

Breeding and Market Rabbits



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Where to keep them:

- Rabbits are not kept at district facilities
- You must keep them at your house or at a family member's house.









Supplies needed for rabbit owners

Breeder may have supplies available for purchase



Hutch - tractor supply \$49.99



Hutch - @ Tractor Supply \$149.99



Water Bottles (32 oz.) - @ Petco \$11.99



Nesting box (you're going to have to build it. 5x7 wooden sides with a wire bottom)



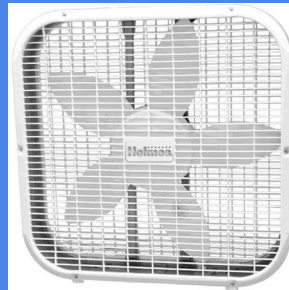
Clamp Light - \$17.99 @ Ace Hardware



Hutch - @ Petco \$299.99



Feeder - @ Petco \$11.99



Box fan - @ Walmart \$16.88



Timothy Hay - @ Petco \$7.99



Grooming (nail clippers and brush) – set \$11.99 @ Petco

Supplies (con't)



Livengood feed – located off of 249 between Alice Rd. and 2920 on the feeder - \$13.50 for a 50 lbs. bag

Campho-Phenique
To be used to treat ear mites - breeding rabbits only



Lindner- @ Double J's Feed
15334 BOUDREAUX RD –



Carrier cage - \$70.00 on Amazon



Ivermax
dewormer –
Approx. \$29.00
@ Livengood
Feeds

Market Rabbits

- Must own at least 2 does and 1 buck (trio) in order to breed your show rabbits.
- New Zealand or Californians.
- **You must own these by Sept. 30th**
- You cannot buy your market rabbits
 - **you must breed your trio to produce your market rabbits for show**

Maintenance - Adults

- For New Zealand and Californian Rabbits – feed 6 oz. daily
- Keep water bottles full
- When it's hot, keep fans on them
- You must keep these rabbits at your house, there is no barn facility for them.
- Must keep rabbits on wire floors.
- Any questions may be answered by the breeder or your Ag. Teachers.



Breeding time & Babies

- Your rabbits need to be bred around Halloween
- Before the breeding date, check to see when the rabbit is in heat.
- The babies should be born around Thanksgiving.
- One week before the expected birth date, the nesting box should be placed in the cage filled with hay for the doe to prepare the nest.
- As the birthing date gets closer, watch the doe closely. Many doe, not all, pull their fur to add to the nest as the time gets nearer.
- As the babies are being born, the doe may scatter them around the cage rather than birthing them in the box. You need to wear rubber gloves, let the doe smell your hand, then gently move the babies into the box. DO NOT touch the babies with your bare hands because the doe may abandon that baby.



After the babies are born...

- When the temperature drops below 75 degrees F, you need to have a light over the nesting box to keep the babies warm. Make sure that the bedding in the nesting box is clean, and there is enough bedding to keep them warm because the light will not be enough. Do not use a heat lamp or a light bulb over 75 W because it could burn the babies.
- If you notice that the babies aren't getting enough to eat, you can use a kitten milk replacement to supplement the mother's milk.
- When the babies start climbing out of the nesting box, then you can take the box out of the cage.
- They will start eating pellets around the same time that they leave the box.



Before show...

- Be sure to keep up with the rabbits' nails. They need to be trimmed.
- Their fur needs to be groomed.
- Check ears for mites and clean ears gently.
- Have someone that knows what to look for to help you in choosing your meat pin and the breeder that you want to show.



Rabbit Breeders

- Bobbi Smith (New Zealand Rabbits)
 - 936-372-2883
- Vera Rudel (Californian Rabbits)
 - 346-818-8138
- Bryan Brodus (Californian Rabbits)
 - 713-806-2172
- Heaton Rabbits (Californian Rabbits)
 - 361-564-8764

Important Dates

September 30th: Must own breeding rabbits

October 5th: Breeding Rabbit entry due

November 1st: Breed rabbits

27-30th: Baby rabbits should be born

December 7th: Market Rabbit entry due

January 24th: Market Rabbit validation 3:30pm

February 8th: Check in for rabbits 6-7:30am

Rabbit show 8am

9th: Auction and sale

More Information -

What to do

If your animal stops eating.....Tell an Ag. Teacher first

If your animal has diarrheaTell an Ag. Teacher first

When there is a problem please, ask your Ag. Teachers first.