

# 2023-2024 NISD FFA BREEDING & MARKET RABBIT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

VALERIE BULTHUIS – EATON

KARLEIGH HOWETH - NORTHWEST

GALENA MORRIN - BYRON NELSON

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 \$200-250 per pen of four rabbits

# PURCHASING

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- We recommend that we purchase/assist with purchase of all animal projects
  - Any animals purchased on your own must be approved by Mrs. Bulthuis, Ms. Howeth and/or Mrs. Morrin
- Students can show a Buck (male) or Doe (female)
- Cost
  - Can range depending on the budget
    - \$50 - \$100.... \$75 average/target
- Rabbit Purchase Form: [Purchase Form Link](#)



# TYPES/BREEDS

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- Visit [www.arba.net](http://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

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- 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](http://kwcages.com)
  - [allthingsbunnies.com](http://allthingsbunnies.com)
  - [bunnyrabbit.com](http://bunnyrabbit.com)
- Feed 16% -18%
  - 16% in hot months
  - 18% in cooler months
- Timothy Hay
- Nail clippers
- Hay Manger

# FACILITY / JOINING FFA

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## ● Kelly W. Box Agriculture Science Complex

- We will host rabbit clinics starting the end of October.

- Open for use of any NISD FFA Member

- Byron Nelson FFA Member/Jr Member

- \$40 for Byron Nelson HS & \$20 for Jr. FFA dues

- Eaton FFA Member/Jr Member

- \$30 for HS Dues & \$15 for Jr FFA Dues

- Northwest FFA Member/Jr Member

- \$35 HS Dues & \$20 Jr FFA Dues

- Weekly Clinics – Thursdays

- See clinic schedule on [www.vreaton.ffa-now.org](http://www.vreaton.ffa-now.org)

- Look under SAE TAB - Rabbits

# SHOWS ATTENDING -2022

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- Sonny Nance (Premium) Livestock Show
  - Kelly W. Box Ag Center
  - January 13<sup>th</sup> (\$10 / rabbit)
- Fort Worth Stock Show –Open
  - Jan 26-28th (\$5 / rabbit)
- Fort Worth Stock Show –Youth
  - Feb 1-3rd (\$5 / rabbit)
- San Angelo - Youth
  - February 16th
  - (\$5 / rabbit)
  - Parent required
- Denton County - Breeding and Market
  - March 26th
  - 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

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- Event held at the Kelly W. Box Ag Center
  - Address: 1960 Texan Drive Justin, Texas 76247
  - October 10th
    - 5-7 pm
  - 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.



# TATTOO

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- 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

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

# EXPECTATIONS

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- Attend bi-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 than clean them up once they are dirty, NO BATHS (this will alter their hair for the show).

# BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS

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- We will meet at the Barn every other Tuesday afternoon. These dates are 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

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- 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

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- Parent Square: COMING SOON

# QUALITY COUNTS

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- 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

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- Please do not share or abuse our personal phone numbers if you have them.
  - Galena Morrin
    - Email: [galena.morrin@nisdtx.org](mailto:galena.morrin@nisdtx.org)
  - Karleigh Howeth:
    - Email: [karleigh.howeth@nisdtx.org](mailto:karleigh.howeth@nisdtx.org)
  - Valerie Bulthuis
    - Email: [valerie.bulthuis@nisdtx.org](mailto:valerie.bulthuis@nisdtx.org)
  - Use the Parent Square to Communicate too.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- More information and handouts
  - At [www.vreaton.ffanow.org](http://www.vreaton.ffanow.org) & [www.byronnelson.ffanow.org/](http://www.byronnelson.ffanow.org/)
  - Under the SAE TAB
    - Select: NISD Rabbits

# TO DO...



- Deadline to pay for rabbit project:
  - Thursday September 12th - 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:

- **Byron Nelson FFA Member/Jr Member**
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Deadline October 13th for high school dues and Jr FFA dues can be paid on September 12th.



- [Purchase Form Link](#)

<https://forms.gle/FRkShEL6UNkPZCim6>

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



# NISD Alumni and Parent Board

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Monthly meetings are listed on our clinic schedule.