



Italian rabbit
breeders association



***The objective of the
Italian Rabbit Breeders Association
is to improve, enhance and increase
Italian rabbit breeding
by means of technical,
economic and promotional
actions .***



ANCI: the reference point of Italian rabbit breeders

ANCI promotes institutional activities (Rabbit Genealogic Reference and Rabbit Directory) under the supervision of the Italian Ministry for Agriculture, Farming and Forestry, the development of Italian rabbit raising and the technical assistance to rabbit breeding farms.

Technical and sector activities:

- Assistance to breeders
- Price monitoring and market analysis
- Diffusion of regulations
- Collaboration with scientific associations and research organizations
- Relations with public administrations



Institutional activities:

- Rabbit Genealogic Reference
- Rabbit Directory
- Experts Directory
- National Exhibitions from the Rabbit Directory

Promotional activities:

- Diffusion of rabbit breeding and consumption of rabbit meat
- Collaboration with sector company associations and institutions in the rabbit productive chain

Genealogic Reference

The Genealogic Reference is a means to obtain the genetic improvement of meat rabbit races with special reference to rabbit genetic assessment and certification of reproducers.

The technical activity of the Genealogic Reference is based on the direct management by ANCI of a Central Breeding Farm and on the activity of registered breeders. The selection scheme is founded on an innovative organisation model according to which the Central Breeding Farm centralises all selection activities and entrusts the registered breeders with the cross-breeding of pure races in order to exalt the effects of “hybrid vigour”.

The races in the Genealogic Reference

The selection from the Genealogic Reference of three meat races, i.e. Italian White, Italian Pied and Italian Silver, allows to constantly improve the productive and reproductive characteristics of each individual.

Italian White

Italian Pied



The selection of Italian White and Italian Pied rabbits is aimed at improving productive characteristics.

Characteristics:

- Highly prolific
- Excellent milk production
- Efficient, long-living female rabbits
- Adaptable to environmental conditions

Italian Silver



The selection of Italian Silver rabbits is aimed at improving the characteristics of growth speed and conversion index on breeding.

Characteristics:

- Rustic and robust
- Butchering yield
- Especially suited for intensive breeding



The Italian selection of meat rabbit



Italian White



Italian Pied



Female
Half-cast



Italian
Silver



Meat rabbit



Quality selection

Rabbit selection according to strict regulations and unique procedures is aimed at improving the productive and reproductive characteristics of rabbits, with special emphasis on the following features:

- Numerous brood
- Milk production
- Number of weaned individuals
- Growth speed
- Butchering yield
- Conversion index
- Rusticity
- Stoutness
- Muscular mass developed
- Strength to raising conditions
- Longevity

The genetic assessment

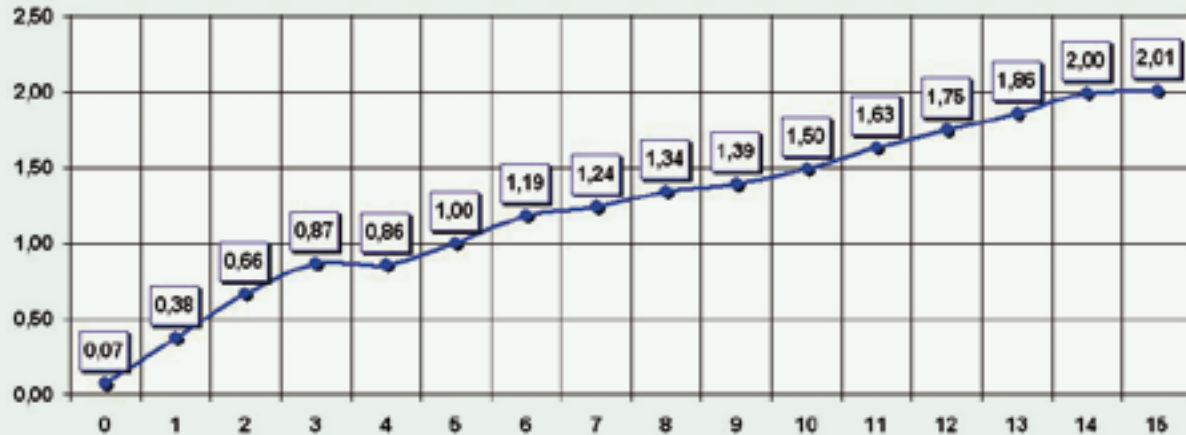
The Central Breeding Farm collects the productive and reproductive data concerning each reproducer under selection.

All individuals are identified and data is collected according to standard procedures and protocols. The resulting database is processed for the formulation of genetic indices according to the BLUP-Animal Model.

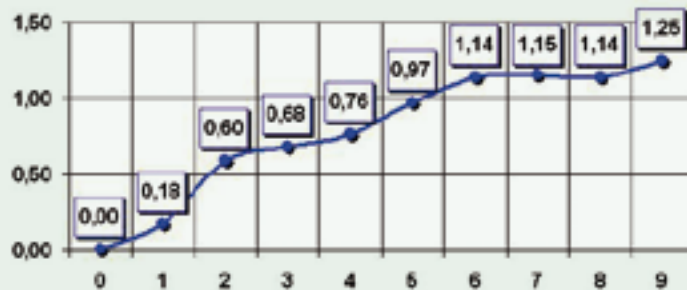
Only the reproducers reporting the best genetic indices are made to procreate the following generation, so as to obtain an offspring with a higher genetic average than their parent's generation.

The Average Genetic Progress per Generation (Total Merit Rate)

Italian White



Italian Pied



The Rabbit Directory

This directory is used to preserve and safeguard the rabbit races raised in the Italian territory, with special reference to the preservation of their morphological standards and genetic variability, by limiting blood relationship.

Technical monitoring is carried out by ANCI Central Office through the Local Offices present in different regions and in cooperation with the Experts Directory in order to obtain a morphologic assessment of reproducers either at the registered breeding farms or at official exhibitions.



Avellino



Foggia



Potenza



Bergamo



Forlì



Ragusa



Bologna



Gorizia



Ravenna



Bolzano



Latina



Reggio Emilia



Brescia



Lucca



Salerno



Caltanissetta



Milano



Torino



Caserta



Modena



Trapani



Catania



Napoli



Trento



Como



Novara



Udine



Cosenza



Padova



Venezia



Cuneo



Pavia



Vercelli



Enna



Pordenone



Verona

Aims of the Rabbit Directory

Preserve

the biologic
variability
of rabbit races

Strengthen

the purity-selection
role of rabbit
breeding

RABBIT DIRECTORY

Italian
rabbit breeders
association

Coordinate

the organisation
of official
exhibitions
for the diffusion
of reproducers

Guarantee

vital statistic
and morphologic
certification

The races in the Rabbit Directory

HEAVY



01. Gigante



02. Gigante bianco



03. Gigante pezzato



04. Ariete

MEDIUM



05. Argentata di Champagne



06. Cincilla grande



07. Ariete inglese



08. Blu di Vienna



09. Fulva di Borgogna



10. Holot



11. Bianca di Nuova Zelanda



12. Argentata grande



13. Californiana



14. Rossa della nuova Zelanda



15. Bianca di Vienna



16. Giapponese



17. Pezzata tricolore



18. Alaska



19. Lepre



20. Turingia



43. Leprino di Viterbo

LIGHTWEIGHT



21. Giarra bianca



22. Ariete piccolo



23. Martora



24. Fata di Marburgo



25. Oro di Sassonia



26. Fata perlata



27. Pezzata inglese



28. Lince



29. Argentata piccola



30. Avara



31. Olandese



32. Cincilla piccolo



33. Focata



34. Russo



35. Ariete nano



36. Ermellino



37. Nani colorati



42. Pezzata piccola

SPECIAL HAIR



38. Angora



39. Volpe



40. Rex



41. Satin

Technical assistance and service

ANCI provides rabbit breeders with a wide range of specialised services to improve their commercial qualification and competitiveness.

Technical services to breeders:

Planning of company development
Reproduction plans
Technical and estimative analyses
Technical information and diffusion

Relations
with Public
Administrations

Monitoring
of prices
and market
researches

R&D
in cooperation with
Scientific
Associations and
Sector Companies

Diffusion
of laws and
regulations
concerning the rabbit
productive chain

**Genetic
assessment**

of the reproducers
in the Rabbit
Genealogic
Reference

Certification

of reproducers
in the Rabbit
Directory

SERVICES

Supply

of certified
reproducers

**Plans and
programs**

for artificial
insemination

Training

on managerial
procedures



Promotion

Productive chain organisation, information and diffusion are the means used for the development and economic enhancement of Italian rabbit breeding.



Enhancement
of Italian selection
and genetics
for rabbit raising

Promotion
of Italian meat
rabbit
production

**Promotion and
stimulation**
of Italian rabbit
meat consumption

Diffusion
of scientific
information and
nutritional properties
of Italian rabbit meat

Collaboration
with companies
and associations in
the rabbit productive
chain



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