



Understanding a Feed Tag

Rabbits, Level II

What Members Will Learn . . .

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

- How to read a feed tag

ABOUT THEMSELVES:

- How to process information to make decisions

Materials Needed:

- Feed tags from different varieties of rabbit pellets
- Activity Sheet 2, Feed Tag Quiz
- Cereal box labels with Nutrition Facts (several)

ACTIVITY TIME NEEDED: 30 MINUTES

ACTIVITY

When you purchase rabbit pellets, be sure to check the feed tag—check the amount of protein and fiber. Working does and litters need more fiber than resting does and bucks.

Let's discuss the major components of a feed tag:

1. Guaranteed Analysis—The minimum and maximum amounts of nutrients.
2. Ingredients—Listed on the tag in order from greatest to least amount.
3. Feeding instructions or tips—Suggest daily amounts for various types and breeds of rabbits.
4. Special warnings, uses and warranty.

Leader Notes

Give each pair of members a feed tag and ask them to determine how much protein is in the feed. Then have them find out how much fiber is present.

Hand out Activity Sheet 2, "Feed Tag Quiz."

DIALOGUE FOR CRITICAL THINKING:

Share:

1. What information does a feed tag have on it?
2. What was easiest/hardest to understand on the feed tag?

Process:

3. What types of rabbits need the most fiber?
4. How do the ingredients affect how you should store rabbit feed?

Generalize:

5. When you compared and contrasted the rabbit feed tag with the cereal box label, what was alike or different?
6. Why is it important to have a balance of nutrients in various diets?

Apply:

7. How will you use the information learned in this activity in the future?
8. What changes do you plan to make in your own diet? Why?

REFERENCES:

Lessons on:

- Feeding Your Project Rabbit
- Feeding Your Show Rabbit

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Activity Sheet 2, Feed Tag Quiz

CUPBOARD SHOW RABBIT PELLETS

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS

CRUDE PROTEIN, min .. 14.0%	CALCIUM (Ca), max 1.2%
CRUDE FAT, min 2.5%	PHOSPHORUS(P) min ... 0.5%
CRUDE FIBER, min 15.0%	SALT (NaCl), min 0.4%
CRUDE FIBER, max 20.0%	SALT (NaCl), max 0.9%
CALCIUM (Ca), min 0.7%	VITAMIN A, min ... 2,700IU/lb

INGREDIENTS

Alfalfa meal, processed grain by-products, plant protein products, cane molasses, vegetable oil, calcium carbonate, monocalcium phosphate, dicalcium phosphate, salt, vitamin A acetate, D-activated animal sterol (source of Vitamin D3), vitamin E supplement, choline chloride, niacin, vitamin B12 supplement, calcium pantothenate, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, thiamine mononitrate, menadione dimethylpyrimidinol bisulfite (source of vitamin K), folic acid, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate, ferrous sulfate, manganese sulfate, manganous oxide, copper sulfate, ethylenediamine dihydriodide, calcium iodate, cobalt carbonate, sodium selenite, yucca schidigera extract, propionic acid (a preservative), sorbic acid (a preservative), mono- and di-esters of 1,2, propandiol, butylated hydroxyanisole (a preservative), butylated hydroxytoluene (a preservative).

FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS:

Feed Show Rabbit Pellets to adult show rabbits as follows:

Small Breeds—feed 3 to 4 oz daily.

Large Breeds—feed 4 to 6 oz daily.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Feeding recommendations can be adjusted as needed for body and fur condition.

FEEDING TIPS:

Provide plenty of fresh, clean water at all times. Never feed any feedstuffs that are moldy, musty or suspect in any way. Show Rabbit Pellets are a complete feed. Additional hay or other feedstuffs are not required and may dilute the nutrient levels resulting in depressed performance. Rabbits should be changed slowly from one feed program to another over a 5- to 7-day period. The new feed should be mixed with the old feed to allow the rabbit to adjust smoothly to the new food.

WARRANTY

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Yummy Flakes

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 1 cup (31 g)

Servings per container: 16

Amount per serving	Cereal	With ½ c. skim milk
Calories	120	160
Calories from fat	0	5

%Daily Value**

Total Fat 0g*	0%	0%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%	1%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%	1%
Sodium 230mg	10%	12%
Total Carbohydrate 27g	9%	11%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%	0%
Sugars 2g		
Other Carbohydrate 25g		
Protein 2g		
Vitamin A	0%	6%
Vitamin C	10%	10%
Calcium	0%	15%
Iron	45%	45%
Thiamin	25%	25%
Niacin	25%	25%
Vitamin B6	25%	25%
Folate	25%	25%
Vitamin B12	25%	30%

* Amount in cereal. One half cup skim milk contributes an additional 40 calories, less than 5mg cholesterol, 65mg sodium, 6g total carbohydrate (6g sugars) and 4g protein.

** Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories	2,000	2,500
Total fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat. fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g
Calories per gram:			
Fat: 9	Carbohydrate: 4		Protein: 4

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Activity Sheet 2, Feed Tag Quiz, *continued*

Questions:

1. What are percentages of each of these ingredients?

	Rabbit Feed Tag	Cereal Label
Protein	_____ %	_____ %
Fat	_____ %	_____ %
Fiber	_____ %	_____ %
Calcium	_____ %	_____ %
Salt/Sodium	_____ %	_____ %
Vitamin A	_____ %	_____ %

2. Top three ingredients:

Rabbit Feed	Cereal
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. How are the ingredients in these two labels alike?
4. How are the ingredients in these two labels different?