



Growth Record

For Market

Required Average Daily Gain (ADG)

Check your county requirements for market rabbit weight guidelines. How much does each rabbit need to gain every day? How do you know your rabbits will be the right weight? As long as you know the required weight, a rabbit's beginning weight, and the number of days before showing, you can calculate the required average daily gain. Make this calculation for each of your market rabbits. Copy these pages as many times as needed or go to go.osu.edu/4hrabbitresources.

Ear No.	Estimated Finish Weight	–	Beginning Weight	=	Total Required Gain	÷	Days in Feeding Period	=	Required Average Daily Gain
	5 lbs.	–	1 lb.	=	4 lbs.	÷	50 days	=	.08 lb. per day

Weight Record

From the time your market rabbits are weaned to the time they are shown is relatively short, usually just five to six weeks.. It is important, therefore, to weigh them every four days to know how much they are gaining. Use a scale calibrated to the nearest ounce.

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5/31	6 ozs.	NA
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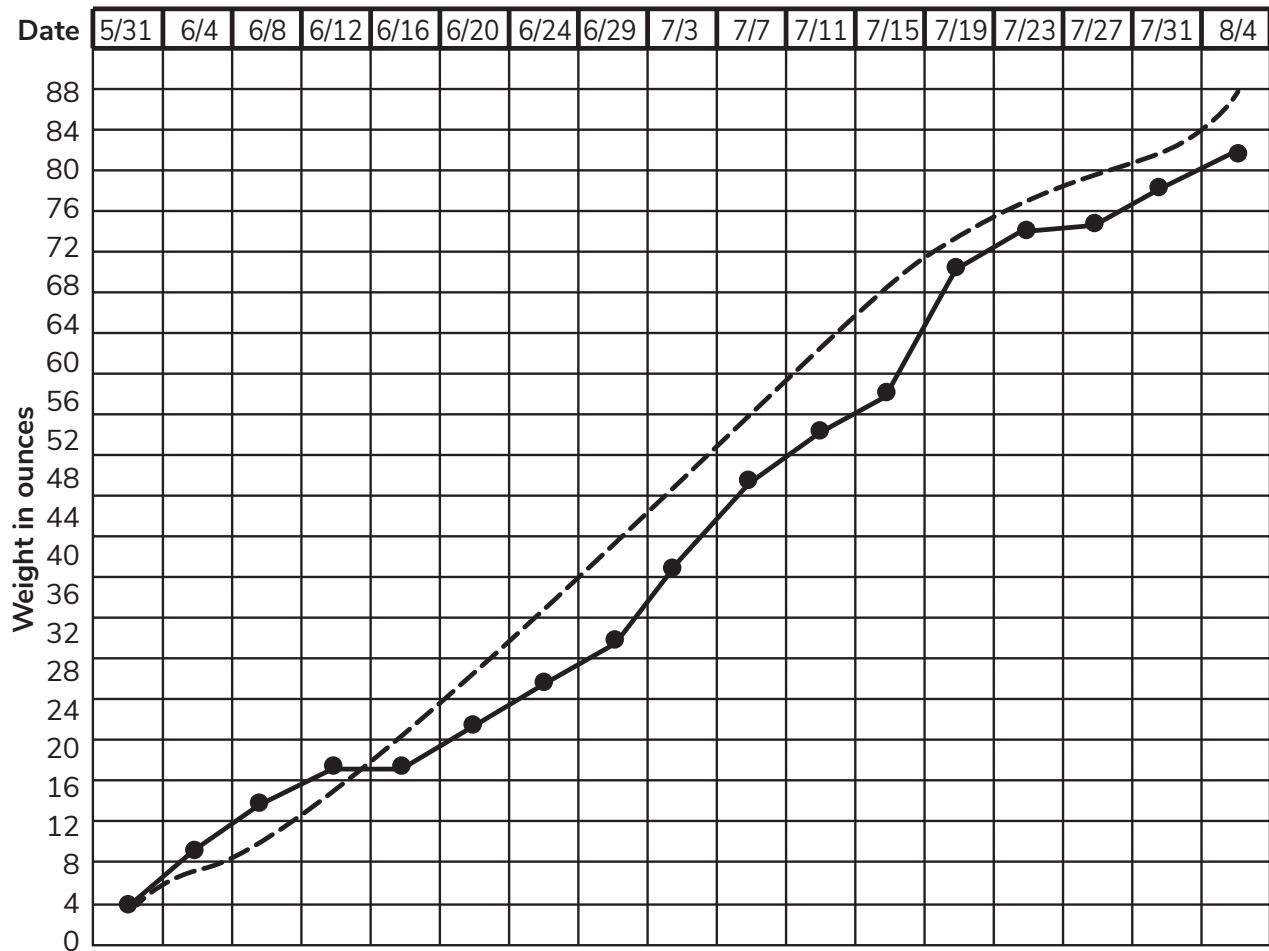


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Example

A growth chart provides a visual representation of how your rabbit is growing. This chart shows an example of a rabbit with steady weight gain, which is the usual pattern. The dashed line is expected growth, and the dotted line is actual growth.



Your Growth Chart

Use this same growth chart to record your rabbit's weight by following these steps:

1. Fill in your starting date and dates for weighing your rabbit **every four days**.
2. To make the expected growth line, record the initial weight of your rabbit with a dot in the first column. Mark the estimated final weight of your rabbit on the last column. Connect these two dots with a dashed line, either straight or curved, as you expect the growth to occur.
3. To make the actual growth line, weigh your rabbit on the dates you filled in (every four days) and record the weight with a dot. Connect the dots with a solid line.

Animal name, ear number, or both: _____

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