

Carla's 5 minute advice to New Breeders

There are some documents that I posted that give you some GREAT information to ask when looking for breeding stock. This information will help you to be prepared when talking to breeders. Always ask for references from those breeders and talk to their references. Be willing to pay for good foundation stock. There's a lot to learn about rabbits and starting with junk stock you don't know if it is you or the stock why you are having a hard time. If you have good stock then at least you have won half the battle.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU READ ON THE INTERNET; half of it is wrong. Look to credible resources. There's lots of good information in the files section but when you do your googling, look to the universities, Univ of Mississippi, Alabama, Cornell, Texas A&M, etc. all have great information for raising rabbits.

Storey's Guide to Raising Rabbits is somewhat outdated but good basis information, but I totally recommend Rabbit Production, 9th edition by Dr. Lukefahr et al. Good sound CREDIBLE information.

If you are looking for a good breeder, ARBA has a listing of breeders; rabbitbreeders.us and ask here for people in your area, if someone isn't on this group, somebody may know of someone in your area.

My tried and true secrets: Raise them in wire cages (no wood coming into contact with the rabbits EVER); off the ground (no pasturing EVER); feed them a good quality pellet - 18% protein, 18% fiber, lowest fat you can find. I don't feed any veggies or treats or hay. (No, they do not need free feeding hay). I say this over and over again. If you feed a good quality pellet, you don't need anything else. NO FRUIT or carrots, too much sugar. (Exception I hear is pineapple when they are molting for fur block in moderation).