbred Class** – Any rabbit of a cross-bred or unknown variety will be entered in this class, at the discretion of the 4-H rabbit committee.

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

1. Competition in showmanship contests for livestock exhibitors will be open to all 4-H exhibitors in projects in which they are enrolled.
2. Be sure to wear a long sleeved shirt or jacket during showmanship.
3. The following classes will be offered:
  - Junior – grades 3 - 5
  - Intermediate – grades 6 - 8
  - Senior – grades 9 – 12 or above
4. Showmanship winners must lay out one year of competition unless they advance to the next division.
5. Once a 4-H member advances to the next division, the 4-H member is not allowed to return to the previous division.
6. Small Animal Premier Showman winners cannot participate in Senior Showman for any of the goat, poultry or rabbit species.
7. Anyone registered in the 4-H rabbit project may compete in showmanship using **any** rabbit that they have checked in.

**STATE FAIR REQUIREMENTS:**

For information on State Fair entries and classes contact the Extension Office.

1. 4-H animals sold or purchased privately or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the State Fair.

2. 4-H animals exhibited at other shows after the 4-H enrollment deadline under a different name will not be eligible to show at the State Fair in a 4-H class. This term / condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility, regardless of whether or not the sibling is a 4-H member.
3. 4-H animals in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted at the State Fair that are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View," "Smith Oak," "John Doe & William Smith," "Long Oak & William Smith," etc.) ACCEPTABLE REGISTRATIONS ARE: (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), (6) Family corporations, where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof by certificate of stock must be supplied on or before the enrollment, (7) Family partnerships where the 4-H member's father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on legal notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline.