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# HUTCHES .... for rabbits

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Rabbit raising is adapted to small farms and urban areas where other livestock projects are not practical. They make good pets, and raising and breeding them for show is a popular hobby. Rabbits are excellent for 4-H Club, Future Farmers of America, and Boy and Girl Scout projects.

This plan presents two different hutches and an under-the-floor nest box design.

The design illustrated above is constructed of hardware cloth secured to the inside of an inexpensive wood frame that also supports the roof. The hardware cloth floor keeps cleaning to a minimum.

A hay manger is incorporated into the hutch, so that hay or green feed can be included in the ration. Space is saved by having the one manger serve both hutches. Hay waste is reduced by troughs that can also be used to feed supplemental grains and that are located under the manger.

Hutch design number two is illustrated on the back of this leaflet. This self-cleaning, two-compartment, round-Washington, D.C.

ed-corner hutch reduces labor and requires few repairs. It can be used in mild climates or where hutches receive additional protection from the elements.

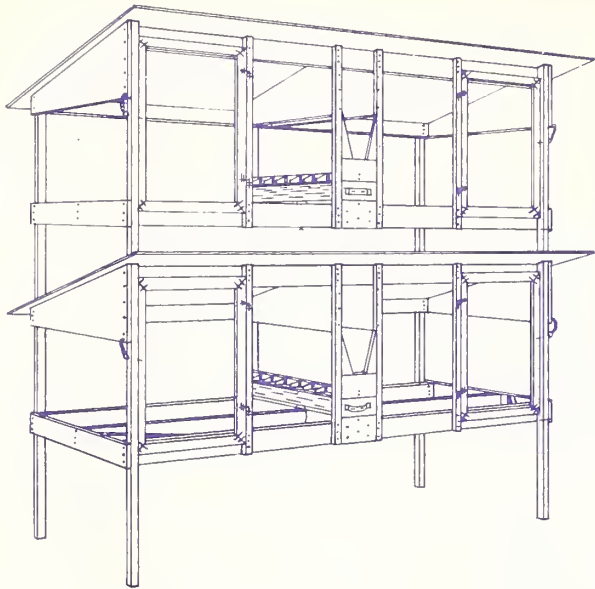
With the corners of the hutch rounded, the rabbits' feet come in contact with every part of the floor surface. Each foot acts as a sweeper keeping the hutch sanitary. If any droppings or fur fibers accumulate on the wire floor, they can be easily removed by brushing the underside of the floor with a wire brush. This hutch is designed to use the all-metal self-feeder.

Complete working drawings may be obtained from the extension agricultural engineer at your State university. There may be a small charge to cover cost of printing.

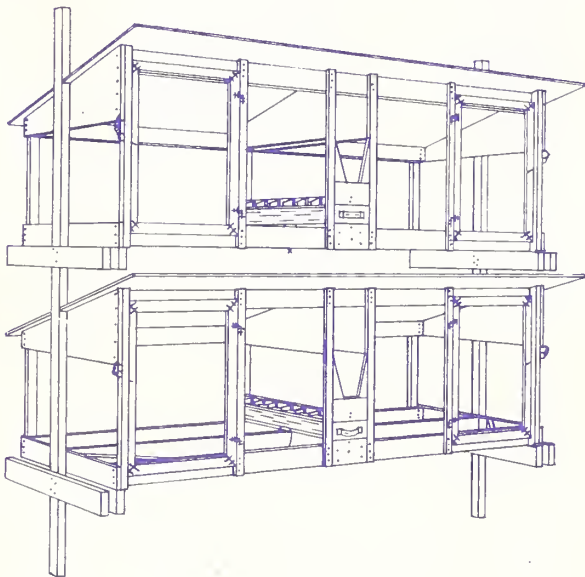
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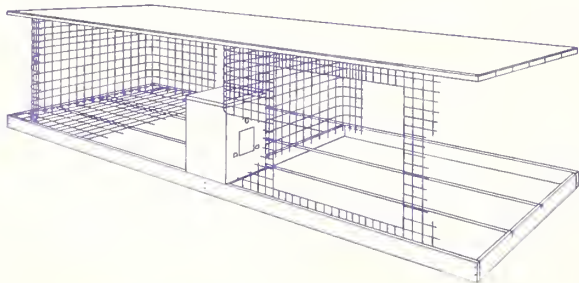
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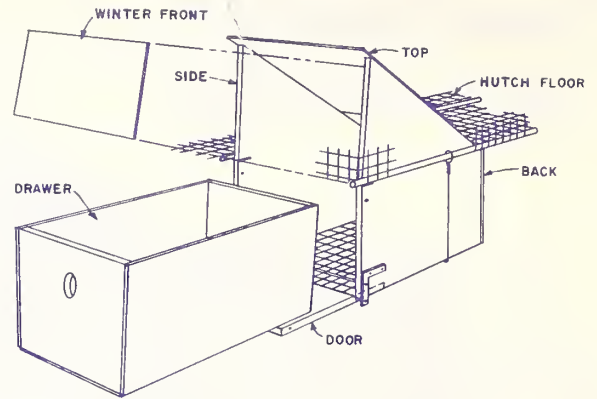
**A1** Double-deck hutch supported by the four 2 x 2 corner posts.



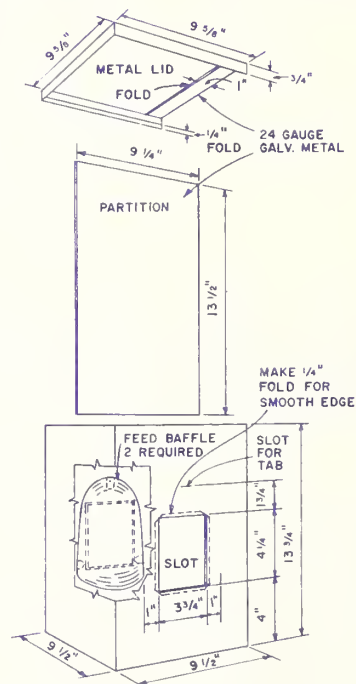
**A2** Double-deck hutches supported between 2 x 4 posts secured at the top and bottom.



**A3** Cutaway perspective of the rounded-corner, two-compartment hutch, showing location of metal self-feeder.



**A4** This nest box provides seclusion for the doe when she gives birth and protection for her litter. It is simple to clean and maintain, and provides good drainage and ventilation. The young can leave and return to the nest when they are large enough. The slide-out drawer can be removed when no longer required by the litter, exposing a wire mesh floor that becomes part of the hutch.



**A5** Hoppers save considerable time and labor when they are designed for self-feeding. This inexpensive self-feeder is made from a 5-gallon can and 24-gauge sheet metal.



