

TEXAS 4-H RABBIT PROJECT

LET'S GET STARTED!



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

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.

Important Tip

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

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

VISIT: [HTTPS://TEXASYOUTHLIVESTOCK.COM/RABBIT/](https://TEXASYOUTHLIVESTOCK.COM/RABBIT/)



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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



Purchase Price: \$49.50
Annual Feed Cost: \$32.23
Supplies: \$22.26
Vet Cost: \$6.01
Fees: \$41.75

Total Cost:
\$151.75
(per 1 rabbit)

Facility Preparation



Hutch
Ventilation
Feeders
Waterers
Bedding
Protection (Elements and Predators)

Brushes
Drainage
Waste Disposal

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.