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Wyoming 4-H Livestock Projects



The 4-H Rabbit Project: AN INTRODUCTION

Enjoy the exciting experiences
and educational challenges
of caring for and learning
from another creature



4-H Livestock Projects Offer....

Fun and exciting experiences—the joy of making new friends through club meetings, county fair activities, state fair events, and national programs.

Challenges—the responsibility of caring for an animal and learning about production, management, nutrition, health, grooming, showing, and ethics.

Life skills—the understanding of citizenship, leadership, self-respect, coping, decision making, and caring for others that leads to a positive and productive life.

Competition—the opportunity to exhibit an animal, demonstrate showmanship, display sportsmanship, and produce record books.

Goals for the 4-H Rabbit Project....

4-H Members can learn about:

- Breeds and Types of Rabbits
- Correct Nutrition and Care
- Proper Care and Management
- Selection and Production Practices
- Breeding and Feeding Procedures
- Proper Fitting and Grooming Skills
- Showmanship Skills and Techniques
- Ethics and Sportsmanship

Opportunities in the 4-H Rabbit Project....

4-H Members can:

- Participate in the County Fair
- Participate in the State Fair
- Participate in Progress Shows
- Participate in Breed Association Activities
- Become a member of a Judging Team
- Attend National Events and Activities
- Become a Junior Leader and assist younger members with their projects.

Ownership, Possession, and Financial Estimations for the 4-H Rabbit Project....

Market Rabbits (bucks and does)

Purchase cost: \$5 and up with an average cost of about \$15.

Feed: Provide 6 to 8 ounces of feed per day plus hay, which is about 15 pounds of feed per month plus hay.

Sale of meat pen (three rabbits): \$125.

Possession/ownership date: An exhibitor must own the doe prior to kindling the kits for the meat pen. The meat pen can be exhibited for one show season.

Exhibition Rabbits (bucks and does)

Purchase cost: \$15 and up with an average cost of \$40 depending on age, sex, and breed.

Feed for mature animals: Provide 6 to 8 ounces of feed per day plus hay, which is about 15 pounds of feed per month plus hay. This varies greatly depending on the age, sex, and breed of the animal as well as the length/stage of gestation or lactation of the doe.

Sale of exhibition rabbits: Exhibition rabbits are not typically sold at the county fair. They are usually retained by the exhibitors for the production of kits, or they are sold via private treaty sales.

Possession/ownership date: June 1st. It is possible to show an exhibition rabbit for more than one show season.