

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR FURBEARER PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Select animals which are alert and healthy
2. Select a species adapted to your situation
3. Prepare a clean, draft-free environment
4. Purchase animals from a reputable breeder
5. Provide adequate feed dishes
6. Feed a proper food diet
7. Clean feeders daily
8. Provide necessary cages
9. Keep clean, fresh bedding in cage
10. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water
11. Empty and clean cage regularly
12. Develop and implement a sound health plan
13. Consult with your veterinarian to prevent and control internal and external parasites
14. Vaccinate animals routinely at proper times
15. Use proper restraint procedures
16. Develop a permanent identification system
17. Keep accurate production records on each female
18. Market and sell offspring
19. Properly tan and store furs
20. Track market trends
21. Market fur at optimum time
22. Keep accurate enterprise records
23. Summarize and analyze records