



Project Tips - Rabbits

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

May-March:

MQA Training

May 1:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

** Meat doe ID due April 1**

Animal Care (Primary care) Form Due

Mid June:

Animal Record Books Interview

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close **Early August:**

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal 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



Breeding



Market



About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise rabbit to exhibit • Select/breed a rabbit based on breed, confirmation, size etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your rabbit's breed standards and faults when exhibiting to a judge. • Help another member train their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate proper and safe showmanship practices • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible citizenship • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice showing my animal regularly • Feed, water, and care for my animal daily • Learn from mistakes or failures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-discipline • Self-responsibility • Character

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.



Log in to 4hOnline

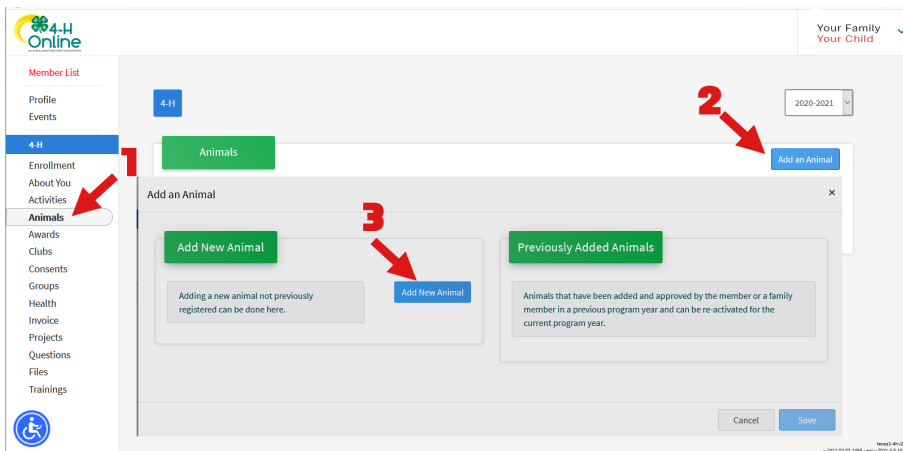
Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window

animals will not carry over from the old version of 4hOnline



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...

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

Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's rabbit leader & other rabbit members
3. Order the rabbit project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook and the rabbit doe or buck supplement
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Manual - OSU - 4-H Rabbit Project Handbook*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - Available at: www.adamscountyextension.org*
- *4-H Project Leader or Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*
- *Rabbit Judging team/coach*

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 and Doe, Buck, or Litter Supplement (mark N/A if did not breed). Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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