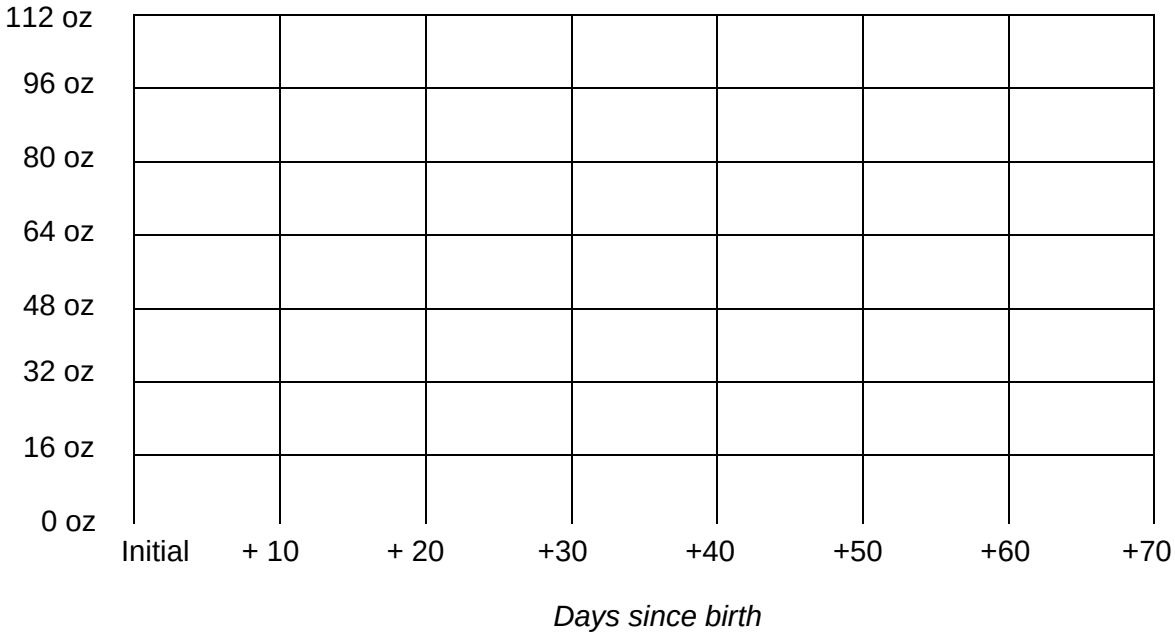
Market Rabbit Growth Chart

To achieve success with your 4-H Market Rabbit project, it is important that you know the estimated final weight of your animal and your progress toward that goal throughout the feeding period. The chart below enables you to plot the predicted growth curve and then plot the actual weight of your animal at various times during the feeding period to determine if you are "on target". All rabbits in your Market Pen of 3 must be under 10 weeks of age at the fair.

Tattoo # _____ Birthdate _____



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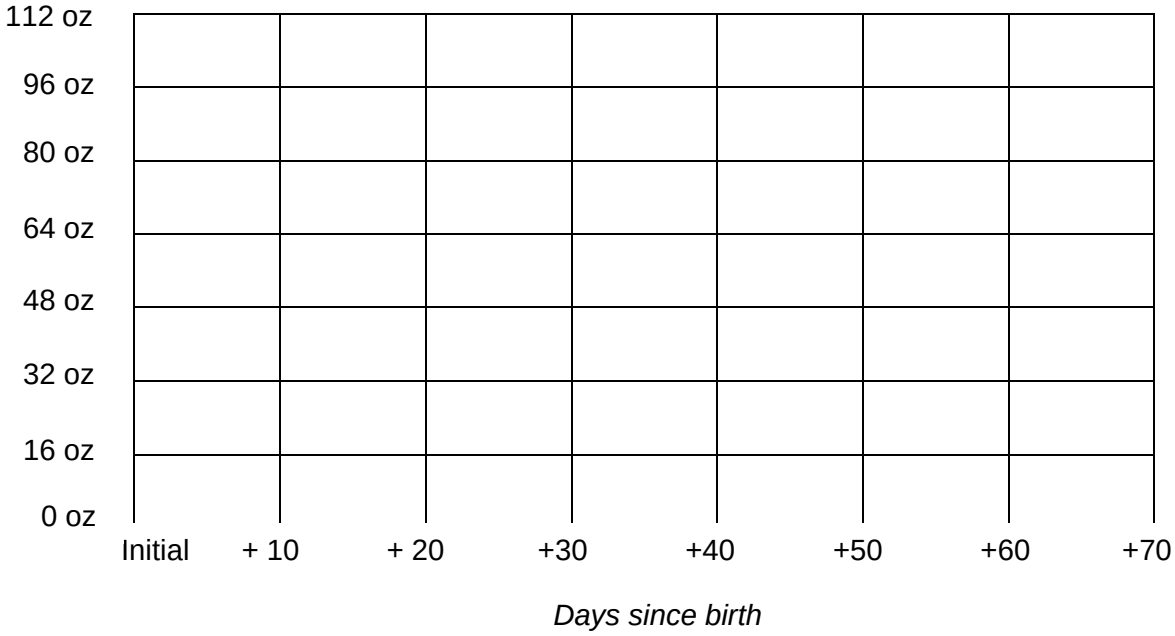

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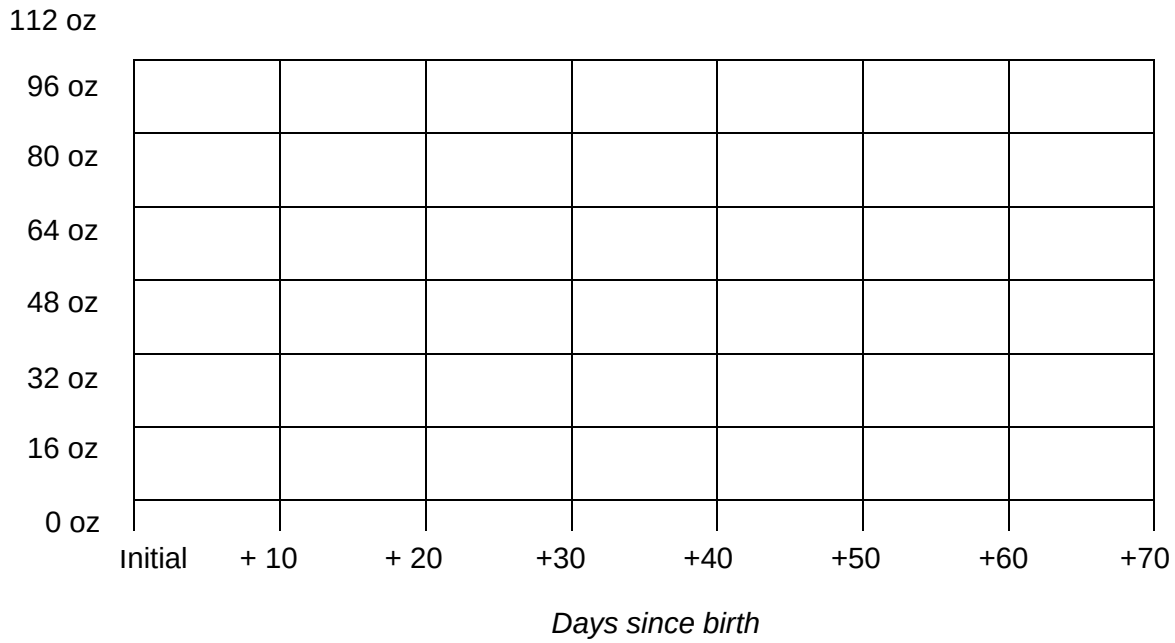

1. Mark the initial weight at the appropriate location on the left-hand side of the table.
2. Mark the estimated final weight at the appropriate location for the number of days in the feeding period.
3. Connect these two points with a straight line. This is your predicted rate of growth.
4. Record your animal's weight and the charts above each time it is weighed during the feeding period. Connect this point with the previous actual weight. Is the actual growth curve above or below your predicted growth line? Why?

Final Weights: _____ _____ _____

Animal #1 Animal #2 Animal #3

Number of days in feeding period: _____

Average Daily Gain* _____ _____ _____

Animal #1 Animal #2 Animal #3

* To calculate this take the final weight minus the initial weight and divide by the number of days in the feeding period.