



**Santa Maria FFA**  
**2024 Market Rabbit SAE Budget & Contract**



**Rabbit SAE Contract**

Your son/daughter has shown interest in raising **Market Rabbits** as an SAE Project for their Agriculture Education Course. Please note that this project includes a **pen of 3 meat rabbits**. 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.

If you plan on proceeding with the project students must complete the online application process by **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**. After the deadline a list of no more than 15 students selected to show will be posted by **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**. After that a signed contract and payment are due by **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

**Market Rabbit Estimate Budget**

The budget listed below is an estimate, student's profit or loss may vary

<u>Estimated Expenses</u>		<u>Estimated Income</u>	
3 Rabbits	\$30.00	SBCF Sale of Rabbits	\$200-\$300
Feed (3 bags)	\$60.00		
Shavings for Fair	\$7.00		
SBCF Entry Fees	\$15.00		
YQCA Certification <small>(not paid to SMHS Business Office)</small>	\$3.00 or \$13.00	<u>Estimated Profit</u>	
FFA Jacket <small>(not paid to SMHS Business Office)</small>	\$70	Estimated Income	\$200 - \$300
<b>Total – Paid to Business Office</b>	<b>\$115</b>	Estimated Expense	\$115 - \$195
<b>Total – including Jacket &amp; YQCA</b>	<b>\$195</b>	<b>Total Profit</b>	<b>\$5.00 - \$105</b>

**General Rules**

1. Students raising any type of livestock project should be in good academic standing 2.0 GPA or higher.
2. All students must attend assigned scheduled meetings & showmanship practices put on by Mrs. Rodriguez.
3. All students are to follow the directions and advice given to them by the FFA Advisor. The Advisor's directions are to be followed for the entire length of time the project is eligible for show at the Fair.
4. Each student must read and understand the rules and regulations in the Santa Barbara County Fair Exhibitor Guidebook.
5. Each student will be responsible for feeding, watering, exercising and the health of his/her project for the **entire duration of the project, April/May 2024-July 2024**.
6. Due to the Santa Barbara Fair Livestock Limitation, students may only show one animal at the 2023 Santa Barbara County Fair with the Santa Maria FFA. (Unless otherwise noted)



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7. Students will be required to maintain records of their project in AET throughout the duration of their project. This Record Book will include all important dates, hours worked, expenses paid, etc. regarding the student's project. In addition, their AET must be completed and checked by the FFA Advisor in charge of their project prior to students receiving their paychecks from the Fair.

**Students Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parents Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SBCF Rules**

1. Students must complete the YQCA Certification Course each year, online or in person as per California State Fair Rules. Certificate due to Mrs. Rodriguez by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**
2. Students taking a project to the Santa Barbara County Fair must also enter a **high quality still exhibit** to the fair. All still exhibits are due to Mrs. Rodriguez by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. If the exhibit is poor in quality the student must redo the exhibit and submit it to the fair on their own.
3. Each student will be required to serve barn duties at the Santa Barbara County Fair as assigned by their project Advisor.
4. Small Animal Cages must be cleaned by the exhibitor by no later than 8:00 am every day of the fair and animals must be feed and watered 2 times daily
5. 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.
6. 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.

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**Time Requirement**

- April/May – Early May:** Rabbits on Campus will be taken care of as a group; each student must attend 3-6 feeding/cleaning shifts per week to care of the rabbits.
- Late May – July:** Rabbits will continue to be cared for by the group, but students must also begin working with their rabbits 2-3 times per week on their own, attend showmanship practices, in addition to attending their 3-6 shifts per week for feeding and cleaning.
- All rabbit exhibitors MUST attend morning (7:00 am) and evening (4:00 pm) feeding and cleanings during the entire week of the fair.** Students must have transportation to the fair on the following days and should not commit to working on the below listed dates.

- Friday 7/5/24** – Set Up Decorations at SBCF
- Saturday 7/6/24** – Rabbit Show & Showmanship
- Sunday 7/7/24** – AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Monday 7/8/24** – AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Tuesday 7/9/24** – AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Wednesday 7/10/24** - AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Thursday 7/11/24** - AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Friday 7/12/24**– SBCF Auction, AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Saturday 7/13/24**- AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning
- Sunday 7/14/24** - AM/PM Feedings/Cleaning, Thank You Card Due
- Monday 7/15/24** – SBCF Clean Up day

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**Small Animal Unit Rules**

Keeping your animal at the SMHS Small Animal Unit is a privilege that comes with many responsibilities. Students must be an enrolled in a SMHS Agriculture Course to use the small animal unit. In general, all students need to Respect People and Property, the specifics of this are listed below. The rules below must be followed by all students, and we will follow a three strikes rule. Violation of any rules may be considered a strike. Students get three strikes; on the fourth strike their animal must be removed from the unit within 72 hours, or it will be taken to a sales yard and sold at market price.

**Feeding**

- Each student will sign up for a feeding time and must show up to assigned feeding time. If the student is unable to attend the scheduled feeding the student must notify the agriculture teacher **and** find a replacement to take their spot.
- Feed and water will be in the unit for the students to use to feed the animals
- Students are responsible for feeding animal twice a day during posted time.
  - Times **will** vary during holidays.
- Students must lock the barn door when they are done.

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**Barn Cleanliness**

1. Unit must be cleaned **DAILY**.
  - a. Animal waste is put into black trash bags and is to be transported to the dumpster.
  - b. Any tools utilized (rakes, shovels, wagons) shall be returned to their designated area after use.
2. Shavings (if utilized) shall be kept fresh. Extra shavings shall be stored in the school's storage container. No bags of shavings shall be left around the pens.
3. No tack shall be stored outside the unit all items need to be stored in the barns.
4. When you exercise your animal, you are required to clean up any excrement they leave behind. Do this immediately after returning the animal to the pen.
5. Students must lock the barn door when they are done.

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**General Decorum**

1. Please be always considerate and polite while in the unit. Use kind and appropriate language.
2. Students must arrive during schedule feeding hours with enough time to feed, clean, and exercise their animal. **DO NOT** arrive five minutes before feeding time is over expecting to stay late.
3. Parents/Guardians may accompany students to tend their animals.
4. Guests: please refrain from bringing friends, siblings etc. they may wait in the car while you feed. Only students/parents are allowed in the unit unless accompanied by their advisor.

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**Fair and Post Fair Procedures**

1. The ultimate responsibility for the sale of an animal is the student. It is not the responsibility of the instructor, or the school, to find a buyer to purchase any un-sold animals.
2. All animals shall be removed from the Small Animal Unit by the Monday after fair.
3. Any animals not removed from the unit will be taken by the advisor to a sales yard for market price.
4. All pens shall be cleaned when the animal is moved to fair.

**Students Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parents Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Strikes

**Strike 1:**

Description of Incident:

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Rule Violated: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Note to Advisor: Student may take this home for parent signature and return to the advisor.

**Strike 2:**

Description of Incident:

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Rule Violated: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Note to Advisor: This requires a parent phone call or conference.



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### Strike 3:

Description of Incident:

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Rule Violated: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below parent and student acknowledge that this is the students third strike and that a fourth strike will result in removal of Barn privileges and require removal of their animal within 72 hours. If Parent and Student fail to remove the animal, it will be taken to a sales lot and sold at market price. This may be a significant loss of investment for the student/parent.

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Administrator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Note to Advisor: This requires an in-person parent conference with admin present.