



# Rabbit Project Tipsheet

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Link: [Colorado 4-H Rabbit Project](#)

## Rabbit Projects

- Market Rabbit
- Breeding/Show Rabbit
  - "Breeding" does not mean mating and reproducing in 4-H, it means the rabbit is a specific, known breed.

## Rabbit Classes at the Adams County Fair

View the [Fair Premium Book](#) for detailed/updated class info.

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

## Rabbit Opportunities

- **Rabbit Judging** (rabbit not required):  
3rd Tuesday of each month Feb-May
- **Rabbit Project Workshops:**  
Feb 3, Apr 14, Jun 2, Jul 14 at the Fairgrounds
- **Check the Adams County [Fourcast Newsletter](#)**  
regularly for rabbit-related events.

## 2025-2026 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 27 & 28:** Meat Quality Assurance Training & Test

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

**June 3:** Fair Entry website opens

**June 22 & 30:** Animal Record Book Interviews

**July 1:** Fair Entry website closes

**July 14:** AdCo ear tag clinic

**July 31:** Rabbit Show at the Adams County Fair

**September 4:** 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-H Online
- ✔ Complete and submit an [Animal Care and Housing Form](#) to the 4-H office by May 1
- ✔ Identify all rabbits in 4-H Online 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

- ✔ 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](#)
- ✔ 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](#)
- Read the General Rules, Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules, and 4-H Rabbits sections of the [Fair Premium Book](#)
- Attend the rabbit workshops
- Join the Rabbit Judging Team



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