Do you like rabbits? Do you want to learn how to raise and care for rabbits? Then this project is for you. It is suggested that you start with a doe rabbit and extend the project each year that you take the project. You will want to enroll in the fall to prepare for receiving your animal.

Livestock e-records are to be used for market and breeding rabbits.

Companion rabbits are to use the Companion Animal e-records.

### Starting Out
- Learn about rabbits
- Learn to identify the parts of a rabbit
- Identify breeds of rabbits
- Evaluate different rabbit breeds
- Purchase, feed and care for rabbits
- Learn about goal setting
- Evaluate project with leader
- Learn how to keep records
- Learn how to assume responsibility
- Do a demonstration about rabbits

### Learning More
- Learn about nutritional requirements for rabbits
- Investigate rabbit breeds
- Learn how to select the type of rabbit project—breeding, market or companion
- Learn about goal setting
- Identify common rabbit diseases
- Exhibit the rabbit at the county fair or other rabbit shows
- Develop public speaking skills
- Do a demonstration about rabbits

### Exploring Depth
- How to deal with current issues relating to raising rabbits
- Gain leadership skills by helping other learn about rabbits
- Explore career opportunities in the rabbit industry
- Investigate technology’s impact in the rabbit project
- Exhibit rabbits at the county fair or other rabbit shows
- Develop public speaking skills
- Build lifelong friendships

### Project Available
- Breeding Rabbit
- Market Rabbit
- Companion Rabbit—(County Only Project)

### Resources
- Rabbit Resource Handbook
- Livestock e-Records for market and breeding rabbits
- Companion Animal e-Record (Jr./Int./Sr.) - Companion Rabbit
- Showmanship Standard Source: www.arba.net

### Tips
- Rabbits should have an all-wire cage for a 6-7 lb. rabbit and should be at least 2’ wide by 18” high by 2’ long. The best wire to use is wire that is 1/2” x 1/4”. Hardware cloth wire is extremely rough on rabbits feet. Rabbits need a sitting board 6-8” square or larger to prevent sore hocks and feet.
- Outside cages need a shady roof and protection from rain, wind, drafts, dampness, and direct sun during the hot summer months. Rabbits are extremely susceptible to heat. Baby rabbits cannot stand a chilly draft.
- To cool a rabbit, put a gallon jug of frozen water in the cage. Put long wet towels on the sides of the cage. Dampen the roof with cool water.
- Rabbits need plenty of fresh, clean ice-free water each day.
- Clean the crock or water bottle every few days with a mild solution and warm soapy water.
- A doe and her litter will drink about a gallon of water a day.
- Clean the cage regularly by removing all droppings from the cage every day.
- At least once a month, clean, and disinfect the cage and tray.
- Keep the area around the pen clean and neat.
- Keep other pets and rodents away.
- Do not handle pregnant females too much and keep males away.
- Always check for parasites such as lice and fleas.
- Market Meat Pen Rabbits—when purchasing meat rabbits be sure to communicate with your club leader or a reputable breeder.