



Feeding Rabbits



Safe and Natural,
Time Tested formulas just for Rabbits

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♣ Premium Show Rabbit Ration (A2995BP)

Balanced blend of protein, energy, vitamins, minerals and fiber for growing and breeding rabbits.

- Made with high-fiber ingredients such as dehydrated alfalfa, soybean hulls, wheat midds, sunflowers and oats.
- Highly fortified with vitamins and minerals.
- Elevated protein and amino acid levels to support gestation, lactation and growth.
- Probiotics (from yeast and bacterial sources), which may enhance the digestive function of rabbits.
- Balanced Omega-6 and Omega-3 fatty acid ratio to aid in cellular membrane function and repair.
- Added Amino Acids (Lysine and Methionine) to support muscle development and repair, plus added B-complex vitamins to promote proper immune function, skin health and a glossy coat.
- Yucca to help reduce fecal (ammonia) odor in rabbitry.
- Crude Protein 17.5 %, Crude Fat 3.5 %, Crude Fiber 22.5 %

♣ Entire Rabbit Ration (A5060BP)

Formulated to provide adult rabbits the necessary nutrients for maintenance and breeding.

- Made with high-fiber ingredients such as dehydrated alfalfa, soybean hulls, wheat midds, sunflowers and oats.
- Highly fortified with vitamins and minerals.
- Balanced Omega-6 and Omega-3 fatty acid ratio to aid in cellular membrane function and repair.
- Added Amino Acids (Lysine and Methionine) to support muscle maintenance, plus added B-complex vitamins to promote proper immune function, skin health and a glossy coat.
- Yucca to help reduce fecal (ammonia) odor in rabbitry.
- Crude Protein 16.5 %, Crude Fat 3.0 %, Crude Fiber 24.0 %

HOW TO FEED

Herd Bucks

Feed *Entire Rabbit Ration* free-choice or at the rate of 4 to 9 oz per day to supply enough nutrients to a maintenance rabbit to keep them healthy and sound. Breeding bucks can be conditioned rapidly by adding 1 to 3 tablespoons of *Ranch-Way's Star*Shine 26% Protein Pellets* daily to their regular ration.

Pregnant/Lactating Does

Feed 4 to 6 oz of *Premium Show Rabbit Ration* from breeding until does are ready to kindle. Does will usually eat from 6 to 12 oz daily until the litter is three weeks old. Does and kits may eat up to 3 lbs daily from three weeks after kindling to weaning, depending on litter size and breed. Heavy milking does should have feed amounts reduced to 4 to 6 oz daily at weaning time to aid in drying them up. They may go back on the maintenance ration after 3-4 days.

Resting Does

Feed 3 to 6 oz of *Entire Rabbit Ration* with adjustments as necessary to keep individual does from becoming fat at breeding time. Heavy milkers may need extra feed to bring them back to condition while others may need less than the normal allowance. Where extra condition is desired feed 1 to 3 tablespoons of *Ranch-Way's Star*Shine 26% Protein Pellets* daily to their regular ration.



Rabbit Care and Feeding

FEEDING

- Measure the amount of feed for each rabbit daily and provide a consistent feeding schedule. Measured amounts should be consumed within a few hours.
- Increase or decrease feed as necessary to meet the appetite of each rabbit.
- Always provide salt spools and fresh, clean water in acclimatic bottle waterers.
- Rabbits enjoy fresh produce and supplements such as hay, oats, or sunflowers, but do not overfeed as it may lead to loose stool or obesity. Treats and supplements should not be relied upon as a complete diet.

RABBITRY

- House rabbits in cages or hutches with solid floors or resting boards. For enclosures with wire floors, provide resting boards to avoid sore hocks and foot pads.
- Provide fresh air and proper ventilation in your rabbitry. Protect rabbits from wind, rain, extreme hot or cold temperatures, and persistent sunlight.
- Furnish nesting boxes or other enclosures to allow for the rabbit's natural burrowing instincts.
- Keep hutches clean, dry, comfortable and sanitary.

HEALTH

- Monitor for ear canker caused by ear mites and treat if necessary.
- Check regularly for sore hocks as they can result in discomfort and weight loss. Providing a wooden platform to alleviate hock sores is necessary.
- Keep nails trimmed to a reasonable length. When toe nails grow too long they can cause pain in the pads.
- Check your rabbit's teeth regularly and keep an eye on their eating habits. A diet lacking sufficient solid nibbling food can lead to sharp hooks and decreased appetite.
- Rabbits will have both hard and soft (cecal) droppings. Do not be alarmed if your rabbit consumes its own feces (coprophagy) as this is natural and necessary for your rabbit's health.
- Learn to handle rabbits properly. They should be picked up by grasping the nape (loose skin) and ears in one hand and placing the other hand underneath the breast area (under the belly) or rump.
- Consult your veterinarian for herd health recommendations.

YOUR RABBIT NEEDS YOUR LOVE AND ATTENTION, TOYS AND CHEWS, AND EXERCISE.

