

## Guide and Management

### Mating

- Young does, small or medium breeds bred at 5 months of age
- Does of giant breeds should be bred at 8 months of age
- Bucks (small breed) at first mating should be at least 6 months of age
- Bucks (medium/giant breeds) 7 to 10 months of age
- For best results, bucks should not be used for service over 2 to 3 times a week

### Gestation

- Average gestation period is 31 days
- Clean hutch 5 days before the doe kindles
- Nest box bedded deep with straw or pine shavings

### Kindling

- Litters of 8 are ideal
- Larger litters should be culled to 8, unless doe has proven her ability of an exceptional milker and mother
- Young culled from large litters can be transferred to does kindling on the same day with smaller litters
- Culling should be done in 2 days after kindling
- Runts should be removed

### Care of Young

- Young rabbits should remain in nest box for about 3 weeks
- Young rabbits are usually nursed for 6 to 8 weeks
- Marketed as fryers at this time
- If health is satisfactory, does should be bred at this time

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### Sanitation

- Isolate new acquired or diseased rabbits from the herd
- Clean and disinfect cages, water lines, crocks and troughs regularly
- Control flies, rats and mice
- Water must be kept clean and fresh

### Housing

- Vulnerable to hot weather, rabbits have no way of perspiring and can die if they become overheated
- Insulation and furnaces in winter months will help keep newborn rabbits alive
- Fans are used for cooling and to replace ammonialaden air (caused by urine) with fresh air - Inclusion of Yucca should help with this problem
- Self cleaning hutches or cages are a benefit
- Galvanized wire cages are commonly used in commercial rabbitries
- Nest boxes constructed on plywood, some commercial operations used wire nest boxes with disposable liners

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# Feed Your Family Only The Best...Poulin Grain Feeds For Healthier and Productive Animals

## Advantages of Poulin Grain Rabbit Feed:

### Alfalfa Meal

- High quality source of fiber

### Carbohydrates

- Proper levels of fiber and soluble carbohydrates to reduce the incidence of enteritis and enterotoxemia caused by carbohydrate "overload" in the hind gut
- Always supplement with high quality hay

### Yucca

- Reduced respiratory disease, enteritis and kit mortality
- Improved feed efficiency
- Reduction in ammonia levels

### Mos

- Medication free: mos is an all-natural yeast product that promotes intestinal health

## Rabbit 16% Maintenance Pellets™

- Flavored for enhanced palatability
- Fortified to support all stages of product
- Excellent choice for breeders who desire an all purpose feed
- Recommended for dry does, bucks, or when over conditioning (obesity) may be a problem

### Rabbit 16% Maintenance Pellets™

Crude Protein (Min)	16.00%
Crude Fat (Min)	3.00%
Crude Fiber (Min)	15.00%
Crude Fiber (Max)	20.00%
Calcium (Min)	0.90%
Calcium (Max)	1.20%
Phosphorus (Min)	0.55%
Salt (Min)	0.40%
Salt (Max)	0.75%
Vitamin A (Min)	4,000.00 IU/LB

## Rabbit 18% Growth Pellets™

- Produces finest results when raising rabbits for meat or show
- Optimum levels of vitamins and minerals
- Magnesium and copper are added at higher levels for feed efficiency and improved rate of gain
- Produces exceptional fur and firm, well-muscled bodies
- Flavored for enhanced palatability

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Vitamin A (Min)	4,000.00 IU/LB