



**MORGAN COUNTY**  
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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** to the 2024-2025 District 1 officer, **Addyson Schwindt**, Secretary! Officer Elections were held April 14th at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, and the new officers will begin their year of service in late June.

**Congratulations** to the Morgan County 4-H **Graduating Seniors**: **Rebecca Boone, Ashley Clement, Nathanel Dahl, Ceri Dixon, Darylea Dory, Wiley Eicher, Alyssa Eskew, Kayla Garcia, Skylar Gregersen, Talan Hall, Baylei Kembel, Americo Lorenzini, Payton Malone, Elizabeth Schmeckle** and **Mikaela Thiel**.

**Congratulations** to **Ceri Dixon, Skylar Gregersen, and Americo Lorenzini** who were selected as the Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship winners. Thank you to all that applied.

**Congratulations** to **Jacy Dreier, Jason Dias, and Montana Goodman**, who were selected as the Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship winners. Thank you to all that applied.

**Congratulations** to **Kade Babkiewich**, who was selected as the Morgan County Cattleman's Association Trade School Scholarship winner. Thank you to all that applied.

**Congratulations** to **Ceri Dixon, Ali Guerrero, and Americo Lorenzini** who were selected as the Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship winners. Thank you to all that applied.

## 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. Instructions are at: <https://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2021/02/Animal-Entry.pdf>

# 4-H Activities and 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**.

## State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for this year, **June 18-21, 2024** at the CSU campus. Registration is open in 4-H Online until **May 10th**. Aimee has sent registration information to eligible participants when it comes available.

## May Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Spring Themed.

**May 10 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **May 8th**.



## 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**:



**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**

## Yuma County Cake Show

**June 4, 2024**

Location: Yuma County Fairgrounds Concession Building, 410 Hoag, Yuma, CO.

If you want more practice and feedback on Cake Decorating, the Yuma County Cake Show is another opportunity to improve your cake decorating skills. You can enter a cake you might use for your fair exhibit and have it evaluated. For registration and entry please contact Yuma County Extension to register (970-332-4151). They will have "Cake Wars" in the afternoon.

## 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](mailto:coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu), [aimee.kanode@colostate.edu](mailto:aimee.kanode@colostate.edu) or [katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu](mailto: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.**

# 4-H Activities and Information

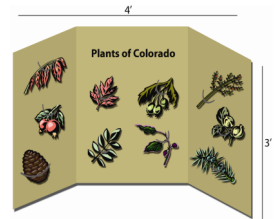
## Manuals and Record Book Update

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

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 beginning May 16th.

## 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.

## 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**.

## Explore New Worlds Jr. Day Camp

District 1 4-H is putting on a day camp for our Junior 4-H Members! This camp will be held in Burlington for youth ages 8-10 on **May 30, 2024**. The theme is Explore New Worlds with 4-H. The cost for the conference is \$10, and covers lunch, 4-H Swag, and the activities for the day.

If your youth would like to attend, please register through 4-HOnline by **May 20th**, and have the conference registration paid to the Morgan County Extension Office by **May 21st**.

Transportation to and from the camp is being planned, however depending on the number of youth registered, we may need more drivers. Currently we have transportation room for 4 youth. To help transport youth, you must be an enrolled and approved volunteer with Morgan County 4-H.

# 4-H Activities and Information



## Project Letters Coming Soon

All youth in General and Family and Consumer projects will receive information shortly after Add/Drop day (May 15) with details on preparing exhibits, doing record books, and it will include score sheets as well as other resources to help be successful in this year's 4-H program. Watch for the information and be sure to read it completely.

## Cake Decorating Boards

One exhibit requirement for Cake Decorating is the board for the cake MUST be a **solid, sturdy board which is cut in the same shape as the cake**. A typical cardboard cake board is not sturdy enough for fair exhibits and it can be difficult to get recycled cardboard which is thick enough. We recommend using 1/4 inch thick solid Masonite board. These can be obtained at a hardware store or lumber yard.

## Model Rocketry Workshop – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30

The model rocketry workshop on **May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** will be at the Morgan County Extension Office. We will continue working on the Unit 1 activities that were not completed at the previous workshop. If you were not able to attend the first workshop, you can still come! Please RSVP through 4-H Online by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend. Contact Katie Seelhoff if you have questions: (970) 542-3544 or [Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu](mailto:Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu)

## Artistic Clothing Workshop – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00-12:00

During this workshop, we will learn about iron-on designs. Be sure to bring a t-shirt with you to decorate. You can bring your tie-dyed shirt from the previous workshop if you would like! You can bring an iron on design that you have already, or use the circuit die cut machine to create your own iron-on vinyl design! Please RSVP through 4-H Online by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend. Contact Katie Seelhoff if you have questions: (970) 542-3544 or [Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu](mailto:Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu)

## Save the Date... Photography Workshop

Aimee will be hosting a photography workshop on **May 22 at 6:30 PM** at Fort Morgan Nature Trails. This will be a great opportunity to explore the park and nature photography. More information will be emailed to participants in the project.

## Record Book Workshop

With Fair right around the corner, now is the time to start working on your record books! We know that they can be challenging at times, and this year will be offering one workshop for 4-H youth to bring in their record books and get help from agents or others, in completing their record books. This workshop is open to any 4-H member regardless of their project, and will be held at the Extension Office on: **June 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Please contact Aimee with any questions at 970-542-3542.



# 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.

## Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Videos:

- ♦ Exhibit ideas <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14hmV3Jx7blysmUAE3QBnS3lCObla-6m7/view>
- ♦ MAT [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MaXw4cTR2mbkdX2eOVoomOwU4\\_TaAN55/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MaXw4cTR2mbkdX2eOVoomOwU4_TaAN55/view)
- ♦ Archery Release Practice String [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b\\_WFF\\_Ane6jz9dL2le2dM6JjMcxSV8CU/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b_WFF_Ane6jz9dL2le2dM6JjMcxSV8CU/view)
- ♦ Parts of a rifle [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H3RGCaPE4YXgGZ6by\\_59yjcr94kpt8EX/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H3RGCaPE4YXgGZ6by_59yjcr94kpt8EX/view)

## 2024 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The tentative dates for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships are **August 17-18** (Archery, Air Rifle , Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloader) & **August 31 & September 1** (.22 Pistol & Shotgun).
- More information regarding the State Championships will be sent out in the near future.

# 4-H Activities and Information



## 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	Jeremy Williams 303-241-4885	DJ Eicher Laurie Mielke Justin Lowe Stephaine Johnson Danielle Williams	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 Willie Johnson	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 Stephaine Johnson Danielle Williams Jeremy Williams	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	April 4 April 18	May 2 May 16	<del>June 6</del> June 20	July 11*	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	Jeremy Williams 303-241-4885	DJ Eicher Willie Johnson Danielle Williams	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	Dale Chacon 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	Dale Chacon 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 Nicolle Lowe Stephanie Johnson Janie Whitney	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday	April 26	May 3 May 17	<del>June 7</del> 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

Shooting Sports Banquet, Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00 pm

## **PLAN NOW** - Demonstration Contest, Creative Cooks, & Cake Decorating Contest

The 2024 4-H Demonstration Contest and Creative Cooks Contest will be Thursday afternoon, **July 25, 2024**. This will be held following the 4-H Dog Show starting mid-afternoon. We will open the Event Center following Creative Cooks awards so families can see results from Interview Judging on **July 25, 2024**. Entries are due to the Extension Office on Wednesday, July 10th. If your club would like a presentation on any of the above listed contests for a club meeting, Call for details and to set a date: Aimee (542-3542) and/or Katie (542-3544).

**The 2024 Cake Decorating Contest** will be held on **Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Extension Office. Entries will be due on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Open to all 4-H members. Class Champions will be eligible for State Fair. Additional information will be available on our website.

## **MARK THESE FAIR DATES**

Here are the tentative dates events related to the General and Family and Consumer Projects.

**Cake Decorating Contest – Thursday, July 11th at 6 pm**

**Fashion Revue - Monday, July 22nd**

**Judging 4-6 pm**

**Public Revue at 6 pm**

**Creative Cooks – Thursday, July 25th at 3 pm**

**Demonstration - Thursday, July 25th at 6 pm**



## ***Fair Opportunities***

All the details haven't been worked out, but Cloverbud members can plan on participating in these activities connected with Morgan County Fair.

### **T-Shirt Workshop**

**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 3 pm**

Cloverbuds will decorate a t-shirt and do other fun activities. They can show others what they made by being in the 4-H Fashion Revue on **Monday, July 22**. There will be a small registration fee to cover supplies.

**Cake Decorating Contest – Thursday, July 11th at 6 pm**

Cloverbuds will decorate a cake with edible decorations.

### **Creative Cooks**

**Thursday, July 25th**

**4-H Building, Morgan County Fairgrounds**

Cloverbuds will fix their favorite no-bake/no-cook snack and participate in 4-H Creative Cooks. This is a fun way to share your favorite snack and learn more about other 4-H activities.

# 4-H Volunteers/County Council



**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, May 20, 2024, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, May 20, 2024, 6:45 pm

### Council Corner

The Morgan County 4-H Council held their March monthly meeting on Monday, April 15th 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. Registration for this event closes May 1.

Members also began planning for the Family Fun Night to be held during the Morgan County Fair on July 30th.

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.**

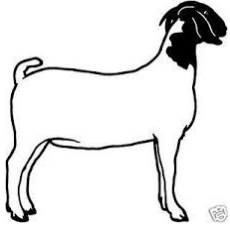
**Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.**

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

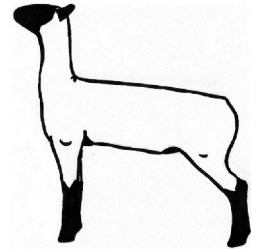
For anyone interested in showing at national shows or out-of-state shows, double check the show's Meat Quality requirements. There are some shows that are now requiring Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). At this point, the Colorado State Fair is still accepting our current MQA program to meet 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. All information collected at weigh-in will complete the process.

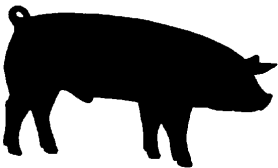


**Option B:** Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Morgan County Extension Office. Tag applicators are available to borrow, but must be returned asap. Turn in ID forms, DNA envelopes and **Photos** to the Morgan Extension Office no later than **Monday, May 6<sup>th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

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

**ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

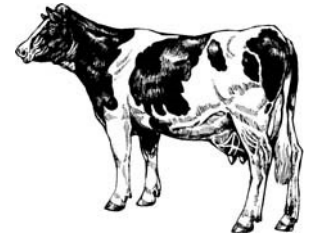
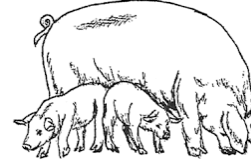
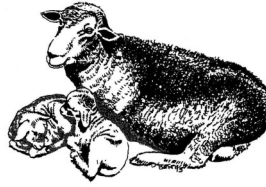
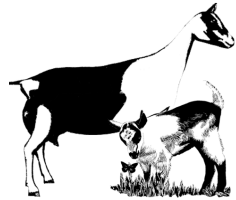
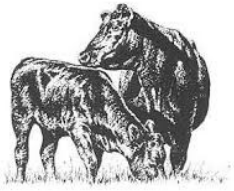
The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/Yp0bf>.

## 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](http://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

**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 Lamb & Goat Distribution

Catch-It Lamb Meeting, **Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 am**

Catch-It Goat Meeting, **Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 am**

Goats and Lambs will be distributed on **Saturday, May 4th after the meeting.**



## 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/>.

## 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](http://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>

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We will be covering Feeding and Nutrition, Showmanship, Fitting and Clipping. Space is limited, so registration today.

## AK-SAR-BEN Stock Show Entry Deadlines

**Ak-Sar-Ben is scheduled for September 26-29, 2024 and is for exhibitors 9-19 years old (as of January 1, 2024).** Youth exhibitors from the following 14 states are eligible: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Exhibitors must order DNA packets from Aksarben directly. **ALL LIVESTOCK (beef, swine, sheep, and goats, including breeding stock, market stock, and feeder calves) MUST have DNA nominated to be eligible to enter. DNA envelope orders will open May 1st and close June 26th. DNA Envelopes are due July 1, 2024 - ALL SPECIES - ALL STATES. Completed DNA Envelopes must be postmarked no later than July 1st. \*No late DNA orders will be accepted.** For detailed information about ordering DNA packets, please visit: <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>.



# 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 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 project.** (If you are in breeding and market you must do both books.)

#### **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, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	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
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

**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: **May 15<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am** Gene Doty Senior Center

**June 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00** Gene Doty Senior Center

**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00** Gene Doty Senior Center

**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:

**May 1, 3, 30**

**June 5, 14, 20**

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 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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 -14 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
- 26 - 4-H Record Book Workshop, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Extension Office

## JULY

- 1 - 4-H Family Fair Packets Available
- 2-4 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Concession Booth at Brush Rodeo
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED, EXT. OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 - Cake Contest registration deadline
- 6 - Morgan County Fair Shotgun Games Shoot, Washington County Gun Club
- 7 - Morgan County Fair Shotgun Shoot, High Plains Trap Club
- 8 - Livestock Entry Forms DUE, Extension Office
- 10 - Livestock Record Books DUE, Extension Office
- 10 - Fair Contests registration deadlines
- 11 - Cloverbuds T-shirt Workshop, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 11 - Morgan County Fair Cake Decorating Contest, 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 12 - Morgan County Fair Muzzleloading Shoot, Muir Springs
- 13 - Morgan County Fair .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol Shoots, Muir Springs
- 14 - Morgan County Fair Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Archery Shoots, MCFG
- 16 - Fashion Revue Workshop, 1:30 pm, First Christian Church, FM
- 16 - Shooting Sports Potluck, 6:00 pm, MCFG Event Center
- 18 - Dog Contest Entries due, Online
- 20 - Morgan County Fair Horse Show
- 21 - Morgan County Fair Horse Gymkhana
- 22 - Morgan County Fair Fashion Revue Judging & Public Revue
- 23 - Morgan County Fair Ranch Horse Event
- 24 - 31 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
- 24 - Interview Judging of all 4-H General & FCS projects & Dog Project e-record, 8:30 - 4:00 pm, MCFG, Multi-Purpose Building
- 24- Interview Judging of all Catch-It Animals, 8:30 am, Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Bldg

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Hours: Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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## Morgan County Fair Grounds (MCFG)

750 Ellsworth

Brush, CO 80723



# EXPLORE NEW WORLDS WITH 4-H

SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 1 4-H



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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▶▶ **MAY 30, 2024** ◀◀

9:30 AM-3:30 PM

BURLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER: 340 S 14TH STREET,  
BURLINGTON, CO

Register through 4-H  
Online by May 20

**Open to 4-H Members  
8-10 years old**

\$10/Member  
Includes lunch

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# 4-H GROWS HERE



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**4-H Project  
Add/Drop  
deadline is 4:00 pm  
on Wednesday,  
May 15, 2024.**