



RABBITS FARMING

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Rabbits are a multi-purpose animal.

- Meat
- Wool
- Fur (pelts)
- Laboratory
- Hobby
- Pets
- Show
- Manure



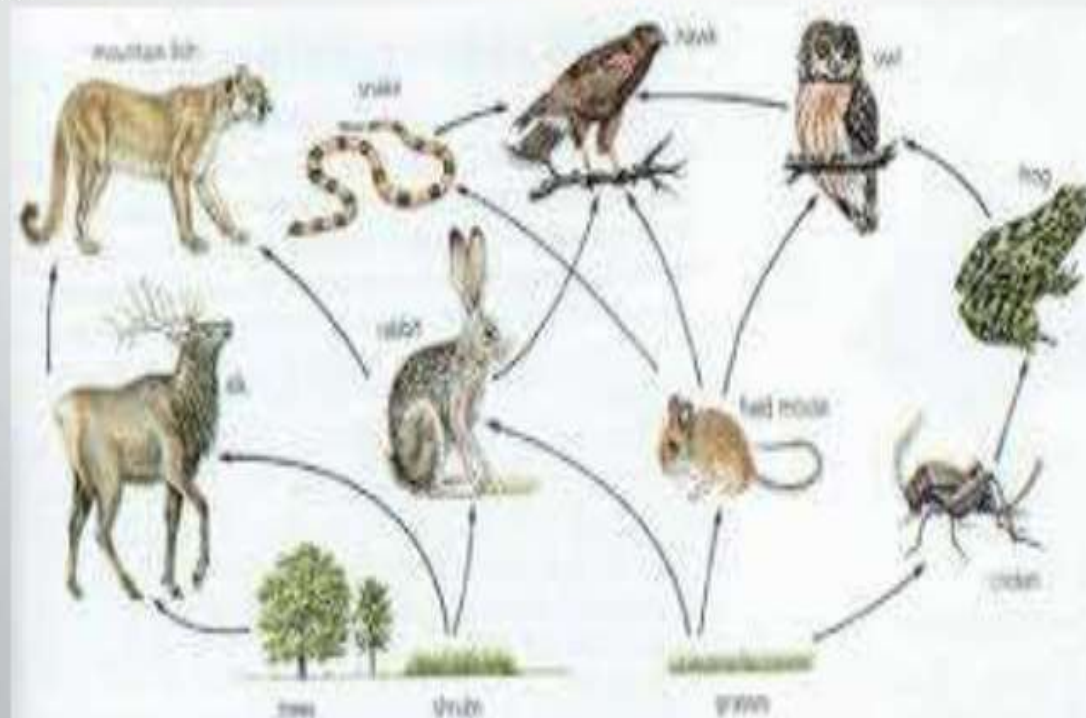
Habitat

- A wild variety ranging from farmland to moorland, Woodland and sand dunes



Eco system

- The rabbit is a lagomorph which can be considered a pest sometimes. They can be either domesticated or found in the wild. Their ecosystem is the forest.



RABBIT FARMING METHOD

- You can start raising rabbits in both deep litter and cage farming methods. Here we are describing more about these two types of raising methods.
- **Deep Litter Method:** This method is suitable, if you want to raise a few number of rabbits. Concrete floor is more suitable for deep litter system. Make 4 to 5 inches depth litter husk, hay, straw or wood shavings. In this method, you can raise a maximum of 30 rabbits in a house. Keep the male rabbits in a separate room from the female. In deep litter system, risks of diseases is high. And sometimes, it may seem very difficult to manage the rabbit in this system.



CAGE METHOD:

- For commercial rabbit farming business, cage method is the best. In this system the rabbits are kept in a cage, which are made with wire or iron plate. Cage system is very useful for raising a maximum number of rabbits. Keep sufficient space and necessary facilities, inside every cage. Keep the male and female rabbits separated from each other. Keep them together in a separate cage during breeding period.

FEEDING

- Feed consuming rate and nutrient requirements varies, depending on the rabbit's age and breed type. For proper nutrition of adult rabbits, their food should contain 17 to 18 percent crude protein, 14 percent fiber, 7 percent minerals and 2700 kilo calorie/kg of metabolic energy. Green leafy vegetables, seasonal vegetable, spinach, carrots, muller, cucumber, green grass and vegetable wastes are common food of rabbits. For commercial purpose, you can serve them poultry feed. In accordance with providing nutritious feed, supply them sufficient amount of clean and fresh water according to their demand.

BREEDING

- Usually rabbits become mature and suitable for breeding purpose within their 5 to 6 months of age. But don't use the male rabbits for breeding purpose until they reach their first birthday. Doing this will ensure, quality young rabbits for commercial production. Always try to use healthy rabbits with proper body weight for breeding. Never bred the females, if they are ill. Take special care to the breeding male and pregnant female rabbits, and provide them nutritious feed. The gestation period of rabbits is about 28 to 31 days. And each time a doe can give birth of 2 to 8 kids.

PRODUCTION

- Rabbits are prolific in nature and they do multiply rapidly. Rabbits begin breeding from 4 to 5 months of age. The gestation period for female rabbit (*the doe*) is 31 days and they normally give birth to 6 -10 kits (*baby rabbit*) at once. Rabbits are capable of reproducing seven times in a year. For reproduction to take place, the buck and the doe should be kept in one place to mate. After that, you have to separate them. One female rabbit is capable of producing up to 50 kits in a year.

MARKETING

- Start by creating awareness among individuals beginning with your families, friends and colleagues, restaurants, hotels, eateries etc. Tell them about the nutritional value of rabbits as well as the economic importance. However, it is advisable that you carry out more research on your own even before you invest a dime in setting up your rabbit farm. You must know the market strategies and the level of demand; as this will help you avoid unnecessary loss and regrets.



BENEFITS OF RABBIT FARMING

- There are many benefits of commercial rabbit farming business. The main benefits of rabbit farming business are listed below.
- Rabbits are very fast growing animal.
- Their food converting rate is better than other animals.
- One female rabbit can give birth about 2 to 8 kids each time.
- Rabbits can be raised within a short space.
- Production costs are less, compared to other large sized animals.
- Rabbit meat is very tasty, nutritious and easily digestible. All aged people can eat without any problem.

BENEFITS OF RABBIT FARMING

- ◉ There are no religious taboos consuming rabbit meat.
- ◉ In case of meat production, rabbits are placed after poultry.
- ◉ Kitchen wastes, grass, plant leaves etc. are favorite foods of rabbit. So you can raise some rabbits for your family needs, using this type of low cost and easily available commodities.
- ◉ Rabbit farming require less labor compared to another animal farming business. You can easily use your family labor for successful commercial rabbit farming business.
- ◉ Commercial rabbit farming business require relatively less capital and you will get back your investment within a very short period.
- ◉ As it is a highly profitable business, so commercial production can be a great source of earning and employment.
- ◉ You can meetup your family nutritional demands through raising a few number of rabbits

Food chain

Rabbits are consumers on the food chain because they eat plants. A rabbit diet includes mostly grasses then vegetables like carrots, peppers, lettuce, radishes, and cauliflower. They also like to eat bananas and peaches and will snack on small amounts of nuts. Foods that rabbits cannot process without getting sick are sugary things like candy, cookies, or processed foods like flour or chips. Eating these items could not only cause the rabbit to vomit but could damage its digestive system.

Characteristics

- Rabbits are small, herbivorous mammals with acute sight and hearing. They hide from predators using these characteristics, along with their speed, and often retreat to underground burrows. Together with hares, they make up family Leporidae, and with both hares and pikas, order Lagomorpha (lagomorphs). They are one of the only species of animal simultaneously considered pets, pests, and livestock animals by people in the same culture.

Interactive with humans

- You can adopt a rabbit as a pet they are very kind and I think if one day I have a rabbit it will be FUN!!



RABBIT PRODUCTION

- Rabbit farming has grown from raising a few rabbits for family consumption to large commercial operations with hundreds of rabbits. Investment in a rabbitry, including breeding stock, can be quite modest.

Thank

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