



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 keep in touch with your club leader and remain active in club meetings this fall and winter.

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Morgan County 4-H Newsletter



Thank You! For the 2024 Vision of Trees, County Council voted to collect donations to Morgan County Community Members care packages. They were able to collect unscented lotion, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, tooth brushes, tooth paste, and adult socks! Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Christmas Parade

Fort Morgan's Annual Christmas Parade will be held on **December 5, 2024**. The Morgan County 4-H Council will have a float to promote 4-H! Float Decorating took place on November 18, at the Morgan County Extension Office. Watch for more information by email from Katie to join the Parade!

Keep Up With Us! Email

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



Fair Board Vacancy

There are four potential vacancies open; each would serve a three year term (ending 12/31/2027) on the Morgan County Fair Board. There is also one, one year vacancy, term ending 12/31/25. Address letters of interest to Board of County Commissioners, c/o Jamie Dixon, PO BOX 517, Fort Morgan, CO 80701, stating your qualifications and why you wish to serve. Deadline is **December 16**.

4-H Activities

December Cloverbuds Workshop

December 13, 2024, 5:00 –6:00 pm, Extension Office

Must RSVP by December 11th by email katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu.

Activities Include: Winter STEM activities.



The annual **Leadership Development Conference (LDC)** will be held **January 25-27** at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. LDC is a fun, educational weekend promoting leadership development, civic engagement, and community service. The event is open to youth 14 and over. Registration is open in 4-H Online, and eligible youth were sent registration information.

2025 Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a leadership camp for 4-H members 11-13 years old and is scheduled for **March 28 - 30, 2025**. More information will be in January's newsletter.

2024-2025 4-H Youth and Adult Enrollment

4-H Online enrollment is open at <https://v2.4honline.com/>.

- Youth and adults must enroll each year they want to participate.
- Enrollment cost for 2024-2025, will be at **\$20** per youth, including cloverbuds (5-7 year olds), payable by cash, check, debit or credit card to the Morgan County Extension Fund (NO online payment available.) Shooting Sports members will have an additional \$10 per youth fee.
- Enrollment opened October 1, 2024 and closes **February 3, 2025** to be eligible to participate in the 2025 Morgan County Fair.
- Encourage a friend to join.

[Step-by-step instructions](#) to help you enroll are posted on the Morgan County 4-H website under 4-H Enrollment.

Each family will log in using their family email address and password to enroll electronically. If you don't remember your family email to start this process, please email coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu. (Please do not create a duplicate account.)

- Signatures for the forms are electronic. AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS TYPING THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

- Once families submit their enrollment, Organizational (Club) Leaders will be notified to confirm the enrollment. The staff in our county will view and approve each enrollment, once payment is received and approval from the Organizational Leader is granted.

Families will continue to be able to make some changes throughout the year – such as mailing address, email address, phone number, etc. You can add or drop a project after your initial enrollment by emailing coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu prior to **May 15, 2025**.

- Changing clubs is not allowed once enrollment is approved.
- **4-H volunteers must enroll in 4-H Online every year.**
- Background checks are completed for new volunteers and can periodically and randomly be conducted on any volunteer.
- When a 4-H volunteer signs an enrollment form, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Only authorized, enrolled volunteers may act as leaders and only authorized, enrolled volunteers are covered by CSU insurance.





Considering New Projects for 2025?

4-H members are encouraged to branch out and try different projects. Remember, 4-H has a lot more to offer than just livestock projects! Please take the time to review the new state 4-H project list. If you have questions about any of the projects, please call your 4-H Agent to get the project requirements. For new members who are selecting projects, please ask questions about the project! Sometimes a project that sounds simple enough may have very involved project guidelines. Many of the projects require more time than just the week before fair! Again, everyone is invited to contact the local Extension Office for more details about any new project being considered. That simple step will help reduce any “pre-fair stress!” For the most current list of state 4-H projects please either contact your Extension office, or visit the state 4-H website at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>.

There are 4-H leathercraft instructional videos. This series of 16 videos accompanies the Leathercraft manual, so members who do not have a leader skilled in Leathercraft can still receive instruction to help them complete their projects. Check the videos out here: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/colorado-4-h-leathercraft-instructional-videos/>. Links to the Leathercraft manual and the Leathercraft Project Guide are temporarily removed, because the committee is updating both documents for the current 4-H year. We will let everyone know when those are back up.

The 2025 Colorado State Fair 4-H Exhibit and Contest Requirements documents have been posted to the state 4-H website. PDF documents are posted on the State Fair Information page at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/state-fair-information/>.

4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some fabulous project workshops for the **2024-2025** 4-H year. These could include Leather Craft, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition, 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 a 4-H project please let us know.

Council Corner—

During the November Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting members made the float decorations for the Fort Morgan Christmas Parade. The meeting began at 6:00 pm and members were dismissed around 8:00 pm. Refreshments and snacks were provided.

The Council wants to invite all members from Morgan County 4-H to participate in the parade on **December 5th**. More specific information about the Christmas Parade will be emailed by Katie the week of December 1st.

The next meeting is **January 20, 2025 at 6:45 pm** at the Extension Office.

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

4-H 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 2025.

- **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 2025 where they will conduct a mock meeting and demonstrate their knowledge of correct Parliamentary Procedure. For more information or if you are interested contact the Extension Office at coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu. Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2025. Also, looking for an adult volunteer to coach.

- **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 Opportunities

Putting 4-H Experience on Your Resume

Projects and programs in 4-H teach young people life skills. **Communication, citizenship, decision-making, leadership, interpersonal relations, and community/global awareness** are central to 4-H participation. These skills help prepare young people for their next steps, whether in school or in the workplace. Sometimes translating the experiences in 4-H to an employment, award, or school application can seem difficult. Unpaid experiences at any level can count toward your next goal. Here are answers to common questions about how to transfer 4-H skills, knowledge and insight to the workplace <http://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/consumer/09150.pdf>.



Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation will be offering scholarships for 2025. Applications need to be completed by **March 1, 2025**. Each applicant must have two references (other than your Extension Agent) and a recent/current photograph. The photograph will be used for media purposes. Go to: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/> for more information.

By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level. The online application process began on October 1, 2024. You do not have to attend CSU to be eligible for scholarships. Take time during your vacation days to see what scholarships that you may be eligible for.

CSU Scholarships

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

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

- ◆ [Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship](#)
- ◆ [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, 2025**
- ◆ [Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship](#) - Applications must be received or post marked by **April 5, 2025**.
- ◆ **Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship**, coming soon
- ◆ **Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarships**, coming soon

4-H Volunteers

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 2024-2025

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

Youth who did not sell 4 items or contribute \$25 for the 4-H year (Oct 2023-Sept 2024) have received a letter in the mail as a reminder they will not receive funding for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025).

Continuing in 2025 all LAC reimbursements will be left in club cubbies at the Extension Office and club leaders will be responsible for getting them to their members.

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, January 20, 2025, 5:30 pm, Extension Office

4-H County Council

Monday, January 20, 2025, 6:45 pm, Extension Office



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

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

- **Morgan County Training, March 7-9, 2025**
- Pueblo County Training, March 14-16, 2025
- Weld County Training, March 21-23, 2025
- Garfield County Training, March 28-30, 2025

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.



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 2024 – 2025 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. 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.

2025 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2025 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, 2025.

This includes leased horses.
Check with Marlin if you have questions.



Livestock Information

BREEDING HEIFERS TO BE AWARDED TO QUALIFIED YOUTH

Deadline: December 2, 2024

The Morgan County Cattlemen's Association will donate two breeding heifers to two Morgan County 4-H/FFA youth that will be selected by their Board of Directors. Interested youth must submit a letter stating why they should be considered, to the Extension Office (Attn: Marlin Eisenach) no later than December 2 by 4 p.m. The heifers will be distributed early this winter.



Requirements for being awarded this heifer are:

- 1) Must be a Morgan County 4-H or FFA member in good standing.
- 2) Have adequate facilities, source of feed and experience with breeding beef.
- 3) Work with the Association to breed the heifer.
- 4) Recommended that the participant exhibits the heifer at the 2025 Morgan County Fair.
- 5) Include in your letter:
 - a) calculate cost of feed from January 1 until the heifer calves
 - b) how you will acquire these resources,
 - c) how it will be financed
 - d) include parent/guardian signature

The heifer will become the sole property of the recipient after the heifer calves or unless there are extenuating circumstances.

MCCA has the right to reject any or all applications.

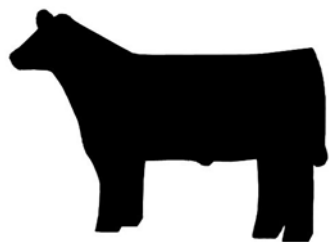
NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Premium books are available on-line. Visit the National Western Stock Show webpage at www.nationalwestern.com and be sure to check the changes they are making for the 2025 Junior Livestock Shows.

2025 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW Catch-a-Calf Program

NWSS will be awarding 40 steers to participants. Youth must be 12 years old by December 31, 2024 and enrolled 4-H members for the 2024/2025 4-H year to participate. The deadline to submit entries is **December 15, 2024**. The applications to participate in this year's Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are now available online at <https://nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/>.

Selecting and Starting a Market Beef Project



Over the next few months many of you will be selecting a calf for your market beef project to be shown at your county fair next year. The decisions you make now have a tremendous effect on the success of your overall project. There are many important things to consider when you begin the project. First of all, with the increased cost of purchasing a calf and higher feed costs you need to be sure that you have the financial backing to be able to successfully complete the project. On the conservative side, you can have over \$1500 invested in your beef project and may well expect to spend over \$2500 purchasing and feeding your calf.

You will want to discuss this with your parents prior to purchasing the calf and be sure you will be able to follow through. To finish reading the article, go to <http://col.st/WNf78>.

2025 Fair Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2025

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

Species	Primary Care Begins	Optional Weigh-In	I.D.'s by 4:00 pm
Market Beef	March 3	March 1	March 3
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Breeding Goats, Sheep, Swine	May 1		May 1
Market Goats and Sheep	May 5	May 3	May 5
Market Swine	May 5		May 5
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Market Rabbit - Single Fryer	June 25		June 25
Pen of Market Poultry	June 25		June 25

2025 Morgan County Fair

The 2025 Morgan County Fair is **July 25th through July 31st**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Thursday, July 31st.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Swine

- Weight change **220** - 300 lbs.

Horse

Saturday, July 19, 8:30 am Horse Show

Sunday, July 20, 8:30 am Gymkhana

Tuesday, July 22, 8:30 am Ranch Horse



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Due **May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm.**

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

Primary Care of Horses begins **May 1, 2025.**

This includes leased horses.
Check with Marlin if you have questions.

2025 Fair Livestock Information

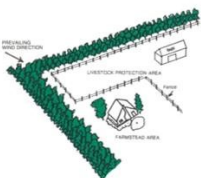
2025 Livestock Information

<u>Species</u>	<u>Beginning Care/ID's Due Primary</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, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 19th, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 19th, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 20th, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 20th, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 22nd, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 22nd, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2025	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 25, 2025 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 25th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2025	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit	June 25, 2025 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 25th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 25th, 10:00 am
Single Fryer	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 26th, Immediately following the Market Show
Breeding Goats	May 6, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	Saturday, July 26th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Market Goats	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	60 - 120 lbs.	Sunday, July 27th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Breeding Sheep	4:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 27th, Immediately after Sheep Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 6, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Monday, July 28th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 27th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 28th, Immediately following Showmanship
Market Swine	May 6, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 27th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 27th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	220 - 300 lbs.	Monday, July 28th, Immediately following Showmanship
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 29th, 10:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 29th, 10:00 am
Market Beef	March 3, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 28th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 29th, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 3, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 28th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 29th, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 27th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 30th, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 30th, 10:00 am

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:

□ **December 2nd – 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Or December 4th – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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



Seedling Tree Sales

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

Colorado State University Extension will offer a continuing education program on crop production and soil management **Wednesday, December 5th and Thursday, December 6th**. The program will run from 8:00am to 4:30pm each day. The program will be held at the Julesburg Community Center, 102 West 6th Street, Julesburg, CO. The program will also be offered both in-person and remotely via Zoom.

This program is designed for crop producers, agronomists and certified crop advisors. Fourteen continuing education credits (CEU) will be offered for certified crop advisors in Agriculture Insect Control (101), Plant Disease (102), and Agriculture Weed Control (103) and commercial pesticide applicator credits 303 and 114.. Crop and soil specialists from Colorado State University, Kansas State University and the Ag industry will present technical information on major crop production practices.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-crops-clinic-registration-1055130155699>

2025 A Healthier Weigh - Health & Fitness Challenge

The 2025 "A Healthier Weigh" challenge is set to begin in seven northeast Colorado counties in early January. Morgan County will have weigh-ins **January 6th - 9th**. However, the educational content of the program will be staggered across the counties. The annual 12-week AHW challenge encourages increasing activity, making wise food choices, and living a healthier lifestyle. Teams consist of 4 adults. Individuals and 2 person teams may also participate. County challenge guidelines, entry packets and registration will be available in early December.



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

Morgan County Youth to Agriculture School Programs for 3rd graders, **DECEMBER 11-19. Thank you to the Morgan County Cattleman's Association for helping with the classroom presentations.**

National Western Stock Show Trips with 3rd graders; **JANUARY 14-16 & 21-23. Thank you to the National Western Stock Show for providing FREE admission!!**

You are invited to our

WINTER

Cloverbuds Workshop



DECEMBER 13TH, 2024

Extension Office Meeting Room
914 E. Railroad ave., Fort Morgan
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Please Register through
4-H Online by Wednesday,
December 11th.



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Break the Boredom with Morgan County 4-H

YOUTH AGES 8-13
EXPLORE 4-H PROJECTS THROUGH ACTIVITIES.
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 27

MORGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS -
MARK ARNDT EVENT CENTER
750 ELLSWORTH STREET, BRUSH



REGISTRATION AND FEE
OF \$5.00 DUE TO THE
EXTENSION OFFICE BY
DECEMBER 23.

MAXIMUM OF 45
PARTICIPANTS.
REGISTER ASAP AT:
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Morgan County 4-H Civic Engagement Workshop

Are you interested in civic engagement? Want to learn
how to promote the things you value?
Join us for the two part program!

Part 1:
Sunday, January 5th
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Morgan County Extension Office

Workshop lead by Ryan Strauch, former Morgan County 4-H member who
previously worked for a Logan County representative at the Colorado
State Capital.

Participants will build marketing materials, create infographics, and learn
what to discuss with our local representatives.

PLEASE RSVP TO KATIE BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND.
katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu



Part 2:
Saturday, February 15th
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Morgan County Extension Office

Local representatives will be invited to listen to your 4-H
experience and why the program is important to you based on
what was identified in the workshop.




Do you have your 4-H



SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Development Conference
January 25-27, 2025
Denver, Colorado



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 - MCCA Breeding Heifer application deadline, 4:00 pm, Ext Office
- 5 - Morgan County 4-H Council Float in Christmas Parade
- 11 - 13 - 3rd Grade NWSS Programs
- 13 - Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- 13 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - 4-H Exchange Gift Wrapping, 1 - 5 pm, Murdoch's
- 15 - NWSS Catch-A-Calf application deadline online
- 16 - Fair Board Vacancy deadline, Board of County Commissioners
- 16 - 18 - 3rd Grade NWSS Programs
- 22 - 4-H Exchange Bowling and Gift Exchange
- 25 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 27 - Break the Boredom, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, MCFG

JANUARY

- 1 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 10 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 12 - MC 4-H Exchange, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 14 - 16 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips, **Extension Office Closed**
- 17 - NWSS 4-H Day**
- 20 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 20 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 20 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 21-23 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips, **Extension Office Closed**
- 25-27 - Leadership Development Conference (14-18 year olds)

FEBRUARY

- 3 - Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2025 Morgan County Fair**
- 9 - MC 4-H Exchange, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 14 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 17 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 17 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office

MARCH

- 1 - Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG**
- 3 - Market Beef ID's Due to Extension Office by 4:00 pm
- 7 - 9 Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 17 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 17 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 28 - 30 - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)

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Robin Halley - Morgan County Extension Director

Jamie Dixon-Administrative Technician

Marlin Eisenach-Livestock Agent & Interim Director

Katie Seelhoff-Family Consumer Science and 4-H Youth Development Agent

Morgan County Fair Grounds (MCFG)

750 Ellsworth

Brush, CO 80723

4-H GROWS HERE

The logo is a green four-leaf clover. Each leaf contains a white letter: the top-left leaf has 'H', the top-right leaf has '4', the bottom-left leaf has 'H', and the bottom-right leaf has 'H'. A small '4-H' logo is visible on the top-left leaf.

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