



Rabbit Project Tipsheet

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[Colorado 4-H Rabbit Tipsheet](#)

Rabbit Projects

Market Rabbit

Breeding/Show Rabbit

"Breeding" does not mean mating in 4-H, it means the rabbit is a specific, known breed)

Rabbit Classes at the Adams County Fair

See [Fair Premium Book](#) for detailed/updated class info

- **Showmanship**
- **Premier Exhibitor**
- **Poster Exhibit**
- **Dress a Rabbit**
- **Breed**
- **Pet**
- **Production**
- **Meat Pen**
- **Meat: Single Fryer**

Rabbit Opportunities

Rabbit Judging (rabbit not required)

Check the [Fourcast](#) regularly for rabbit-related events

2024-2025 Timeline

See [Animal Project Save-the-Dates](#) for detailed/updated deadline info

February 1: 4-H Returning Member Enrollment Deadline

April 1: 4-H New Member Enrollment Deadline

April 28 & 29: Meat Quality Assurance Training & Test

May 1: Animal ID due on 4-HOnline ** Meat doe ID due April 1, Animal Care and Housing Form due to 4-H Office

June 5: Fair Entry website opens

June 23 & 24: Animal Record Book Interviews

July 1: Fair Entry website closes

August 1: Rabbit Show at the Adams County Fair

August 29: Record Book Due

View the [4-H Calendar](#)

Questions?

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Project Requirements

Rabbit Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following:

- ✓ Enroll in the Rabbit Project in 4-HOnline
- ✓ Complete and submit an [Animal Care and Housing Form](#) to the 4-H office by May 1
- ✓ Identify all rabbits in 4-HOnline by May 1 (**Meat doe ID due April 1)
 - Required in 4-H Online:
 - Tattoo number (if your rabbit is not tattooed yet, enter "000")
 - Breed
 - Sex
 - Animal Name
 - Animal birthdate
 - Optional in 4-H Online:
 - Photo
 - Tag number
 - Color + markings
 - Sire/dam info
 - Weight
 - For a how-to guide to animal ID in 4-H Online, click Rabbit on the [state 4-H Online page](#), tab: Family Resources
- ✓ Attend the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training once per year and pass the MQA test
- ✓ Keep record of your rabbit project in the Livestock Record Book available for download on the [Colorado 4-H website](#)
- ✓ Market Rabbits ONLY: get your rabbits tattooed either at our county clinic or elsewhere
- ✓ Present an up-to-date Livestock Record Book (also called e-record) with a green record book cover (buy [here](#)) at Record Book Interviews
- ✓ Enter fair classes on the Fair Entry website by July 1
- ✓ Complete and turn in the Livestock Record Book with a green cover and any necessary [supplements](#) for breeding rabbits by Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

Recommendations

- Buy or borrow a copy of the [Rabbit Resource Handbook](#)
- Visit our [Rabbit Project Page](#)
- Read the General Rules, Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules, and 4-H Rabbits sections of the [Fair Premium Book](#)
- Attend the Rabbit/Cavy Tattoo Clinic in June (market rabbits are **required** to attend)
- Join the Rabbit Judging Team



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