In the rabbit project, you can learn about selection and raising your animals, health issues, management practices and careers.

- Learn the basic principles of animal science by owning, caring for and keeping records on one or more head of rabbits.
- Explore information on sound breeding, feeding and management practices.

Pass it on!
Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

**Communication**
- Design a poster on parts of the animal.
- Participate in workshops.
- Explain the use of rabbits for meat production.

**Citizenship**
- Volunteer your rabbit for a community petting zoo.
- Volunteer to help at the county rabbit show.

**Leadership**
- Invite other 4-H members to tour your farm.
- Teach others how to handle rabbits safely.
- Lead a rabbit selection and feeding clinic.

**Entrepreneurship**
- Breed and sell your favorite breed of rabbits.

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Here’s what you can do all year!

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Opportunities to explore the 4-H rabbit project:

- Contact your county NDSU Extension office for other local workshops, activities and events.
- Tour a rabbit producer’s farm.
- Attend a rabbit show and observe the judges and their techniques.
- Attend a rabbit project meeting.
- Design a business card or marketing brochure for your farm.
- Write an educational article about some aspect of rabbit production for your newspaper.
- Participate in a rabbit skillathon.
- Organize a rabbit showmanship contest.
- Attend a national rabbit conference.
- Ride with a local veterinarian to learn about animal health.
- Learn about the different uses for rabbits: meat vs. nonmeat production.
- Consider showing in your county fair rabbit show.
- Interested in a college education in animal science or veterinary medicine? Schedule a visit with North Dakota State University to explore those majors.

Exhibit Ideas

- Participate in a 4-H rabbit show.
- Make presentations/posters on showmanship.
- Exhibit a notebook or display showing what you’ve learned.
- Create a display on a rabbit’s economic value.
- Prepare an emergency medical kit.
- Create a display on genetic variations.
- Develop a display on feeding rations.
- Create a display on vaccinations.
- Display photos and descriptions of different breeds.
- Create a display on caring for rabbits.
- Make a display of grooming techniques.
- Develop a breeding herd.
- Interview a rabbit producer.
- Maker a display on caring for newborns.
- Construct a nest box.
- Create a display on how to tattoo a rabbit.
- Explain a feed label.

4-H Resources

- National 4-H Rabbit Curriculum
  - What’s Happening? (GB151)
  - Making Tracks (GB152)
  - All Ears (GB153)
  - Rabbit Helper’s Guide (GB1257)

Other Resources

- American Rabbit Breeders Association
- American Satin Rabbit Breeders Association

Recordkeeping

- 4-H Rabbit Record (GB1095)
- Planning for My Project Adventure (PA093)
- ND 4-H Project Plan (PA095)
- ND 4-H Plan of Action (PA096)
- ND 4-H Participation for 11-19 (PA098)

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