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Rabbits III

My name is Sally Cloverfield and I'm a 9th year 4-Her. I live just outside of Paris on my family's farm with my parents and my brother.

Rabbits are by far my most favorite project. I started out in 2012 with four rabbits and now I have almost 40 in my barn. My mini-lops have really taken off and I learned more about breeding this year and taking care of a sick rabbit.

I learned a lot about breeding this year and raising my own babies. I lost some litters and it really bothered me, even though my leader (Mom) tells me it happens and that's part of raising animals.

I stepped up two years ago and became a junior leader for rabbits. Rabbit meetings were harder this year as everyone was so busy. We did finally meet before the County Fair so we could go over the show and showmanship.

One of the highlights of the year was winning Best Senior Buck with one of my home raised rabbits at the County Fair. I didn't like my friends losing, but it was really cool to see my hard work pay off. It was so fun to help the kids in our rabbit group at the fair. I like that I can help them and know what to tell them.

The State Fair was great this year. I won the Best of Breed in the ARBA show with one of my home raised rabbits, Bess. My rabbits overall didn't place as well as I would have liked, but I like that there are 3 different shows with 3 different judges that all look at your rabbits differently.

My favorite part of rabbits is teaching kids that have never raised rabbits, or shown rabbits how to become involved. As I am getting ready to head off to college, it's been important for me to know that the Rabbit Project will continue on and kids will continue to raise and show rabbits.