

## Market Rabbit Project & Record Book 4-H 225

As an Advisor, Parent, Project Helper or Judge this list will be useful in ensuring each age level **Beginner** (grades 3 through 5), **Intermediate** (grades 6 through 8), and **Advanced** (grades 9 and up) finishes required records and book work and prepares the child for judging, and culminates in being able to show at the Hardin County Fair.

As a first year member in this Market Rabbit Project the following books will be necessary to complete the project and will then be used for all of the levels listed above. **Market Rabbit Project and Record Book 226 & Rabbit Resource Handbook 4-H 228R**. There are also optional Resources: **The Standard of Perfection 2016-2020 from the American Rabbit Breeders Association or online at arba.net that would be very helpful as well.** (These books can be purchased at your Hardin County Extension Office located at 1021 W. Lima St., Suite 103. Kenton, Ohio.43326. PH: 419 674-2297

The following guidelines are for each age level of this project and what they need to have to complete their project books and be prepared for the interview process and end with culmination of the fair.

**Beginner:** Complete project book requirements to the best of your ability; study skill-a-thon topic(s)

**Intermediate:** Must complete all sections required for “intermediate” level. Complete Topic of Interest Summary (essay) if interested in going to Outstanding.

**Advanced:** If this is your first year in the project, all sections required for “advanced” level must be completed, as well as a five to ten minute presentation (poster, portfolio, electronic). If you have taken project previously, must have records (electronic or book) completed to turn in

Animal needs to be in your possession by the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Unless otherwise noted all project levels complete the following sections**

**Front Cover:** Complete

**Why Keep Records:** (pg. 1) Read

**Market Rabbit Project Record Book Background:** (pg. 1) Read

**Member Project Guide:** (pg. 2) Read and Complete

**All ages and levels** need to complete project guide as well as **at least:**

- 1 topic of interest (pg. 3) Choose topic and include written Summary (pg.4).
- 5 learning activities **Beginner** (pg. 5-10) **Intermediate** (pgs. 11-16) & **Advanced** (pgs. 17-22) Choose, notate finish date, helper’s initials.
- 2 learning experiences (pg. 23) Choose, notate finish date.
- 2 leadership & citizenship activities (pgs. 24 & 25) Choose, notate finish date, helper’s initials.

**Complete Quality Assurance** (all pgs. 26-37\*) **Beginner** members will need to read and use Resource Book 4-H 228R to answer questions in this section. **Intermediate** & **Advanced** members will need to read and refresh from years prior if using the same book numerous years.

- **Attend a Quality Assurance Training:** (only need to attend one) Available Dates
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- **Project Animal Pictures** (pgs. 27 & 28) \* Optional for all **Beginners**. Attach to Project Book or in a Binder
  - **Medicine Label/Treatment Record Activity Sheet** (pgs. 29 & 30) Read & Complete
  - **How to Read a Feed Tag** (pgs. 31 & 32) Read & Complete
  - **Quality Assurance Questions** (pg. 33) Read & Complete. Rabbit Resource will be needed to complete these questions.
  - **Youth and Parent/Guardian Agreement** (pg. 34) Read, Complete & Sign
  - **My Rabbits Care** (pgs. 35 & 36) Read & Complete
  - **Picture or sketch of animal's pen** \*(pg.37) \* This is optional for **Beginners** only.
  - **Record Book Section:** (pgs. 38-58\*) \*Some activities are not required for certain age levels
  - **Projected Budget-Costs** (pgs. 39 & 40) Read & Complete. Optional for **Beginners** and **Intermediates**.
  - **Facilities and Equipment Inventory** (pg. 41) Read & Complete
  - **Feed and Supplements Inventory** (pg. 42) Read & Complete
  - **Market Rabbit Inventory** (pg. 43) Complete
  - **Operating Expenses** (pg. 44) Complete
  - **Feed Expense Record** (pg. 45) Complete, Attach receipts.
  - **Income Record** (pg. 46) Complete
  - **Profit or Loss Statement:** (pg. 47)
  - **Breeding Records:** (pg. 48)\*Optional For **Beginners** & **Intermediate**
  - **Buck Breeding Records** (pg. 49)\* Optional for **Beginners** & **Intermediate**
  - **Rate of Gain** (pg. 50)
  - **Growth Chart Example** (pg. 51)
  - **Project Weight Record** (pg. 52)
  - **Growth Chart** (pg. 53)
  - **Chore Sheet** (pg. 54) Complete
  - **Show Records** (pg. 55) Complete. \*Optional for **Beginners** and **Intermediates**
  - **Pedigree Record** (pg. 56) Complete. Optional for **Beginners** & **Intermediates**
  - **Loss/(Death and Mortality) Record** (pg. 57) Complete
  - **Learning Experiences** (pg. 58) Complete
  - Answer Key for various sections within Record Book: (pgs. 59 & 60)

**Project Review with Parents and Advisors:** Parent Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Initials \_\_\_\_\_

- **County Interview Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **County Judging Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **County Fair Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations you have finished your Market Breeding Rabbit Project & Record Book for the year!  
We hope you enjoyed this and we can't wait to see you next year! Good Luck at the Fair!**

\*=special instructions for project age level

**Specific requirements for Meat/Market Pen Requirements at the Hardin County Fair.**

Members of Hardin County 4-H Market Rabbit Projects are allowed a total of 8 Breeding Rabbits per exhibitor to be shown in either Commercial or Fancy Breed Categories as well as the 3 Market/Meat Rabbits.

The rabbits must be owned and in your possession by June 1st for Breeding Rabbits. Market Rabbits will be required to have a tattoo that is given by the Rabbit Committee on the 2nd Saturday in August of the current 4-H year. Only rabbits that are given this tattoo will be eligible for show, any other tattoo given in the right ear will render these animals ineligible for showing at the Hardin County Fair. 12 animals can be given this tattoo in August however you can still only show 3 of them at Fair.

Market Rabbits need to be all the same breed and color and weigh from 3 to 5 lbs. as of the day of the show and must have been bred by the member. **NO PURCHASED MEAT PENS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE HARDIN COUNTY FAIR.** The total weight for the entire pen will be from 9 to 15 lbs.

**In Order to be eligible to show at the Hardin County Fair with a Market pen there are papers that must be filled out and turned in by June 1st. These are the RABBIT REGISTRATION FORM (This is to be filled out for all rabbits that show at the FAIR) and SECTION II RABBIT BREEDING.**