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To Make the Best Better

All 4-H families have a responsibility to read the 4-H newsletter and to understand the information and deadlines that apply to them.

Need help? Please check with your club leader or contact 4-H Agents at the Extension Office.

Be sure to stay in touch with your club leader and remain active in club meetings.

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Morgan County 4-H Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS!

Eli Kline and Tenleigh Lorenzini who will be awarded with a Breeding Heifer from the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The Cattlemen appreciate all youth who applied. Morgan County Cattleman's Association appreciates your enthusiasm in this program!

2023-2024 4-H Enrollment Enrollment Deadline is February 1, 2024.

Enrollment cost will be **\$20 per youth**, (5-18 year olds) payable by cash, check, debit or credit card to the Morgan County Extension Office (NO online payment available.) Shooting Sports members will pay an additional \$10 yearly fee. Encourage a friend to join. Go to: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.



4-H Membership

The 4-H year runs from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. 4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31, 2023.

- Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old
- Junior member: 8-10 years old
- Intermediate member: 11-13 years old
- Senior member: 14-18 years old

January Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Exploring 4-H. **January 12 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by January 10th.



The annual **Leadership Development Conference** (LDC) will be held January 27-29 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. LDC is a fun, educational weekend promoting leadership development, civic engagement, and community service. The event is open to youth 14 and over. Registration is open **until 4 pm on January 8th** through 4-Online, and eligible youth were sent registration information.

4-H County Council Activities



Thank you to all that participated in the Vision of Trees. Clayton Barch, Wyatt Gorrell, Addyson Schwindt, Ashlynn Thompson, Payten Thompson, Elizabeth Whitney, Jacob Whitney and Seth Whitney.

Thank you to all that participated in the Fort Morgan Christmas Parade last month: Jesse and Pam Koch for use of their trailer and driving it. Youth Ike and Tinsley Anderson, Clayton Barch, Jacob Clark, Evan Ewertz, Fowler Farnam, Talan Hall, Katelynn and Wyatt Johnson, Sateen, Soul and Saxson Keller, Lorin and Morgin Koch, Bentley, Gavin and Lillyn Larrick, Addyson Schwindt, Ashlynn and Payten Thompson, Logan Weiderspon and Elizabeth Whitney. Great evening to get in the Holiday Spirit!



Council Corner-

In place of holding a December Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting, members decorated and participated in the City of Fort Morgan Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 7th. Members handed out 900 4-H information cards with a candy cane.

The next meeting will be held **January 22nd at 6:45 pm**, where we will discuss ideas for the different county wide activities to hold in the spring.

If you have any questions about the Morgan County 4-H Council please contact Aimee at 970-542-3542.

4-H Activities and Information



2024 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

The National Western Stock Show will be **January 6-21, 2024**. 4-H Day at the National Western Stock Show is **Friday, January 12**. Group tickets are only available if they are purchased early. All Colorado 4-H families and invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserved seating. Discounts are not available at the Stock Show Box Office. For a complete schedule, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

2024 Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a leadership camp for 4-H members 11-13 years old and is scheduled for **March 2024**. More information will be in February's newsletter.

Citizenship Washington Focus - Tentatively June 20 to June 27, 2024

What does it mean to be a good citizen? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country and world?

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 16-19 that takes place in the Washington, DC area.

Participants are immersed in the culture and history of Washington through onsite workshops at its most spectacular sights.

Members wishing to attend CWF must be ages 16-19 years of age by December 31. The application process for CWF will be completed through 4-H online. Aimee will be in contact with eligible youth when more information including application deadlines are available.

How do I choose my projects?

There are lots of resources to help you choose your projects. You can ask 4-H leaders for help. You can come to project workshops scheduled throughout the year. You can call the 4-H Agents and you can talk to other 4-H members about their projects.

Considerations in Selecting a 4-H Project

- ◆ Select a project you like
- ◆ Select a project that can be completed
- ◆ Consider the costs (check the State Fair Exhibit Requirements to estimate cost)
- ◆ Consider the space and equipment that will be needed
- ◆ Consider parental support for the project
- ◆ Be aware of the opportunities for growth in the project
- ◆ Select only the number of projects that you can complete
- ◆ A 4-H project should be fun, serve a purpose and be worth the effort!

In addition to the guide, talk with other members, leaders and 4-H staff to learn more about the project.



Considering New Projects for 2024?

The new State 4-H General and FCS Project requirements are available at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/requirements/>.

All the requirements to complete FCS and General 4-H projects will be listed in this online booklet. The Morgan County Fair Book will follow those guidelines.

New to 4-H and not sure what to expect?

Newsletter: Your enrollment in 4-H automatically subscribes you to this newsletter that focuses on Morgan County 4-H. Watch the front of the newsletter for information and events that may be pertinent to you. Flip to your section for specific news, events, deadlines and rules. Current and past editions are available on the Morgan County website at <http://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/newsletters/>

Email: We use mass email to send reminders of upcoming opportunities, workshops, deadlines and more. Many opportunities and news items that we receive from the State 4-H office and other counties may miss our newsletter deadline, and those are also passed on by email. Please let us know if you change your email address. Also, the newsletter is our primary way of getting information to you. We will send a mass email the day the newsletter goes to print to every enrolled member and leader. The email will have a link to the newsletter and instructions on how to find it on the website. If you would like to be mailed a paper copy, please call Jamie at 970-542-3540.



Club Meetings: Are you in touch with your club leader to find out when your club meetings are? Try to attend as many meetings as you can so that you can get involved, make friends, and learn more about your projects. Many clubs have requirements as to how many meetings you need to attend, so make sure you are aware of that number.

Manuals: Be sure to ask your club leader or the Extension office if you need a project manual. These manuals were designed to help you learn more about your specific project. TIP: For additional help, try to find out if your club has any project leaders that can help you. Colorado4h.org also has tip sheets for most projects. Click “Projects and Record books”. Scroll to the middle of the page and click “Tip Sheets”. If you have already picked up your manuals for the year, please stop by the office to pick up labels for your manuals that include our Non-discrimination statements.

Livestock Weigh In: Are you taking a livestock project? If you plan to show a market animal (one that will be fed out, shown and possibly sold) you’ll need to be sure to check the newsletter for information about livestock weigh-in or nomination. All market beef, market goats, and market lambs must be weighed in on the specific date listed to be eligible for the Rate-Of-Gain contest. Market swine must be tagged by the specific date listed. Market rabbits and poultry require a paper ID’s turned in by the specific date.

Website: Check out our local Morgan County website at <http://morgan.colostate.edu/> or the state 4-H website at www.co4h.colostate.edu. We also have a 4-H Facebook page, just search for Morgan County Extension, on facebook.com and then “Like” to follow our updates.

COUNTY ‘Member in Good Standing’ POLICY

Just a reminder that Morgan County and Colorado 4-H have a “Member in Good Standing” policy. As written in the state policy manual, a member in good standing; abides by the 4-H Code of Conduct, meets deadlines, attends a majority of club and project meetings, and completes at least one project.

To complete a project, members are required to:

1. Participate in a 4-H related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech-arts presentation.
2. Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service activity, and
3. Complete any county level requirements such as a record book, exhibit, etc.

While this state policy has always been in effect, the county has really had no way to determine a member’s level of participation. Effective October 1, 2015, all club leaders are required to sign off on every member’s participation before county fair and at the end of the 4-H year. All members must meet county/state policy as well as club policy (if applicable). Members not in good standing may not be able to participate in certain county, state or national events.

Judging Opportunities

Judging Opportunities for 4-H Members

Judging is a great opportunity for 4-H members to improve decision making, communication, problem solving and time management skills in a fun, team-oriented setting. Members do not have to be involved in any specific project to take part in judging programs. Some potential benefits of judging include college scholarships, opportunity to travel, personal and team awards. Check out one or more of these judging opportunities!



- **Consumer Choices Judging & Consumer Bowl**

Did you know that you are a consumer judge every time you buy something? Come join us and learn fun ways to become the smart and savvy shopper you know you are! In Consumer Choices Judging you will learn standards of quality for goods such as backpacks, toys, clothing, food, and much more, and then practice making comparisons. There are opportunities for Senior members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. Consumer Choices is open to all senior 4-H members and in any project. For more information contact Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 2024.

- **Parli Pro**

Parliamentary procedure provides a framework that encourages all members to have an equal voice in their club. The 4-H club model provides an excellent forum for youths to experience, practice, and effectively use life skills that will allow them to be successful in living productive and satisfying lives. Leading or participating in a club business meeting gives members an opportunity to plan, evaluate, discuss ideas, and set goals—all important life skills.

The members of the Morgan County Parliamentary Procedure team will compete at the State Conference in June 2024 where they will conduct a mock meeting and demonstrate their knowledge of correct Parliamentary Procedure. For more information or if you are interested contact Aimee at aimee.kanode@colostate.edu. Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2024.

- **Meats Judging**

The Morgan County 4-H Meat Judging Team will begin practices soon. 4-H meat judging includes retail cut identification, judging classes of cuts and carcasses, and giving reasons. You don't have to be enrolled in a livestock project or know anything about meat or meat judging, you just need to be willing to learn. Practices will be held in preparation for the state contest held in late April/early May. If you are interested in participating please contact Marlin Eisenach at 970-542-3545 or marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu.

- **Livestock Judging**

Workouts for Livestock Judging normally start in early March. Generally, the team will also compete in several county contests prior to the State contest in June, held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins. Team members will learn livestock evaluation skills for beef, goats, sheep and swine. Top placing teams have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. For further information contact Marlin at 970-542-3545 or marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu.

- **Horse Judging**

Learn the basics of how to evaluate a horse shown in halter and performance as well as give oral reasons to an official judge justifying how you placed a specific class of horses. If you demonstrate a passion for horses and an eagerness to learn, this is for you. There are 4 competitions in the state to participate in. Contact the Marlin at marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu more information.

Scholarship Information



Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation will be offering scholarships for 2024. Applications need to be completed by **March 1, 2024**. Each applicant must have two references (other than your Extension Agent) and a recent/current photograph. The photograph will be used for media purposes. Go to: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/> for more information.

By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level. The online application process began on October 1, 2023. You do not have to attend CSU to be eligible for scholarships. Take time during your vacation days to see what scholarships that you may be eligible for.

CSU Scholarships

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2023-2024 academic year, applicants should complete the CSU Scholarship Application available online at: <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/csu-scholarship-application-csusa/>.

By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level. Due Date: **March 1, 2024**.

Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship

Two scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The requirements are that you must be a graduating high school senior and expected to enroll in an agricultural degree program at any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$1000 granted for tuition for up to 4 years.

MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school senior. The amount of this scholarship is \$1000. Pick up applications at the Extension Office.
Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The requirements are that you must hold a high school diploma or equivalent, be accepted and enrolled in any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$300 granted as a successive year's scholarship, must reapply after four years.

Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Look for more information for the following scholarships in the Extension Google Drive in all weekly 4-H Updates:

- ♦ [Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship](#), One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years. Due **April 1, 2024**
- ♦ [Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship](#) - Applications must be received or post marked by **April 5, 2024**.
- ♦ **Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**
- ♦ [Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship](#), Application deadline: **April 20, 2024**

4-H Leader/Volunteer Information

Leaders

As you plan for the 2023-2024 4-H year, please keep us up-to-date on potential changes in club status and leadership. As you sign up new 4-H leaders, they will need to complete the enrollment form and application. 4-H Online Enrollment is open.

4-H Volunteers Re-Enroll

4-H Volunteers must complete an enrollment form every year. Background checks are completed for new volunteers and can periodically and randomly be conducted on any leader. When a 4-H volunteer signs an enrollment form, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. Only authorized, enrolled volunteers should act as leaders and only authorized, enrolled volunteers are covered by CSU insurance.

Volunteer Requirements

Recognized volunteers may hold 4-H functions, are covered by 4-H insurance, and may serve as chaperones in the name of 4-H.

Everyone interested in becoming an Organizational Leader is required to visit with the 4-H Agent, even if you are already an approved project volunteer. If your club is dissolving or if you are considering changes in leadership, call the Extension Office at 970-542-3540.

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Morgan County, all NEW leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a volunteer application through 4-H Online and receive two positive references.
2. Complete a 4-H enrollment form through 4-H Online
3. Complete leader training
4. Pass a background check
5. Interview with 4-H Agent (All organizational leader applicants or as requested).

Colorado State University Conducts Background Checks on all Volunteers

Volunteers serve at the request of Colorado State University Extension. That request can be withdrawn for any reason, or no reason, at any time. Volunteers agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and to enforce the Code of Conduct with 4-H members they supervise.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, in any discipline, trainings will be offered across the state this Spring. To attend the training, you must be an enrolled, approved leader for Morgan County 4-H. This requires online training videos, background check, and reference check. Dates for the coming trainings are listed below. You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 3 weeks before the deadline for registration for the trainings. Trainings cost \$135, and partial reimbursement from LAC is available.



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Dates and Locations:

- ⇒ **March 1-3, Morgan County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)**
- ⇒ **March 8-10, Pueblo County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)**
- ⇒ **March 15-17, Weld County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)**
- ⇒ **March 22-24, Garfield County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)**

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted for reason including but not limited to low registration numbers, inclement weather, state health department restrictions, etc.

Trainings begin on Friday evening, continue all day Saturday and conclude mid-day Sunday. Attendance for the entire weekend is required to receive a certificate.

Morgan County 4-H LAC

Are you looking for a way to get involved and give back to the 4-H program of Morgan County? Offer a helping hand to Morgan County 4-H! Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee is looking for volunteers who care about 4-H and know the impact that it can have on developing youth in the way of camps, conferences, contests, trips, and workshops. LAC appropriates funds for 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers to participate in a variety of activities which are local, county, state and national. If you want to help the 4-H youth of Morgan County call Katie at 970-542-3544. **Everybody can be great! Because anybody can serve!**



Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee DBA LAC 2023-2024

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2023-Sept 2024) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025). This is done by selling 4 items of any fundraisers (butter braids, pastry puffs or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, **\$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2024** to be eligible for funding.

Continuing in January 2024 all LAC reimbursements will be left in club cubbies at the Extension Office and club leaders will be responsible for getting them to their members.

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, January 22, 2024, 5:30 pm, Extension Office

4-H County Council

Monday, January 22, 2024, 6:45 pm, Extension Office

Livestock

2023 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm.

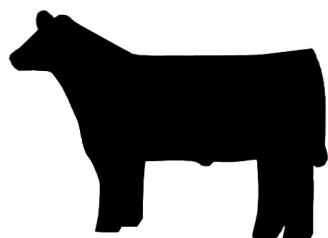
All Members with Horses are required to fill out ID's in 4-H Online, yearly. Three views of Horse are required.

If you identified a horse last year, you must activate each animal account.

Primary Care of Horses begins May 1, 2024.

This includes leased horses.

Check with Marlin if you have questions.



4th Annual Showdown on the Plains Cattle Show

January 26-28, 2024

2 Rings- Heifers show Saturday, Steers show Sunday

Phillips Co. Fairgrounds, Holyoke, CO

Check them out on Facebook for updates.



Premises ID

Premises identification will provide quick and accurate traceability of livestock and locations in the event of an animal health concern, which will help maintain the health of all Colorado livestock. For this program, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is managed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

For the 2023 – 2024 project year, 4-H members with livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit) are strongly encouraged to obtain a Premises ID. It is required to exhibit at the Morgan County Fair and

Colorado State Fair. It is also required for other livestock shows.

If you don't already have a Premises ID, you can obtain one by calling Marlin 542-3543 or go online to Colorado Location Identification (LID) Registration Form at <http://col.st/tzSZP>.

Animal Care and Housing Form

All 4-H members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects form on file at the Extension Office.

This form will be provided in two ways:

1. 4-H online for those that have their animals at their place of residence and
2. on our 4-H Website <http://morgan.extension.colostate.edu> for those that have their animals some place other than their residence.

If your animal project is housed at your place of residence you filled out this form while filling out your paperwork during the enrollment process online.

If your animal project is not housed at your place of residence then you will need to go to our 4-H Website, print the Animal Care and Housing form and fill out both sides of that form and turned back in to the Extension Office yearly by the Primary Care date. This gives us additional information about your specific situation and helps with the approval process. Please give us detailed information or we will send them back for you to adjust your comments.

Talk to your club leader, or contact Marlin at 542-3543 if you have any questions.

MQA Certification/Recertification Program

Public confidence in our meat products is extremely important to the success of the livestock industry. Youth livestock projects play an important role in building or losing the trust of our consumers. It is important that youth livestock exhibitors exceed the standard in producing quality, defect-free livestock for our consumers.

These self guided workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. Allow yourself one hour. Parents please attend with your youth under 14 years old.

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be May 13 and 14, between 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. If you are new to 4-H livestock projects, you are required to participate in the training the first year of your project. You will need to recertify when you are 14 years old as of December 31, 2023.

Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

If you haven't met this requirement, you will not be eligible to show at the Morgan County Fair.

For anyone interested in showing at national shows or out-of-state shows, double check the show's Meat Quality requirements. There are some shows that are now requiring Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or Beef Quality Assurance (BQA.) Please contact Marlin with any questions, 970-542-3543.

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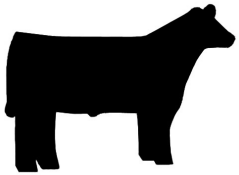
NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Premium books are available on-line. Visit the National Western Stock Show webpage at www.nationalwestern.com and be sure to check the changes they are making for the 2024 Junior Livestock Shows.

Catch it Dairy Distribution

1st year dairy heifers will be tentatively distributed in late March to early April. Participants will receive an email when date is confirmed. Participants, who feel they cannot fulfill their commitment, please notify Marlin immediately.

2024 Beef Optional Weigh-In/Tag-In



Option A: Attend traditional beef weigh-in on **Saturday, March 2nd, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes are available. Also, bring your paperwork for the Brand Inspector at no cost. ID forms, DNA envelopes and Photos are the responsibility of the beef exhibitor's family. All information can be turned in at weigh-in or due to the Morgan County Extension Office no later than **Monday, March 4th by 4:00 pm**.

Option B: Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Morgan County Extension Office. Tag applicators are available to borrow, but must be returned asap. You must arrange a brand inspection with the Brand Inspector at your own expense or can bring cattle to the weigh-in for brand inspection at no cost. Turn in ID forms, DNA envelopes and Photos to the Morgan Extension Office no later than **Monday, March 4th by 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday, March 2nd, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: March 4th by 4:00 pm at the Morgan Extension Office.

- Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Extension office. Tag applicators are available to borrow.
- A quality readable picture of the Morgan County tag in the animal's ear must be included with ID form.
- You must arrange a brand inspection with the Brand Inspector at your own expense or brand inspection at no cost can be obtained at the non-mandatory weigh in for Rate-of-Gain contest on **Saturday, March 2nd, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

2024 Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2024

All ID's must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on the due date. ID forms are always accepted early.

Species	Primary Care Begins	Optional Weigh-In	I.D.'s by 4:00 pm
Market Beef	March 4	March 2	March 4
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Breeding Goats and Sheep	May 1		May 1
Breeding Swine	May 1		May 1
Market Goats and Sheep	May 6	May 4	May 6
Market Swine	May 6		May 6
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Meat Rabbit - Single Fryer	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25		June 25

2024 Morgan County Fair

The 2024 Morgan County Fair is **July 26th through August 1st**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Thursday, August 1st.



FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Beef

- Weight change 1000 - **1600 lbs.**

Swine

- Adhesive glue may be used on legs only for Show only, not Sale.
- Swine Show, Monday at **5:00 pm**.

Sheep

- Sheep Show, Sunday at **5:00 pm**.

Dairy

- Dairy Show, Wednesday at **10:00 am**.

Poultry

- Allow 4 market entries per exhibitor.

Rabbit

- Allow 4 market entries per exhibitor.

Livestock Record Books

- Books have been updated.

Family ID Rule

- Family nominations for market animals will be accepted. To be eligible for family nominations, the nominated livestock must:
 - 1.) Be owned by exhibitors of the same immediate family and residing in the same household.
 - 2.) Be nominated by the ID deadline set by the Morgan County Fair Board.
 - 3.) Be in continuous care of the exhibitors residing in the same household.
 - 4.) Individual ownership of the family nominated animal **MUST** be declared prior to weighing the animal at the County Fair weigh-in.

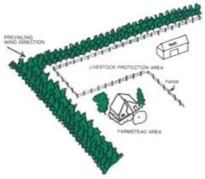
Horse

- Added Class: Western Pleasure
- Split Ranch Horse into two age divisions for participants: Juniors 8-13 year olds & Senior 14-18 year olds

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Species	Beginning Primary Care/ID's Due	Vet Check in Transit	Enter in Barn after Vet Check	Weigh-Ins after Vet Check & Entry	Weights	Show Date and Times
Western and English Horse	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 20th, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 20th, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 21st, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 21st, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 23rd, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 23rd, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2024	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 26th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2024	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit Single Fryer	June 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 26th, 10:00 am
Breeding Goats	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 27th, Immediately following the Market Show
Market Goats	May 6, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	60 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 27th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Breeding Sheep	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 28th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 6, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sunday, July 28th, Immediately after Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 29th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Swine	May 6, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	230 - 300 lbs.	Monday, July 29th, Immediately following Showmanship
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 30th, 10:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 30th, 10:00 am
Market Beef	March 4, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 30th, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 4, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 30th, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 31st, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 31st, 10:00 am



Seedling Tree Sales

The annual sale of seedling trees has begun, and many trees sell out fast. If you would like to receive an order form please contact Aimee at aimee.kanode@colostate.edu.

2024 A Healthier Weigh - Health & Fitness Challenge

The 2024 "A Healthier Weigh" challenge is set to begin in seven northeast Colorado counties in early January. Morgan County will have weigh-ins **January 2nd - 5th**. However, the educational content of the program will be staggered across the counties. The annual 12-week AHW challenge encourages increasing activity, making wise food choices, and living a healthier lifestyle. Teams consist of 4 adults. Individuals and 2 person teams may also participate. County challenge guidelines, entry packets and registration is available, contact Katie 970-542-3544.



Ag Awareness Programs Outreach. . . Reaching Youth Where They Are!

January 9 - **Beaver Valley Elementary**
January 10 - **Columbine Elementary**
January 11 - **Pioneer Elementary & Weldon Valley Elementary**
January 16 - **Trinity Lutheran School**
January 17 - **Green Acres Elementary**
January 18 - **Baker Elementary**

Thank you to the National Western Stock Show for providing FREE admission!!

2024 Colorado Farm Show

One of the largest — and oldest — farm shows in the nation takes place in Weld County, in Greeley at Island Grove. This annual three-day event features almost 350 ag-related exhibits and draws more than 30,000 visitors from throughout the region interested in learning more about ag products, services, and machinery. Topics covered in the farm show will include:

January 23rd Topics: Beef, Colorado Produce, Water, and Agronomy

January 24th Topics: Dairy, Weeds, Colorado Weather, Partners in Ag, and Small Animal

January 25th Topics: Ag Outlook, Ag Education, and Equine

Click [here](#) to learn more and see the full schedule of speakers including several members of our CSU team.



Extension News

Cottage Food Safety Training - This training covers specifics of the Colorado Cottage Food Act and how to safely operate a food business from a home kitchen. Participants learn food safety guidelines and the specifics for operating a home based cottage food business from a home kitchen. Participants also learn about the most current Colorado Cottage Food Act guidelines and best practices. Cost: \$40 and the next Online class available:

- ♦ **January 26**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online
- ♦ **February 23**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online
- ♦ **March 12**, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm, online

Registration link for all classes: <http://cottage-food-safety.eventbrite.com/>

Cooking Matters

Cooking Matters is A free 6-week course teaching adults how to prepare and shop for healthy, low-cost meals. Class meets once a week, for 2 hours. To graduate the class, you must attend 4 out of the 6 class sessions.

Topics that will be covered in class include identifying healthy food options, portion sizes, food safety and hands-on food preparation, reading food labels, preparing quick and easy healthy snacks, menu planning and smart shopping.

Cooking Matters will be offered at the Morgan County Extension office on **Thursdays from January 11th – February 15th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Please RSVP to Katie Seelhoff at Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu or (970) 542-3540.

2024 ServSafe Trainings The ServSafe program blends the latest FDA Food Code, food safety research and years of food sanitation training experience. Handlers learn to implement essential food safety practices and create a culture of food safety. Trainings are being offered through the year. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Yuma County Extension Office at (970) 332-4151.



Handlers' Trainings:

- Wednesday, March 6** – Sterling
- Tuesday, April 9th** – Brush *Class taught in Spanish ONLY*
- Thursday, June 6th** – Burlington *Class taught in Spanish ONLY*
- Monday, September 9th** – Brush
- Tuesday, October 29th** - Holyoke

Managers' Trainings

- Wednesday, April 16th** – Burlington
- Tuesday, June 11th** – Akron
- Thursday, November 7th** – Sterling

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 - **HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 8 - LDC registration deadline, 4:00 pm, 4-H Online
- 9 - 11 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips, Ext Office could be Closed
- 12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - **HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 16 - 18 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips, Ext Office could be Closed
- 22 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 22 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 27-29 - Leadership Development Conference (14-18 year old)

FEBRUARY

- 1 - **Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2024 MCF**
- TBD - Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- 9 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 11 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 19 - **HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 19 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 27 - 4-H New Family Orientation, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Bldg

MARCH

- 1 - Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship application deadline
- 1 - CSU Scholarship application deadline
- 1 - 3 Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 2 - Market Beef Weigh-In, 8:30 - 10:00 am, MCFG Indoor Arena
- 4 - Market Beef ID's due, 4:00 pm, Extension Office
- 8 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 18 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- TBD - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)

APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 5 - Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 14 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 15 - Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship due, Ext Off.
- 15 - Mike Glenn Scholarship due, Extension Office
- 15 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 15 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- TBD - State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online
- 26 - 28 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza

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May be closed for lunch from 11:30-12:30.

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Jamie Dixon-Administrative Technician

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Morgan County Fair Grounds (MCFG)

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4-H GROWS HERE



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**Enrollment Deadline
is February 1, 2024
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