



2022-2023 NISD FFA
BREEDING RABBIT
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
CHEYENNE BIRD – EATON
KARLEIGH HOWETH - NORTHWEST

ALL PRICING INFORMATION WILL BE IN BLUE TEXT.....PRICING IS
ESTIMATED ACTUAL COST MAY BE MORE OR LESS THAN MENTIONED

Two Rabbit Project Options

Breeding Rabbits:

- You will keep the rabbit until you decide to sell it.
- These can go to every show.
- You can show them for multiple years.
- \$50 - \$100.... \$75 average/target

Market Rabbits:

- A six week project.
- Meat Pen is a set of 3 rabbits.
- Your fourth rabbit will show as a single fryer for \$5.
- Denton County only
- Estimated \$200 per pen of four rabbits

PURCHASING

- We recommend that we purchase/assist with purchase of all animal projects
 - Any animals purchased on your own must be approved by Mrs. Bird and/or Ms. Howeth.
- Students can show a Buck (male) or Doe (female)
- Cost
 - Can range depending on the budget
 - \$50 - \$100.... \$75 average/target
- Rabbit Purchase Form:
<https://forms.gle/52DneUZmiYRdgX6t6>



TYPES/BREEDS

- Visit www.arba.net
 - Click on about the ARBA
 - Recognized breeds
 - Pick a breed
 - We cannot guarantee that we can get a specific breed, but will try.
- If you shop on your own (rabbit **MUST** be registered with the ARBA) obtain pedigree when picking up the rabbit from the breeder

NEEDED SUPPLIES

- Cage/ Hutch
- Tube Style water bottle
- Hanging feeder or flat bottom bowl
- Kitty litter or pee pads for dropping pan
- Litter box for corner if no dropping pan / Shaving/ bedding – not cedar
- Rabbit transport carry cage
 - Use to take rabbit to shows
 - kwcages.com
 - allthingsbunnies.com
 - bunnyrabbit.com
- Feed 16% -18%
 - 16% in hot months
 - 18% in cooler months
- Timothy Hay
- Nail clippers
- Hay Manger

FACILITY / JOINING FFA

- Kelly W. Box Agriculture Science Complex
 - We will host rabbit clinics starting the end of October.
 - Open for use of any NISD FFA Member (\$30 for Eaton/Byron Nelson High School and \$15 for Jr. FFA dues) (\$30 for Northwest High School and Junior FFA Dues) Deadlines
 - Weekly Clinics – Thursdays
 - See clinic schedule on www.vreaton.ffanow.org
 - Look under SAE TAB - Rabbits

SHOWS ATTENDING -2022

- Sonny Nance (Premium) Livestock Show
 - Kelly W. Box Ag Center
 - January 7th (\$10 / rabbit)
- Fort Worth Stock Show –Open
 - Jan 27-29 (\$5 / rabbit)
- Fort Worth Stock Show –Youth
 - Feb 2-4 (\$5 / rabbit)
- San Angelo - Youth
 - February 17th
 - (\$5 / rabbit)
 - Parent required
- Denton County - Breeding and Market
 - March 28nd
 - Breeding Rabbits: \$20, 1st rabbit, \$5 for every additional rabbit
 - Pen of 3 market rabbits \$25 per entry
 - Single Fryer Jackpot \$5.00 One Validated rabbit - Pay cash the day of the show.

STOCK SHOW SIGN-UP NIGHT

- Event held at the Kelly W. Box Ag Center
 - Address: 1960 Texan Drive Justin, Texas 76247
 - October 20th
 - 4:30 pm to 7:30pm
 - Refer to the Sign Up Genius sent through email.
 - Will sign up for all shows attending and **collect all entry fees.**
 - Mandatory
 - Bring or know SS# for student showing the animal
 - Watch for email the week before sign up with all entry forms attached, please fill them out and bring to the sign-up night.
 - Pre-paperwork Night Clinic
 - October 13th
 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

TATTOO

- Required for all rabbits as a method of registering and identifying rabbits with the show and matching registration papers.
- Must be in the left ear.

OTHER COSTS

- Vet Care visit the responsibility of the student/parent
- Jackpot (Practice) Show Entries (\$10 - \$20)

EXPECTATIONS

- Attend weekly rabbit clinics at Ag Center
- Feed rabbit 1 to 2 times per day – depends on animal
- Keep pen and surrounding areas clean
- Exercise 2-3 times a week on your own
- It is easier to keep a rabbit clean clean them up once they are dirty, NO BATHS (this will alter their hair for the show).

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- We will meet at the Barn every Thursday afternoon, listed on the clinic schedule, from 6pm to 7pm...
 - 5:30pm-6:30pm Official presentation of listed Clinic Topic
 - It is the expectation that students come to these clinics for teachers to follow projects better.
 - Please let teachers know if you are not able to attend a clinic.
 - Will need to bring animals not kept at the facility
 - Will be covering...
 - Showmanship
 - Handling/Training
 - Exercising
 - Feed Alterations
 - Clipping nails
 - Other additional topics as needed

TRAVEL

- Families will be responsible for personal travel and food at each show.
 - We can provide transportation to some students to FW...get with us ASAP!
 - We will assist in the transport of animals, but will possibly need parent assistance.
- Hotels
 - Families are responsible for their own hotels...
 - Book now!

COMMUNICATION

- Remind 101 is our primary form of communication with the group as a whole!
 - Please join this by texting @nisdrabbit to the phone number 81010

QUALITY COUNTS

- This is an online class that students must complete in order to show at the major livestock shows.
 - The link and login information will be sent out via email first week of October.
 - **EVERY HIGH SCHOOL and JR. FFA MEMBER will have to go through the Quality Counts Training and Test.**

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

- Please do not share or abuse our personal phone numbers if you have them.
 - Cheyenne Bird
 - Email: makayla.bird@nisdtx.org
 - Karleigh Howeth:
 - Email: karleigh.howeth@nisdtx.org
 - Use the Remind to Communicate too.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- More information and handouts
 - At www.vreaton.ffanow.org
 - Under the SAE TAB
 - Select: NISD Rabbits

TO DO...

- Deadline to pay for rabbit project:
 - Thursday September 22nd - 5 pm - 7 pm
 - Cost \$50 - \$100
 - Cash
 - Drop fee at:
 - Kelly W. Box Ag Center
 - 1960 Texan Dr
 - Justin, TX 76247
- Deadline to Pay FFA Dues: (\$30 for Eaton/Byron Nelson High School and \$15 for Jr. FFA dues) (\$30 for Northwest High School and Junior FFA Dues) Deadline October 19th for high school dues and Jr FFA dues can be paid on September 22nd.



<https://tinyurl.com/rabbitinfo22>

Please scan and fill this form out so we can track an accurate form of communication for the year.

NISD Alumni and Parent Board

Monthly meetings are listed on our clinic schedule.

