



Santa Maria FFA 2022 Market Rabbit Project - Estimated Budget & Guidelines



Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in raising **Market Rabbits** as an S.A.E. Project for the **Santa Barbara County Fair**. They have attended an informational meeting that has given them directions as to where this project will lead to, and how it may benefit them. This project is one of great value in terms of developing a sense of responsibility, time management, accounting & marketing skills, and small livestock husbandry (care). An estimated budget is outlined below to let you know what is expected monetarily.

Santa Maria FFA Market Rabbit Project Budget

Estimated Expenses:	Estimated Income:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Rabbits \$30.00 • Feed \$30.00 • Supplies (cage, water bottles, etc.) \$20.00 • Veterinary/Medical \$7.00 • Shavings/Bedding \$20.00 • Fair Entry Fees \$10.00 • YQCA Certification \$13.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of Rabbits \$200.00
Estimated Profit:	
— Estimated Income \$200.00	Estimated Expenses \$130.00
Total \$130.00	Total \$70.00

If you plan on proceeding with the project and would like to purchase your Market Rabbits from Santa Maria FFA, all fees must be paid to the School Business Office by **Friday, March 25th, 2022**.

The Santa Maria FFA Chapter will be purchasing Rabbit Projects for students in April of 2022, so it is important that all deadlines are met prior. If you plan on purchasing your own Market Rabbits, please note that all entries to the Santa Barbara County Fair must be less than 70 days of age, and between 3-5 lbs. at weigh-ins on the first day of the Fair. In addition, students must possess ownership 42 days prior to the first day of the Fair. Additional information may be found in the Santa Barbara County Fair Exhibitor Guidebook on the Santa Maria Fair Park's Website.

Your signature below verifies that you have read, discussed, understand, and agree to the information presented in this letter (including the General Rules for Santa Maria FFA Fair Exhibitors on the back side of the page). Note that failure to meet these requirements could result in the student's possible removal of the project. Please sign and return this form to the project Advisor by Friday, **February 25th, 2022**. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact Mrs. Rodriguez in the Santa Maria High School Agriculture Department (805) 925-2567 Ext. 3332 or at amrodriguez@smjuhsd.org (email preferred).

Student Name Printed

Student I.D. Number

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



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General Rules for Santa Maria FFA Fair Exhibitors

- Students raising any type of livestock project should be in good academic standing.
- All students must attend assigned scheduled meetings/practices put on by the project Advisor unless prior arrangements have been made.
- All students are to follow the directions and advice given to them by the FFA Advisor in charge of their project. The Advisor's directions are to be followed for the entire length of time the project is eligible for show at the Fair.
- Each student must read and understand the rules and regulations in the Santa Barbara County Fair Exhibitor Guidebook.
- Students must complete the YQCA online as per California State Fair Rules. Due to Mrs. Rodriguez on or before May 1st, 2022.
- Note that the prices listed in the budget are just estimates, and that students may spend more or less on their project, and that they may also receive more or less for the sale of their project.
- Santa Maria FFA does provide areas to keep projects; however, there are a few stipulations which will be discussed in detail with students. For example, feeding schedules, required hours of work, etc., which must be followed. Students will be removed from the project and required to remove their project from the school farm if these stipulations are not met, in addition the student/parent is still financially responsible for the project.
- Students taking a project to the Santa Barbara County Fair will be enrolled in summer school class and can receive up to 5 elective units in Feed, Fit and Show. Grades and Units received will be dependent upon student performance and will also be up to the digression of the FFA Advisor in charge of the project.
- Each student will be responsible for feeding, watering, grooming, and keeping an eye on his/her project throughout its entire duration, including the fair. March 2022-July 2022
- Each student will be required to serve barn duties at the Santa Barbara County Fair as assigned by their project Advisor. No shows at barn duties could result in removal of project and or not being able to show in the future.
- All students will be required to wear the Official FFA Show Uniform while showing their project at the Fair and required to own/purchase their own FFA Jacket. White pants, white dress shirt, FFA Jacket, FFA tie, and appropriate shoes.
- Each student showing market animals will be required to write at least one buyer letter to a potential buyer prior to the start of the Santa Barbara County Fair. This letter must be shown to the FFA Advisor in charge of the project prior to being mailed or delivered.
- Each student showing market animals will be required to write a thank you letter to their buyer(s) after the purchase of their project at the Fair. This letter must be shown to the FFA Advisor in charge of the project prior to being issued to the buyer(s) by 11:30 am on the last day of the Fair.
- Students will be required to maintain a California FFA Record Book (AET) throughout the duration of their project. This Record Book will include all important dates, hours worked, expenses paid, etc. in regard to the student's project. In addition, their Record Book must be completed and checked by the FFA Advisor in charge of their project prior to students receiving their paychecks from the Fair.
- **NEW:** Students showing livestock animals are required to purchase an FFA Jacket or apply for the Blue Jacket Bonanza program to show.
- **New:** Due to the Santa Barbara Fair Livestock Limitation, students may only show one animal at the 2022 Santa Barbara County Fair with the Santa Maria FFA.