

2024 Youth Management Grading Rubric for Count and Countess

Candidate #___	Questions	Points	Points	Points	Points	Total Points
Membership/Breeds Question 1	When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any membership lapses.	LEFT BLANK	LEFT BLANK	1 st year 5 points	2 or more years 5 points	
Question 2	Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed, and why you raise these breed(s). Tell us what other breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.	Lists 1 breed, does not list the number of cavies, & does not list past breeds. 2 Points	Lists 1 breed, lists the number of cavies, can list any past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 5 Points	Lists 1 breed, lists the number of, may list past breeds, and explains in some detail why they don't have these breeds. 7 Points	Lists 1 or more breeds, lists the number of cavies they have, may list past breeds, and explains in great detail why they don't have these breeds. 10 Points	
Cages, Housing & Equipment Question 3	Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc. How does this location protect your animals from heat, cold, drafts, or pests?	LEFT BLANK	Describes in less than 3 sentences with some detail. 8 Points	Describes in 3 sentences in some detail. 12 Points	Describes in more than 3 sentences in great detail 20 Points	May include picture or drawing for extra 5 points
Question 4	List or make a table describing the cages/coops you have and their sizes. Describe what materials they are made of and how they are constructed.	LEFT BLANK	Describes cages, lists number, size, and type of material they are made of, but not in great detail (in less than 3 sentences) 4 Points	Describes cages, lists the number, size, and type of material they are made in more than 5 sentences and not in great detail for age group. 7 Points	Describes cages, lists number, size and type of material they are made of, in great detail, (more than 5 sentences) for age group 15 Points	May include picture or drawing for extra 5 points
Question 5	Other than feed and water equipment, describe or list ALL other equipment you use in the care/management of your animals.	LEFT BLANK	Answers the question with some equipment mentioned, no details given. 8 points	Describes in some detail the equipment used for their cavies. They don't mention grooming, first aid, carriers, etc. 12 points	Describes in detail the equipment used for their cavies. This includes grooming, first aid, carriers, etc. 15 Points	

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Question 6	Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals and how your feed is stored.	LEFT BLANK	Describes a couple of pieces of equipment used to feed and water their cavies; no details given. 4 points	Describe some equipment used to feed and water their cavies; some details are given for age group 7 points	Describes some equipment used to feed and water their cavies; written very well; details are given for age group. 10 Points	
Care, Health & Herd Management Question 7	What type(s) of feed do you give your animals? Do you give other supplements or anything in addition to their daily feed? If so, Why?	LEFT BLANK	Describes the feed they use, excludes hay. Explain if they use supplements but forget why they use them. The sentences are not developed for age group. 5 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Explains if they use supplements and why they use them. The sentences are not developed well for age group 7 points	Describes the feed they use, including hay. Explains if they use supplements and why they use them. The sentences are well-developed for age group. 10 points	
Question 8	How do you dispose of the manure and waste your cavies generate?	LEFT BLANK	Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Describe in 3 or fewer sentences in great detail 3 Points	Describes in more than 3 sentences and in detail. 5 Points	
Question 9	What do you do daily, weekly, and monthly in the care of your animals? Be Specific.	LEFT BLANK	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and/or monthly, but missed one daily, weekly, or monthly. 5 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly, doesn't explain well for the age group 10 Points	Lists what they do on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, written very well for the age group. 15 Points	

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Question 10	What measures do you take for biosecurity in your caviary?	Left Blank	Does not answer the question. 0 Points	Answers the question in 4 or fewer sentences, explained not very well for age group. 5 Points	Answers the question in 4 or more sentences and explains very well for age group. 10 Points	
Question 11	Describe any diseases that have affected your herd and explain in detail what you did to control that disease(s). If you have not experienced any diseases affecting your herd, then list one disease/illness and explain what you would do to get it under control.	Left Blank	Explains that they have not experienced this AND does not explain what they would do if it happened. 0 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced. It is not well written or not described very well for age group. 7 Points	Describes the disease they have experienced. It is well written and described very well for the age group. 10 Points	
Breeding & Production Question 12	Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals; include ages, time of year, breeding pair choices, etc.	Does not answer the question 0 points	LEFT BLANK	Answers the question in 4 or fewer sentences with some details provided for age group. 3 Points	Answers the question in 5 or more sentences with great detail. The answers are very detailed for the age group. 5 Points	
Question 13	Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning. Include your weaning process, age, and any other considerations.	Does not answer the question 0 points	LEFT BLANK	Describes what they do to care for mothers and young from birth to weaning with some details provided, they forget some parts of the question for age group. 7 Points	Describes what they do to care for mother and young from birth to weaning with details provided. The answers are very detailed for age group 10 Points	

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Question 14	List or make a table of how many total litters were born, the total young born, and the number of young weaned since January 1st, 2023. If you had a difference between total young born and totally weaned, can you explain why?	LEFT BLANK	Does not make a table (per directions). Does answer the question, but not correctly. 2 Points	Makes a table but does not thoroughly answer the question. 4 Points	Makes a table and answers the questions very well. 5 Points	
Question 15	Explain what you consider when bringing in new stock or bloodlines into your breeding program. What specific characteristics are you looking for?	Does not answer the question 0 point	LEFT BLANK	Describes how many replacement cavies they added and describes 4 reasons/qualities they looked for, not very detailed. 5 Points	Describes how many replacement cavies they added and describes 4 reasons/qualities they looked for written very well. 10 Points	
Question 16	Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?	Does not answer the question 0 Points	Left blank on purpose	Describes their culling process and what they do with their surplus cavies in less than 4 sentences with some details provided. 5 Points	Describes their culling process and what they do with their surplus cavies in more than 4 sentences, thoroughly described. 10 Points	

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Record keeping Question 17	What types of records do you keep for your breeding program? Why are these particular records important for the success of your breeding program and for achieving the goals that you have set?	Left Blank	Does not answer the question 0 Points	Answers the question in 4 to 5 sentences with some details given but could be more thorough for age group. 5 Points	Answers the question in more than 5 sentences and gives thorough details for the age group. 10 Points	<i>If the participant provides a copy of their records, they receive 5 extra points.</i>
Question 18	Did your ACBA cavy project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.	Left blank on Purpose	Does not answer the question. 0 points	Answers the question, but very few details are provided. 5 Points	Answers the question and provides thorough details. 10 Points	

Neatness and Appearance of Application with no grammar or spelling errors	Sloppy writing if handwritten , not neat, unable to follow the answers, a lot of misspelling of words and grammar errors 5 Points	Neatness, able to follow the answers, some words are misspelled, and some grammar errors. 8 Points	Very Neat, with no grammar errors (a couple are ok) no spelling errors 10 Points	Total Points from pages 1-5
-10	-10	-30		Points Subtracted

Incomplete Application	Name On Pages	Over the Number of Pages (7) In Application except for any visual aids or records	TOTAL POINTS	
Total Points Possible				200