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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

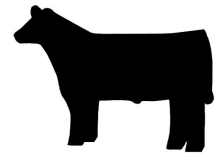
Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Katelynn Johnson** a Snyder Pioneers 4-H member, who was selected as the 2024 Fair Book Cover Contest winner! Thank you to all youth that turned in entries.

2024 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

65 – Market Beef
 55 – 4-H/FFA Members

Thank you to Dr. Paul Chard, from Cattleman's Resource for his time and the use of chute and Deb Wacker for the alleyway. Thanks to those individuals that helped in the set up and the Weigh-In. They included, Jon Cook, Emily, Curtis, Jill Westhoff-Curtis, Rhett Curtis, Jason Frasco, Matt Kalous, Dan Kendrick, Eli Kline, Erik Mohrlang, Carter Mortensen, Maddox Sepulveda, and Larry Vickers. Also, Dale Chacon and Jeffrey Hanson, Colorado Brand Inspectors, for all their time spent at the weigh-in.



2024 YouthFest YouthFest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **April 26-28, 2024**. Registration closes **April 5th** in 4-H Online and registration information was sent to eligible members.

April Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Spring Themed. **April 12 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **April 10th**.



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 2024-June 2025. If you are interested, contact Aimee 542-3542.

4-H Activities and Information

State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for this year, **June 18-21, 2024** at the CSU campus. Aimee will send registration information to eligible participants when it comes available.



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 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, aimee.kanode@colostate.edu or katie.seelhoff@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 11 of this newsletter.**

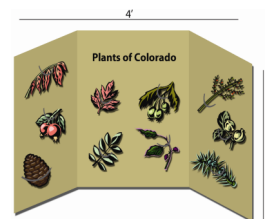
Manuals and Record Book Update

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.**

Display Boards and e-Record Covers

The Extension Office has display boards (show boards) available for \$3.50 each.



Again in 2024

This year the Morgan County 4-H Foundation will sponsor an e-Record Cover for all youth in General, FCS, and Natural Resource Projects. One per e-Record. They are available for pick up at the Extension Office.

4-H Activities and Information

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.

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, **5:30-6:30 pm**:



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



April is True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month, 4-H'ers across the nation will pledge their hands to larger service – leading positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. True Leaders in Service will officially kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**.

Join the thousands of 4-H'ers who will venture out into their communities to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others.

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.

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.** Dodgeball will take place from 7:00 - 8:00 pm and dance from 8:00 - 9:30 pm. See page 15 for more information. Register through 4HOnline by **May 1**.

Fair Youth Superintendents

We need the help of 4-H youth who would like to help with the 2024 Morgan County Fair events. This is a wonderful way to share your leadership and be part of the excitement of fair. Volunteer Application form is located on the Morgan County Website 4-H page or a hard copy will be available at the Extension Office. We need help with interview judging, exhibit display, marketing, and much, much more! Please fill out the [google form application](#) and submit to the Extension Office by **June 1, 2024**.

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	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	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	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

Scholarship Information

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. This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a post secondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc. View application details at <https://col.st/3U1fR> Application deadline is **April 1, 2024**.



Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship

The Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship is for graduating High School Seniors or Home School Seniors or a Second Chance Adult with a GED wanting to further their education in the related Ag fields. Total award of \$2,500.00 to be divided between the total number of semesters needed to complete the program. For more information and a scholarship application please go to <http://www.livestockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html>. Deadline for application is **April 5, 2024**.

Ken Amen Memorial Scholarship

The Ken Amen Memorial Scholarship recognizes confident young people who excel in core leader areas of agriculture, community involvement and faithful servant leadership. The scholarship amount will be given as follows: \$1000 to current college students (increments of \$500 with a maximum of 2 recipients) and \$1500 to current high school seniors (increments of \$500 with a maximum of 3 recipients). All interested applicants should complete the online application at <https://col.st/3U1fR> by **April 15, 2024**.

Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Morgan County 4-H Foundation gives scholarships to graduating high school seniors to be used the following fall in their academic pursuits. Three \$1000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship for an archery member will be given. Acceptable evidence of their enrollment in a recognized institution of higher education will be required. Additional information is available at <https://col.st/3U1fR> and applications are due by **April 15, 2024**.

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Two scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattlemen'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**

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**.

Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattlemen'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**.

Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship, The Morgan County Fair is a member of the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS). CAFS is offering a scholarship to any active 4-H or FFA member who has participated in the Morgan County Fair. 4-H or FFA members who are eligible to apply for this scholarship must be high school seniors or a graduate with a minimum of a "B" average in both their junior or senior year. This scholarship can be used at any creditable post-secondary school. The application deadline is **April 20, 2024**. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship>.

Additional Scholarship information available at: <https://col.st/3U1fR>

4-H Volunteers/County Council

Butter Braid and Pastry Puffins Fundraisers were a great success!

Thank you to all who participated. A total of 985-braids, cookie dough and puffins were sold.

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.

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, April 15, 2024, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, April 15, 2024, 6:45 pm

Council Corner

The Morgan County 4-H Council held their March monthly meeting on Monday, March 18th at 6:45 PM at the Morgan County Extension Office. During the meeting members discussed plans for the County Council Activity Night which will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Activities include Dodgeball and a dance to follow. Look for registration information soon to sign up your team for Dodgeball!

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



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.

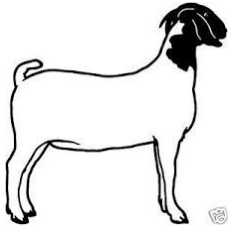
Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

If you haven't met this requirement, you will not be eligible to show at fair.

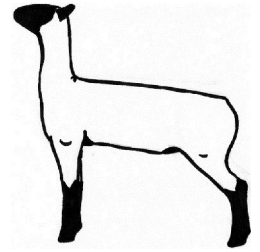
For anyone interested in showing at national shows or out-of-state shows, double check the show's Meat Quality requirements. There are some shows that are now requiring Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). At this point, the Colorado State Fair is still accepting our current MQA program to meet their requirements. Please contact Marlin with any questions, 970-542-3543.

Livestock

2024 4-H and FFA Market Goat and Lamb Weigh-In/Tag-In



Option A: Attend traditional goat and lamb weigh-in on **Saturday, May 4th, 8:00-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. All information collected at weigh-in will complete the process.

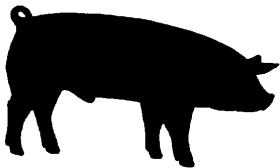


Option B: Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Morgan County Extension Office. Tag applicators are available to borrow, but must be returned asap. Turn in ID forms, DNA envelopes and **Photos** to the Morgan Extension Office no later than **Monday, May 6th at 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest for market goats and market lambs must weigh in on Saturday, May 4th, 8:00-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: May 6th 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.



2024 4-H and FFA Market Swine

Exhibitors must 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. Turn in ID forms, DNA envelopes (with at least 30 hair follicles) and Photos to the Morgan Extension Office no later than **Monday, May 6th by 4:00 pm**. No Rate-of-Gain for Swine. A quality readable picture of the Morgan County tag in the animal's ear must be included with ID form.

Livestock Sale Information

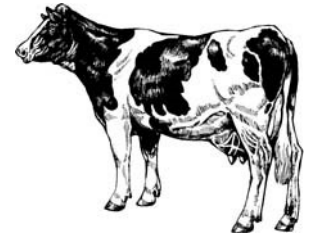
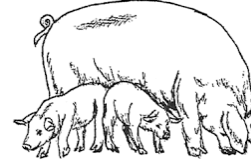
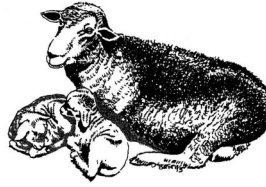
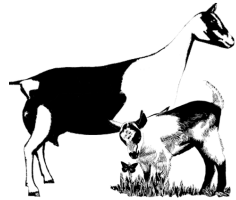
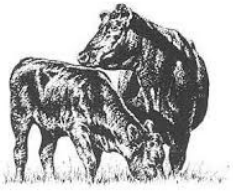
The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/Yp0bf>.

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

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

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.



ID FORMS DUE

--Breeding Beef --Breeding Goat -- Breeding Sheep
-- Breeding Swine -- Dairy Cattle

DUE MAY 1, 2024 by 4:00 P.M.

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the Morgan County breeding goat or breeding sheep project must submit a picture identification form to the Extension Office. Breeding swine project must submit an ear notch form to the Extension Office. Forms are available on our website at: <https://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-livestock/>

Catch-It Dairy heifers are excluded from this requirement. Beef or Dairy Animals that have already been recorded as a project do not need to submit an ID form.



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.

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.

2024 Organized 4-H Horse Practice Schedule

Indoor arena and outdoor arena when weather permits

April 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 13, 20, 27

July 11, 18

Pre-Fair Open Show, July 13

Tie Breaker Written Test, July 20

Fair 4-H Horse Show, July 20

Fair 4-H Gymkhana, July 21

Fair 4-H Ranch Horse, July 23

State Fair Dates - Aug. 22-25

Livestock

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 prior to distribution on May 4th.

Catch-It Rabbit Distribution

Mid-May to the 1st of June.

Catch-It Chicken Distribution

Mid-June



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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/>.

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

2024 Livestock Information

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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	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
Single Fryer	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
Breeding 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
Market Goats	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
Breeding 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
Market Sheep	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
Breeding 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
Market Swine	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
Breeding 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
Market 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	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

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:

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: CSU Extension Cottage Food Safety Training Online:

April 12, 18, 24, 25

May 1, 3, 30

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



In 2020, Colorado State University and CSU Master Gardeners started the Grow & Give project, which are modern Victory Gardens where homeowners grow their own food, and donate their excess produce to local food banks. Victory Gardens were vegetable, fruit, and herb gardens planted at private residences and public parks during World War I & II. These gardens were planted not only to supplement individuals rations but to also help boost morale. With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, CSU Master Gardeners felt that this was a great way to help supplement local food banks across our state. In 2020, there was around 700 gardens across 32 counties that participated and donated over 55,000 pounds of produce. For more information on how to participate in

2024 visit <https://growgive.extension.colostate.edu/>.



Calling All Volunteers

With 2024 Morgan County Fair just around the corner, we're always looking for volunteers. There are lots of opportunities to share your time and have a commitment to help make the fair a success. We are especially looking for additional volunteers to help with the Open Class Divisions on **July 26th - 27th**, but can also use volunteers for other times during the fair. If you, or someone you know would be interested, call the Extension Center at 542-3540.

It's Officially Spring Time!



This means it is time for grass to become green, flowers to bloom, and trees to develop leaves. It is also the time to be watching for issues with trees, funguses in grass, and pests that aren't meant to be there. If you see anything that seems out of the ordinary for your landscape, please call Aimee at 970-542-3542 to get it checked out!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due to Marlin
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship application 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 District 1 Meeting, 1:00 pm, Yuma, CO
- 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, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, MCFG
- 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

JUNE

- 1 - Breeding Rabbit and Poultry, Primary Care Begins
- 1 - Fair Youth Superintendent applications due
- 1 - State Fair Nominations Goat, Sheep, & Swine due, Ext. Office
- 9-11 - Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza, Island Grove Park
- 9 - 13 4-H Exchange Youth Travel to Minnesota
- 14 - Cloverbud Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 17-18 - Massey Lamb Camp, MCFG
- 17 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 17 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 18 - 21- State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office Closed
- 19-20 - Massey Goat Camp, MCFG
- 25 - Meat pen of Poultry and Market Rabbit ID's Due, 4 pm, Ext Office

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COUNTYWIDE ACTIVITY

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
7:00-9:30 P.M.**

**MORGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
EVENT CENTER**



**DODGE BALL
7:00 - 8:00 PM
OPEN TO ALL, \$10 PER
TEAM, MUST PRE-REGISTER**

**DANCE
8:00 - 9:30 PM
OPEN TO ALL 4-H
MEMBERS AND UP TO
THREE GUESTS PER
YOUTH, \$3 PER YOUTH**



**REGISTER THROUGH 4-H ONLINE BY
MAY 1ST**



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