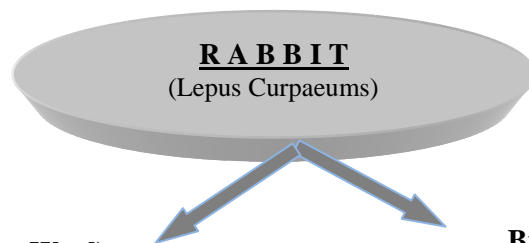


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**ANGORA RABBIT GERMPLASM FARM,
SANJENTHONG**



Angora Rabbit(for Wool)

1.	German Angora
2.	British Angora
3.	Russian Angora
4.	A-I Crosses (Cross bred)
	- BRA
	- GRA
	- GBA

Broiler Rabbit (for Meat)

1.	New Zealand White
2.	Soviet Chinchella
3.	Grey Giant
4.	White Giant
5.	Black Brown
6.	Flemish Giant
7.	Dutch

Distinctive Advantages of Rabbit Farming

- Initial investment is less
- Requires less space
- No pressure on forest land and environment.
- Docile nature.
- Can be maintained even on kitchen wastes only.
- Non-competitive to human being for food grains.
- Efficient users of green crops and other vegetation.
- High feed conversion ration and convert feed / fodder into meat very efficiently.
- Feed conversion efficiency of Angora Rabbit for wool production is far ahead than sheep.
- Rapid growth rate, early maturity, faster multiplication (prolificacy) and constant state of reproduction with lower gestation interval.
- Lower disease prevalence.
- Produces white meat (high protein); low in fat, cholesterol, sodium and potassium contents), fur/wool (warmest, finest and lightest) and best organic manure (high in nitrogen, phosphorous and potash).
- Good laboratory animal model for bio-medical research.
- Sustainable animal protein producer with higher meat to bone ratio than chicken.
- Rabbit has little or no social taboos.

Some practical feeding formulae of compounded rabbit concentrates:

Feed Ingredients	Grower Rabbits	Breeding / Lactating Doe	Adult for wool production
Maize	30	30	20
Barley	8	8	-
Wheat Bran	10	7	20
Rice Bran	13	13	20
Rice Phak	-	3	8
Groundnut Cake (Solv. Extracted)	20	17	10
Sunflower Cake (Solv. Extracted)	5	8	10
Soya Flakes	5	5	3
Fish meal	2	2	2
Molasses	5	5	5
Salt	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mineral Mixture	1.5	1.5	1.5

Some important Points for rabbit feeding:

- ☞ Rabbit starts eating / smelling feed as soon as it opens the eyes i.e. at 12-15 days of age.
- ☞ Young rabbits must be given feed in ground form instead of pallet.
- ☞ Rabbit can be solely reared on mash ration instead of pelleted feed but in need water treatment before feeding to avoid snuffled problem.
- ☞ Concentrate: roughage ratio must be 70:30 for grower and lactating, however, for adult this ratio can be increased to 60:40 or 50:50, using good quality hay.
- ☞ Grasses must always be fed in wilted form instead of fresh to avoid the digestive disorders caused by excessive moisture.
- ☞ Concentrate feeding must be done in cooler hours during summer to avoid feed wastage and for better intake.
- ☞ Old feed should be withdrawn from feeder before giving the fresh feed.
- ☞ During monsoon season it is recommended that feed should not be stored beyond 15 days.
- ☞ During summer there is a need to give high energy and high protein ration to avoid nutrient deficiency due to reduced feed intake.