**Selection**

There are numerous aspects to consider when selecting your project, such as the sex, age, breed, and quality of the animal, as well as the goals of the exhibitor. It is important to distinguish the difference between showing market rabbits and breeding rabbits. Ask your County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher which project may be best for you.

**Average Cost of Rabbit Project**

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**Facility Preparation**

- Hutch
- Brushes
- Ventilation
- Drainage
- Feeders
- Waste Disposal
- Waterers
- Protection (Elements and Predators)

**Feeding and Daily Care**

Make sure your rabbits have fresh food and clean water. Talk to your local feed store to ensure rabbit feed is on hand. It is recommended to use a 16 percent protein feed. If your rabbit goes off feed, give them hay.

**Important Tip**

Know in advance which shows you plan to attend. Then, buy rabbits based on time frame and show requirements.

**Project Length**

- Market Rabbits: Approximately 5 months
- Breeding Rabbits: Varies

**Check with the American Rabbit Breeders Association for more information.**

https://arba.net/

**Common Market Rabbit Breeds**

- White New Zealand
- Californian
- Champagne d’Argent
- Satin

**Common Breeding Rabbit Breeds**

- Silver Marten
- Polish
- Himalayan
- Dutch
- Mini Lop

If your county requires exhibitors to raise their own bunnies, count back 100 days from the weigh in date of the show to start breeding does.

**Fun Fact:** When rabbits are happy they can jump and twist. This is commonly called a “binky”.

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