



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

In The News!

Two Morgan County 4-H youth, **Katelyn Johnson** and **Wyatt Johnson** attended the Leadership Conference in Logan County on February 19, 2024.

2024 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 26 - August 1, 2024**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Livestock Record Books due Wednesday, July 10th and Interview Judging which is Wednesday, July 24th.

Manuals and Record Book Update

If you have not received your manuals for projects, contact your club leader first as they received packets to distribute at the club meetings. When you receive manuals/records, don't set aside until summer. Take time to read the manual NOW and the records to see what you need to do. Most projects require activities to be completed over a period of several months. You want to do more than just the one thing for your exhibit. If you are uncertain of the exhibit requirement, check out this link: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>. If you still have questions call the Extension Office so one of the Extension Agents can help you with information. In most projects, there are specific skills to learn and complete for the exhibit. If you believe you have enrolled in the wrong unit for what you wanted to learn, let us know ASAP. **Deadline for adding or dropping projects or changing units is May 15.**



2024 State Syllabus Information

The 2024 State Syllabus is available. For specific project requirements, please look at the project syllabus <https://col.st/E0bqq> or you can find it in the Quick Links on the 4-H Record Book page of the Morgan County website at <https://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/records/>. For project descriptions go to: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>.

4-H Activities and Information



4-H Project ADD/DROP Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is **May 15, 2024 at 4 pm.**

To add or drop a project, please send an email to

coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu or aimee.kanode@colostate.edu.

- Let the Extension Office know if you need manuals for the added projects.
- Return any unused project manuals after dropping a project.
- **Livestock projects the ADD/DROP deadline is the ID or primary care date.**

See page 15 of this newsletter.

R.S.V.P.

We are planning lots of great workshops and meeting for leaders and members this 4-H year. These events are organized and led by 4-H leaders, staff or guests. We ask that you RSVP by registering in 4-H Online under Events that you will be attending. Some events are cancelled because so few people have responded or because of unforeseen circumstances. Of course if you have not responded we have no way to let you know that the event has been cancelled! For 4-H purposes, unless we specifically ask you to let us know whether or not you are planning to attend, RSVP means respond only if you are coming. It means that we need a definite head count and we need it by the specified date. Please RSVP!

2024 Youth Fest

YouthFest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **April 26-28, 2024**. Registration opens March 1st in 4-H Online and registration information will be sent to eligible members.

District I Talent Festival

Calling all 4-H performers!! The 4-H District 1 Talent Festival is coming to a theater near you! The Talent Festival will take place on March 30th starting at 5:00 pm in the NJC Theater. More information regarding registration will be in upcoming Friday Updates. This event is free to participate in and free to attend.

March Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be St. Patrick's Day Themed.

March 8 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **March 6th**.



Horse and Dog ID Forms

All Horse and Dog ID Forms must be done on an annual basis through 4-H Online by **4:00pm, May 1st**. If you identified a horse or dog last year, you must activate each animal account. For the Dog ID, you will need to update and upload new vaccine information.

4-H Activities and Information

Dog Project Practices

A copy of your dog's vaccination records must be presented to the dog leaders before your dog attends its first practice. Practice schedule is set, 6:00-7:00 pm:



March: 25 – Intro to dog showing - Multi-Purpose Building

April 8, April 22, and April 29 - Multi-Purpose Building

May 6 and May 13 - Indoor Arena

June 3, June 10 and June 24 - Indoor Arena

July 8 and July 22 - Indoor Arena

Show: July 25th

Fair Book Cover Contest

The Morgan County Fair Board will give the youth who draws the best illustration for the Fair Book Cover \$50 cash. Entries must be hand drawn in dark pencil or ink, no color, on a white 8-1/2 X 11 inch piece of paper with a 1/2 inch border. You must include the date of the fair, "July 26 – August 1" and the words, "2024 Morgan County Fair" in your artwork. Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is **Wednesday, March 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm**. Contestants must be 8-18 4-H age.

District I 4-H Council Meeting

A District I Meeting will be held on **April 14 at 1:00 pm in Yuma, CO**. District I officer elections will be held, and officers elected will serve from July 2023-June 2024. If you are interested, contact Aimee 542-3542.

County Council Activity Night

On **Saturday, May 4**, County Council will be hosting a county wide activity night in Event Center at the fairgrounds from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** There will be a dance and other activities for members to play. All 4-H members are welcome and can bring up to three friends who are not enrolled in 4-H. The cost to enter for the evening will be \$3.00. Register through 4HOnline by **May 1**.

Citizenship Washington Focus - 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 Application deadline is **March 1, 2024**.

4-H Activities and Information

4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2023-2024 4-H year. These may include Leather Craft, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition, Quilting, Sport Fishing, Outdoor Adventures, Photography, and so many more. We are always looking for instructors willing to help out as well. If you know of someone that has a skill set related to any 4-H project please let us know.

Model Rocketry Workshop –

We will be holding a Unit 1 Model Rocketry project workshop **March 11th, 9:00 - 11:00 am**, at the Morgan County Extension Office. Be sure to bring your rocket, record book, and any questions that you have about building or launching your rocket. We will walk through building tips and go through some parts of the manual during this workshop. There will be another Model Rocketry workshop in April at the Morgan County Extension Office. More information to come in the April Newsletter.



Cake Decorating Workshops

All units will be held on **March 14**. Former Cake Decorating leader, Danielle Eggleston, has put together videos teaching the skills needed to succeed in the Cake Decorating Project. Info on how to access these videos will be sent to members enrolled in Cake Decorating by March 1. Katie will email times to all cake decorating participants once confirmed.

Clothing Construction Workshop

Project leaders Cora and Jennifer Rhode and Kathy Wood will be holding an introductory clothing construction project workshop on **March 14th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office. Participants will learn the basics for the project, how to select a pattern, and how to select fabric. If you are interested in attending this workshop, or in future Clothing Construction workshops, please fill out this survey: <https://col.st/uY7Nn>

Artistic Clothing Workshop

The first workshop will be held **March 15th, 9:00 - 11:00 am**, at the Morgan County Extension Office. We will be Tie-Dying t-shirts and looking through the project manual and record book. Please bring a plain white t-shirt to use! Be sure to bring any questions you have about the project. The second workshop is going to be held in April at the Morgan County Extension Office. More information to come in the April Newsletter.

If you are not enrolled in the project but are thinking about trying it feel free to come check these workshops out to help you decide!



Photography Project Workshop

Thursday, April 4, 2024

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Riverside Park Nature Trails

Please register in 4-H Online by Monday, April 1 at 12 noon.

4-H Activities and Information

Signing up for Shooting Sports

There is a \$10 fee for every youth enrolled in shooting sports.

All youth must attend a **mandatory safety training** prior to their first practice. The training was held **February 15th at 5:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. If you missed it, please contact Aimee to make it up, 970-542-3542.

MORGAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. All participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project.
2. Juniors: 8 - 13 years old as of 12/31/23 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/23
3. All participants must attend a mandatory safety training prior to their first practice.
4. Appropriate safety equipment is the shooter's responsibility.
5. All youth **MUST** complete record books and participate in interview judging and must receive at least a Red Ribbon on their interview project for scores to count for participation at Colorado State Fair.

6. All youth must have a Hunter's Safety Card to shoot at the County Fair Shoot.

You must have participated in at least three (3) County *Certified shoots in each of the divisions entered to compete at the County Fair. For safety reasons, a shotgun shooter must shoot at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. *Certified shoots are scheduled shoots shot in front of the contest superintendent or assistant superintendent of the discipline.

*For emergency situations, the superintendent and shooting sports committee will take it under consideration for county only results. Youth not participating in county shoots will not be eligible for State Fair Shoot.

*Guidelines for Classes and equipment will be same as the current rulebook. You may view the Colorado Shooting Sports Rule Book at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/>. Click on rulebook, forms, and notices.

2024 Shooting Sports Dates



Discipline	Contact	Additional Volunteers	Shooting Practice Times	March	April	May	June	July	Fair Shoots
.22 Rifle - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	Alison Gorrell 370-3944 Jeremy Williams 303-241-4885	DJ Eicher Laurie Mielke Justin Lowe Alison Gorrell	7:30 am -11:30 am		April 6 April 20	May 11 May 18	June 8 June 22	July 6	Saturday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Danielle Williams Jeremy Williams Alison Gorrell	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm		April 6 April 20	May 11 May 18	June 8 June 22	July 6	Saturday, July 13 Check-in 2:00 pm Muir Springs
Air Rifle MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Justin Lowe Alison Gorrell	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	March 7 March 21	April 4 April 18	May 2 May 16	June 6 June 20	July 11*	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	Alison Gorrell 970-370-3944	DJ Eicher	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	March 14 March 28	April 11 April 25	May 9 May 23	June 13 June 27	July 11*	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Muzzleloading - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Andy Larrick	11:30 am - 12:30 pm		April 6 April 20	May 11 May 18	June 8 June 22	July 6	Friday, July 12 Check-in 5:00 pm Muir Springs
Shotgun - Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona	Paul Oliveira 645-2157	Jay Marshall Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays			May 8 May 22	June 5 June 19	July 3	Sunday, July 7 Check-in 7:30 am High Plains Trap Club
Shotgun Games - Skeet 12710 MCR W.5, Weldona	Levi Dixon 768-1931	Andy Larrick Paul Oliveira	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays			May 8 May 22	June 5 June 19	July 3	Saturday, July 6 Check-in 8:00 am Washington County Gun Club
Archery - Weldona 12710 MCR W.5	Paul Oliveira 645-2157	Levi Dixon Chad Lorenzini Katie Lorenzini Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tuesdays			May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 9	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Archery - Brush 750 Ellsworth	Justin Lowe 719-469-4722 Dale Chacon 970-571-3637	Jesse Koch Nicole Lowe Stephanie Johnson Janie Whitney	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday		April 26	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 12	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth **MUST** participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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. You do not have to attend CSU to be eligible for scholarships.

CSU Scholarships

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2024-2025 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**.

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**

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

RMFU membership is not required as the Morgan County Farmers Union will sponsor your membership. Five scholarships are available and two of the five are for Morgan County students only. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2024** at <https://rmfu.org/scholarships/>

Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship - Applications must be received or post marked by **April 5, 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. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**

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**

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)** Registration closed.
- ⇒ **March 8-10, Pueblo County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)** Registration closed.
- ⇒ **March 15-17, Weld County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun) Registration Opens: 2/2/24 Closes: 3/1/24.**
- ⇒ **March 22-24, Garfield County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage) Registration Opens: 2/9/24 Closes: 3/8/24.**

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.

4-H Volunteers/County Council/Opportunity

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 puffins or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, **\$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2024** to be eligible for funding.

Continuing in 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.



Butter Braid/Pastry Puffins Fundraiser

Morgan County LAC is holding their annual spring fundraiser, Butter Braid Pastries and Pastry Puffins, to help fund 4-H activities and trips. They are asking for help from Morgan County 4-H'ers to sell 4 of them. The fundraiser is open **February 12 to March 13th**. Paper order forms for both are available from your club leader or the Extension Office or you can find a copy online on the 4-H Events list. Both Butter Braids and Pastry Puffins have a second option for ordering that allows for credit card payment. If you want to do the online option you will have to contact the Extension Office to get an online account activated. **All order forms and money MUST be in the Extension Office by 4 p.m. on March 13th**. Checks should be made out to Morgan County LAC. **Orders must be picked-up on March 26th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.**



Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:45 pm

Council Corner

On Monday, February 19th, 2024, two Morgan County members attended a leadership conference in Sterling at NJC. The keynote speaker for the day was Mike White, President of NJC. Throughout the day youth learned about resume building, scholarship preparation, entrepreneurship and more. This conference was a great opportunity to learn more about being a leader.

The next Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting will be held March 18 at 6:45 at the Extension Office.

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

Livestock



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.

The 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.

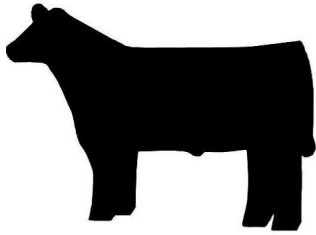
The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be May 13 and 14, between 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. If you are new to 4-H livestock projects, you are required to participate in the training the first year of your project. You will need to recertify 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 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). At this point, the Colorado State Fair is still accepting our current MQA program to meet their requirements. Please contact Marlin with any questions, 970-542-3543.

2024 Beef 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 at 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 avail-

able 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 at 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.

Livestock Sale Information

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/Yp0bf>.

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/wFbto>.



NE Colorado Stock Show Prospect and Breeding Cattle Show March 9, 2024

Logan Co. Fair Grounds, Sterling, CO

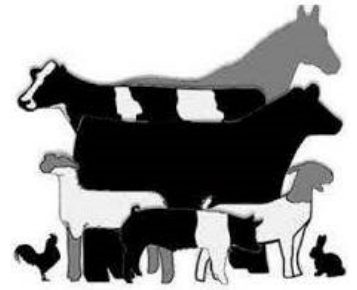
For more information or questions, contact Whitney Reed 303-928-9768.

Colorado State Fair

Beef nominations are due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **April 1, 2024**. Members with Lambs, Goats or Pigs that want to exhibit at the Colorado State Fair must have nomination forms turned in to Marlin by **June 1, 2024**. The tentative 2024 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: www.coloradostatefair.com. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

Livestock

Morgan County Livestock Project Tip Sheets have been developed and are available on the 4-H Livestock page on our website at <https://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-livestock/>.



Livestock Record Book Question & Answer Sessions
Monday, March 11th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room
Wednesday, March 13th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room

4-H Horses



Horse Project

There will be a Horse Project Organizational Meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at the Extension Office. All horse project members and parents are encouraged to attend.

Horse Levels Testing

Horse Members that need to take written level tests must contact **Marlin 542-3543** to schedule an appointment. Members must pass written test before taking the riding test. All tests need to be taken by July 10th.

2024 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.

Catch-It animals distribution dates are tentative at this time. Information will be emailed out upon date confirmation. Participants, who feel they cannot fulfill their commitment, please notify Marlin immediately.

Catch-It Swine Distribution

Mid to late April.

Catch-It Lamb & Goat Distribution

Lambs and Goats will be distributed on **May 4th**.

Meetings will be held on **May 4th**.

Catch-It Chicken Distribution

Early June.

Catch-It Rabbit Distribution

Mid June.



2024 Weld County Goat Extravaganza

No matter what breed of goats you might have, there is sure to be something for you at the 2023 Weld County Goat Extravaganza, **April 26-28, 2024**. Activities will take place in the Livestock and Exhibition Buildings at Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. Stay tuned for details, go to our website, www.wcgoate.com or call Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have questions.

Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza

The Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza will be held **June 9 - 11, 2024** at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley. Event information and entry forms can be found online at www.weldextension.com, then click on Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza.

Massey Lamb and Goat Camp

Lambs-**June 17-18, 2024** and/or

Goats-**June 19-20, 2024**

Applications and registrations are done at: <http://www.masseyshowlambcamp.com/registration.html> This “hands-on” two day event with J.B. Massey will be held at the Morgan County Fair Grounds.

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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.
One book per species.

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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<u>Species</u>	<u>Beginning Primary Care/ID's Due</u>	<u>Vet Check in Transit</u>	<u>Enter in Barn after Vet Check</u>	<u>Weigh-Ins after Vet Check & Entry</u>	<u>Weights</u>	<u>Show Date and Times</u>
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	N/A	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

Extension News



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*

Managers' Trainings

Wednesday, April 16th – Burlington

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:

- ♦ **March 2**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, online
- ♦ **March 12**, 10:30 am - 2 pm, in-person El Paso County
- ♦ **March 12**, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm, online
- ♦ **March 20**, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm, online

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

Fresh Conversations – Fresh Conversations provides a new, or fresh, newsletter each month. Each issue focuses on a current health topic and offers practical tips and sensible solutions to everyday problems that get in the way of doing what most people want to do: eat well and live well. During each series, we will review the newsletter, discuss a certain topic, for example April's was eggs, and sample a new food!

Upcoming classes: **March 13th, 11:00 am**, Gene Doty Senior Center
April 10th, 11:00 am, Gene Doty Senior Center

AgrAbility

The Colorado AgrAbility Project (CAP) is a partnership between Colorado State University Extension and Goodwill Industries of Colorado. The program is funded in part by a grant from the U.S Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to provide information, education, and services to farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers and their families with disabilities, illnesses, or conditions. To register visit: https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25hu17k6ra49ZnU

A Matter of Balance - Fall Prevention

Falling is not a normal part of aging, and there are pro-active things older adults can do to remain active and live independently without the fear of falling. Each session involves discussion, developing strategies for fall prevention, and exercises for balance, strength and flexibility. During the 8 sessions, participants evaluate their own Fall-Ty Habits as well as do a Home Safety Review for preventing falls. The program is funded by Area Agency on Aging so there is no charge to participate, but due to space we are limited to 12 individuals who are committed to attend all 8 sessions. The class will be hosted at the Gene Doty Senior Center beginning on **Tuesday, April 23rd 9:30-10:30 am**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 1 - Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- 1 - Colorado 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 1 - CSU Scholarship Application Due
- 1 - 3 Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 2 - Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG, Indoor Arena**
- 4 - Market Beef ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Extension Office**
- 8 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 8 - 10 - Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 11 - Model Rocketry Workshop, 9 - 11 am, Extension Office
- 11 - Livestock Record Book Q&A, 1:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - Livestock Record Book Q&A, 1:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin orders due, by 4 pm, Ext Office
- 14 - Cake Decorating Workshops, Ext Office
- 14 - Clothing Construction Workshop, 6-7:30 pm, Ext Office
- 15 - Artistic Clothing Workshop, 9 - 11 am, Extension Office
- 15 - 17 - Weld County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 20 - CAFS Scholarship Application Due
- 18 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 20 - Fair Book Cover Entries Due, 4 pm, Ext Office
- 21 - Annual Horse Project Organizational Meeting, 6:30 pm, EO
- 22 - 24 - Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 25 - Dog Project Practices start, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, MCFG Multi-Purpose
- 26 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Pick Up, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, Ext Office

APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due to Marlin
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 4 - Photography Project Workshop, 4:30-5:30 pm, Riverside Park
- 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
- 26 - 28 - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)

MAY

- 1 - Horse & Dog ID's due, in 4-H Online by 4 pm**
- 1 - Breeding Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine and Dairy Cattle ID's due to Ext. Office by 4 pm**
- 4 - Optional Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 4 - 4-H County Council Activity Night
- 6 - Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office**
- 10 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office**
- 13-14 - MQA 4:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE IN 4-H ONLINE**
- 20 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 20 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 27 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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