How Full Is Your Nestingbox?

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Considerations

Why

When

Cage Space

Nesting Boxes

Environment

Health

Breeding Systems

Genetics

Why Should I Breed?

- Specific Show
- Increase the Herd
- Show Rabbits
- Does are aging
- Satisfaction
- Improve Genetics



When Should I Breed?

- Juniors
 - National Breed Show
 - Oct.-Nov.
 - County Fair
 - Jan.-Feb.
 - State Fair
 - Feb.-Mar.
 - State Convention
 - Mar.-Apr.
 - ARBA National Convention
 - May-June
- Time of Year



Cage Space

- How Many
- Free Cages
- Cull Cages
- # Breeding Animals
- # Show Animals
- Weaning and Separating



Nesting Boxes

- Material
 - Wood
 - Metal
 - Pegboard
 - Wire
- Size
 - 1 inch wider and 2 inches longer
 - Cage Opening
- Bedding
 - Shavings, Hay, Straw, Shredded Paper



Environment

- Sunlight
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Weather Patterns



Health

- Condition
 - Doe
 - Buck
- Feeding
 - Protein %
 - Amount
- Diseases
 - Vent Disease
 - Other



Breeding Systems

- Out Crossing
 - Two unrelated animals from the same breed
- Line Breeding
 - Two somewhat related animals
 - Grandsire x Granddaughter or Cousin x Cousin
- Inbreeding
 - Two closely related animals
 - Father x Daughter or Siblings
- Crossbreeding
 - Two unrelated animals from two different breeds

Genetics

- Breeding System
 - Which one is right for you?
- Genetic Diseases
 - Malocclusion
 - Max Factor, Peanuts, Cataracts
- Color Predictability
 - Brokens
 - Self, Shaded, Agouti, Tan Pattern, Others

