

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 Book** for detailed/updated class info.*

- **Showmanship**
- **Breed**
- **Pet**
- **Production**
- **Meat Pen**
- **Meat: Single Fryer**
- **Dress a Rabbit**
- **Animal Science Discovery - Rabbit**

Rabbit Opportunities

- **Rabbit Judging** (rabbit not required): Nov 17, Jan 16
- **Rabbit Project Workshops:** Rabbit Showmanship Jun 15 at the Fairgrounds
- **Check the Adams County Fourcast Newsletter** regularly for rabbit-related events.

2026-2027 Timeline

February 1: 4-H Returning Member Enrollment Deadline

April 1: Meat Doe Animal ID due on 4-HOnline and Animal Care & Housing Form due to the 4-H office. 4-H New Member Enrollment Deadline

April 26 & 27: Meat Quality Assurance Training & Test - required for market rabbit only

May 1: Animal ID due on 4-HOnline and Animal Care & Housing Form due to the 4-H Office

June 3: Fair Entry website opens

June 21 & 29: Animal Record Book Interviews

July 1: Fair Entry website closes

August 6: Rabbit Show at the Adams County Fair

September 3: 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-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

- Market rabbit only - Attend the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training once per year and pass the MQA test
- Keep record of your rabbit project in the Companion Animal Record Book (unless you are doing market rabbit, in which case use 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 Book
- Attend the rabbit workshops
- Join the Rabbit Judging Team

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