# 2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair Doe and Litter Record Book

**Name**: _____ **DOB**: _____

**Club Name**: _____

**Advisor's Name**: _____

**# of Years in Breed Rabbit Project**: _____ **# of Years in Doe and Litter Project**: _____

I hereby certify that, as the leader of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this record book.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my child has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations.

Parent/Gaudian Signature: _____ Date: _____

## Why Take a Doe and Litter Project?

The purpose of the Doe and Litter project is to give youth the chance to educate themselves on raising rabbits and experience raising a litter of purebred rabbits from the process of selecting a breeding pair to weaning the litter.

Rabbits have many uses. Decide why you are breeding and make goals that will help you to be successful. Some possible reasons to breed rabbits include:
- Exhibition: All ARBA recognized breeds can be shown at ARBA and county fair shows. If you are breeding with the goal of producing show animals, make sure your breeding stock are good representatives of their breed as it is described in the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Pets: Rabbits with good temperaments and with a family history of good health make excellent pets. Even if your goal is breeding show-quality rabbits, not all kits in a litter will be of high enough quality to show and/or breed, so these rabbits can also be sold as pets.
- Fur/Wool: Some breeds are bred to be used for their wool or their pelts, such as rex and angora breeds.
- Meat: Commercial breeds can also be used for the doe and litter project. The offspring will not be sold at the market auction, but you can potentially be producing your brood animals to use the following project year or to sell to other market exhibitors.

## Why Keep Records?

By keeping records, you will be able to see how you progress you make this year and over the course of your 4-H career a s you set goals and work to accomplish them.

Good records will:
- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of feed they require, and their habits.
- Increase your understanding of your project's financial outcome.
- Assist you in gathering information to market your animals.
- Improve your management practices.
- Keep track of your project activities and learning experiences.
- Allow you to better plan for future livestock projects.

**Project Plan and Goals**
Complete this section at the beginning of the project. If you would like, type your answers and attached a printed copy here.

1. What is your goal for breeding rabbits? What are you trying to produce?

2. What is your plan for the rabbits you produce?

3. How will you fund your project (cages, breeding stock, feed, nest boxes, etc.)?

4. Which rabbits will you breed together? How did you choose this pairing?

5. Will you keep any of the offspring? If so, how will you choose which one(s)?

6. Will you sell any of the offspring? If so, how will you choose which are sold? How will you sell them?

7. What will you send with the offspring that you sell?

8. If you intend to sell offspring, what is your plan for kits that you cannot sell?

**Dam Beginning Photos**
Attach a posed photograph of your brood doe at the beginning of the project (before she is bred).

Date of Photo: _____

**Sire Photo**
Attach a posed photograph of the buck your brood doe was bred to.

Date of Photo: _____

**Breeding Records**
Keep track of **all** the breedings you do in 2026.

Sire Tattoo Number: _____

Dam Tattoo Number: _____

Date Bred: _____

Date Born: _____

Number Born: _____

Litter Notes:


Sire Tattoo Number: _____

Dam Tattoo Number: _____

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Date Born: _____

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Dam Tattoo Number: _____

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Sire Tattoo Number: _____

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Number Born: _____

Litter Notes:

## Exhibited Doe and Litter
Complete this information for the litter you will exhibit at fair.

**Doe Information:**

Tattoo Number: _____
Variety: _____
DOB: _____
Date Bred: _____
Date Palpated (if done): _____
Date Nestbox Given: _____

**Litter Information:**

DOB: _____
Total Number Born: _____
Number Dead on Arrival: _____
Number Lost After Birth: _____
Notes:

**Individual Kit Information:**

Tattoo #: _____        Tattoo #: _____
Sex: _____             Sex: _____
Variety: _____         Variety: _____
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**Litter Beginning Photos**
Attach photographs of your litter at the beginning of the project.

Date of Photo: _____

**Litter Ending Photos**
Attach photographs of your litter at the end of the project.

Date of Photo: _____

## Litter Pedigree

Complete a pedigree for one of the kits in your exhibited litter and attach it here. A blank pedigree has been provided on the next page and can be copied, but feel free to use you own template or pedigree software. Even if your brood stock is not pedigreed, you can begin a pedigree for their offspring.

For more information on filling out pedigrees, visit:

https://rabbittutor.com/breeding

https://hiddenmountainrabbitry.weebly.com/blog/category/record-keeping

https://thenaturetrail.com/care/registration/

# RABBIT PEDIGREE

Ear # _____
Sold To _____
Address _____
Date Sold _____
Breed _____
Variety _____
Sex _____
Date Born _____

SIRE _____
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I hereby certify that this pedigree is correct
to the best of my knowledge and belief.
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Rabbit Tutor

How do you learn?
Wwww.RabbitTutor.com

## Herd Inventory
Use this page to track all the rabbits you own for your breeding project.

| Tattoo # | Breed | Variety | DOB | Sex | Notes |
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**Financial Summary**

Use the following income and expense pages to complete this summary and determine if you made a profit or loss this year.

**Income**

1.  Money earned selling rabbits (from Rabbit Income)          _____

2.  Value of rabbits processed for home use          _____

3.  Total of lines 1-2          _____


**Expenses**

4.  Cost of rabbits purchased in 2026 (from Rabbit Expenses)          _____

5.  Cost of feed (from Feed Expenses)          _____

6.  Cost of miscellaneous expenses (from Miscellaneous Expenses)          _____

7.  Total of lines 4-6          _____



**Profit or Loss (subtract line 7 from line 3)**          _____

## Feed Expenses
Use this page to track all expenses for feed, hay, and supplements.

| Expense | Date | Quantity | Price Each | Total Price |
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Attach a feed tag to this page.

## Miscellaneous Expenses
Use this page to track all expenses for bedding, cages, bowls, feeders, carriers, vet fees, medications, etc.

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## Rabbit Expenses
Use this page to track expenses from buying rabbits.

| Rabbit Info (tattoo #, age, sex, breed, variety) | Bought For (brood stock, exhibition, etc.) | Date Purchased | Purchase Price |
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## Rabbit Income
Track income from selling rabbits.

| Rabbit Info<br>(tattoo #, age, sex, breed, variety) | Type of Sale<br>(brood stock, pet, potential show animal, cull) | Date Sold | Sale Price |
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# Health Records
Keep track of any medications or other treatments given to your rabbits.

| Tattoo # | Illness/Problem | Treatment | Withdrawal Time | Cost (including vet fees) |
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## Leadership and Learning Activities
Complete at least three leadership or learning activities during the project year.

| Activity | Date Completed | Parent/Guardian/Advisor Signature | Notes |
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Activity Ideas: attend ARBA show, attend the Jr. Fair Fun Show, hold an office in your club, attend a county informational meeting, visit a breeder's rabbitry, help younger members with showmanship, participate in showmanship, participate in a volunteer opportunity, join the Jr. Fair board, join your breed's national club, help a younger member with their rabbits

**Supplemental Materials**

If you want to be able to advertise your doe and litter kits as "for sale" at fair, the following supplemental materials must be turned in with this **completed** record book before 8:00 pm on check-in day of fair. Remember, committee members are not responsible for advertising or helping with sales of rabbits.

1. Your "for sale" sign to be attached to your pen
   a. Signs can be no larger than half a standard sheet of printer paper (8.5"x5.5").
   b. Signs should state breed, age, and contact info (phone number or email address) at minimum.
   c. Signs can be handwritten or typed but must be easily read.
   d. Cardstock or laminated paper will hold up better, but no matter what, make a copy or two for accidents.

2. A care guide to give buyers
   a. Give the rabbits you produce a better chance of success in their new homes with a basic care guide.
   b. Your guide should give an overview of housing, feedings, and basic care (grooming, cleaning, etc.)
   c. Make sure your guide is specific to your breed.
   d. These can be typed or handwritten. If handwritten, writing must be clear and easily read.

**Project Reflections**
Complete this section at the end of the project. If you would like, type your answers and attached a printed copy here.

1. What did you learn this year?

2. What did you do differently this year than in previous years?

3. What is something you could do to improve next year?