

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR RABBIT 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. Choose long, thick, meat-type animals
3. Prepare a clean, draft-free hutch with ample room
4. Confine bunnies for maximum growth
5. Provide adequate feeder space
6. Feed a high-quality rabbit ration
7. Provide adequate roughage
8. Supply a salt cake
9. Use feeders which will keep fur clean
10. Keep clean, fresh bedding
11. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water
12. Clean hutch or pens routinely
13. Develop and implement a sound health plan
14. Control internal and external parasites
15. Train rabbits for show
16. Correctly carry and handle a rabbit
17. Use proper restraint procedures
18. Properly fill out a show entry form
19. Maintain accurate breeding records
20. Select a buck to mate with your does
21. Use a proven buck
22. Palpate does
23. Prepare a clean, properly-sized nesting box
24. Learn how to sex young bunnies
25. Make feed available to young at several weeks
26. Cull any does with problems or bad temperament
27. Keep accurate production records on each doe
28. Use proper procedure for slaughtering
29. Properly tan hide for market
30. Collect Angora fur routinely
31. Track market trends and habits
32. Market and sell young does
33. Market bunnies at optimum time
34. Develop a private market for bunnies and fur
35. Complete a registration application
36. Keep accurate enterprise records
37. Summarize and analyze records