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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



## 2024-2025 4-H Enrollment Enrollment Deadline is February 3, 2025 BY 4:00 PM.

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

## Congratulations!

**Soul Keller and Elizabeth Whitney** were selected to attend National 4-H Conference, in Washington D.C., **April 11-16, 2025.**

## Leadership Development Conference

Youth attending the LDC were **Caden Cozad, Arisa Eicher, Katelynn Johnson, Saxson Keller, Soul Keller, Shylynn Larrick, Cade Ramirez, Addyson Schwindt, and Elizabeth Whitney.** DJ Eicher accompanied the delegation.

## 2025 State Syllabus Information

The 2025 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 Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2024-2025 4-H year. These may include Leather Craft, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition, Quilting, Sport Fishing, Outdoor Adventures, Photography, and so many more. We are always looking for instructors willing to help out as well. If you know of someone that has a skill set related to any 4-H project please let us know.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## COUNTY ‘Member in Good Standing’ POLICY

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

To complete a project, members are required to:

1. Participate in a 4-H related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech-arts presentation.
2. Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service activity,
3. Participate in 4-H General and Family Consumer Science project interview, and
4. Complete any county level requirements

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

## What is community service?

Webster's Dictionary defines community service as "work that is done without pay to help people in a community." What does this mean in the 4-H world and what is classified as appropriate community service? It is any event or opportunity where the club can go out into the community to perform good deeds. This can include: working at the food bank, cleaning trash in a cemetery, visiting a nursing home, or putting together care packages for soldiers. It does not include: donating money to an organization, club fundraisers, volunteering for 4-H events at fair or raking leaves in your family's lawn. It is encouraged that you do community service through your club's annual events but, if circumstances arise that keep you from doing so, make sure you coordinate with your club leader to ensure that what you are doing falls into the community service criteria and that you will still be in compliance with the club bylaws. Remember, community service is a requirement to be a member in good standing and a HUGE aspect of 4-H is serving those around you!

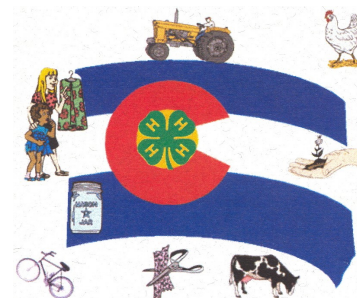
## How do I choose my projects?

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

## Considerations in Selecting a 4-H Project

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

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



## Considering New Projects for 2025?

The new State 4-H Project requirements is available and is posted at the following website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/>.

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

## What is a Self-Determined Project?

The self-determined project is designed for 4-H members who have an interest in a topic that is not included in the 4-H Project List. Self-determined projects include these county projects that are not offered as state projects: Child Development, Crops, Model Horse, Pocket Pets, Weeds, and Welding.

If you wish to re-enroll in a self-determined project, use the project name next to "self-determined." For example: Self Determined/Pocket Pets.

County projects are not eligible to qualify for state fair.

# 4-H Activities and Information

## 2025 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 25 - July 31, 2025**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Interview Judging which is Wednesday, July 23rd.

## R.S.V.P.

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

## February Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Groundhog Themed.

**February 7 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **February 5th**.



**Join District 1 4-H** for a fun and educational day that is focused on helping prepare youth for their futures!



**Monday, February 17, 2025**

Mitchek Event Center, Logan County Fairgrounds  
Cost: \$40 per person, includes lunch

**Register by February 12**, at <https://forms.gle/hQUPHS3bY1YS3Lyp6>

**Chaperones will be needed for this conference.**

## New Family Orientation Night

Plan to attend **Wednesday, March 4th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**, an introduction and need to know information, night at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. Light supper will be provided. Please register in 4-H Online (Events) by **Friday, February 28th at 12 noon**.

## 2024 Youth Fest

YouthFest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **March 28-30**. Registration opens in early February and registration information will be sent to eligible members.

## Horse and Dog ID Forms

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

# 4-H Activities and Information

## 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 will be held **February 13th at 5:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact Aimee, 970-542-3542.

## MORGAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY

- All participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project.
- Juniors: 8 - 13 years old as of 12/31/24 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/24
- All participants must attend a mandatory safety training prior to their first practice.
- Appropriate safety equipment is the shooter's responsibility.
- 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.
- 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.

2025 Shooting Sports Dates

| Discipline   | Contact                         | Additional Volunteers   | Shooting Practice Times                  | February                           | March                | April                           | May             | June               | July     | Fair Shoots   |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|---|
| .22 Rifle - Muir Springs<br>18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan                     | Jeremy Williams<br>303-241-4885 | DJ Eicher<br>Laurie Mielke<br>Justin Lowe<br>Stephaine Johnson<br>Danielle Williams<br>Alison Gorrell       | 7:30 am - 11:30 am<br>Saturdays          |                                    |                      | April 5<br>April 19             | May 3<br>May 17 | June 7<br>June 21  | July 5   | Saturday, July 12<br>Check-in 7:30 am<br>Muir Springs                     |
| .22 Pistol - Muir Springs<br>18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan                    | DJ Eicher<br>380-1288           | Danielle Williams<br>Jeremy Williams<br>Willie Johnson<br>Alison Gorrell                                    | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm<br>Saturdays           |                                    |                      | April 5<br>April 19             | May 3<br>May 17 | June 7<br>June 21  | July 5   | Saturday, July 12<br>Check-in 2:00 pm<br>Muir Springs                     |
| Air Rifle<br>MC Fairgrounds<br>750 Ellsworth<br><i>*FIRST YEAR ONLY</i>  | DJ Eicher<br>380-1288           | Stephaine Johnson<br>Janet Larrick<br>Justin Lowe<br>Danielle Williams<br>Jeremy Williams<br>Alison Gorrell | 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm<br>1st & 3rd Thursdays | <i>*February 13</i><br>February 27 | March 6<br>March 20  | April 3<br>April 17             | May 1<br>May 15 | June 5<br>June 19  | July 10* | Sunday, July 13<br>Check-in 7:30 am<br>MC Fairgrounds                     |
| Air Pistol<br>MC Fairgrounds<br>750 Ellsworth<br><i>*FIRST YEAR ONLY</i> | Jeremy Williams<br>303-241-4885 | DJ Eicher<br>Willie Johnson<br>Andy Larrick<br>Danielle Williams<br>Alison Gorrell                          | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm<br>2nd & 4th Thursdays | <i>*February 13</i><br>February 20 | March 13<br>March 27 | April 10<br>April 24            | May 8<br>May 22 | June 12<br>June 26 | July 10* | Sunday, July 13<br>Check-in 7:30 am<br>MC Fairgrounds                     |
| Muzzleloading -<br>Muir Springs 18918 CR<br>16, Fort Morgan              | DJ Eicher<br>380-1288           | Andy Larrick  | 12:30 am - 1:30 pm<br>Saturdays          |                                    |                      | April 5<br>April 19             | May 3<br>May 17 | June 7<br>June 21  | July 5   | Friday, July 11<br>Check-in 5:00 pm<br>Muir Springs                       |
| Shotgun - Trap<br>12710 MCR W.5<br>Weldona                               | Paul Oliveira<br>645-2157       | Dale Chacon<br>Jay Marshall<br>Stefani Oliveira   | 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm<br>Wednesdays          |                                    |                      | April 2<br>April 16<br>April 30 | May 7<br>May 21 | June 4<br>June 18  | July 2   | Sunday, June 29<br>Check-in 7:30 am<br>12710 MCR W.5<br>Weldona           |
| Shotgun Games - Skeet<br>12710 MCR W.5,<br>Weldona                       | Levi Dixon<br>768-1931          | Dale Chacon<br>Andy Larrick<br>Paul Oliveira  | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm<br>Wednesdays          |                                    |                      | April 2<br>April 16<br>April 30 | May 7<br>May 21 | June 4<br>June 18  | July 2   | Sunday, June 29<br>Immediately following<br>Trap 12710 MCR W.5<br>Weldona |
| Archery - Weldona<br>12710 MCR W.5                                       | Paul Oliveira<br>645-2157       | Levi Dixon<br>Chad Lorenzini<br>Katie Lorenzini<br>Stefani Oliveira   | 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm<br>Tuesdays            |                                    |                      | April 1<br>April 15<br>April 29 | May 6<br>May 20 | June 3<br>June 17  | July 1   | Sunday, July 13<br>Check-in 7:30 am<br>MC Fairgrounds                     |
| Archery - Brush<br>750 Ellsworth   | Dale Chacon<br>970-571-3637     | Justin Lowe<br>Nicolle Lowe<br>Stephanie Johnson<br>Janie Whitney   | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm<br>Friday              |                                    |                      | April 11<br>April 25            | May 2<br>May 16 | June 6<br>June 20  | July 11  | Sunday, July 13 Check-<br>in 7:30 am MC<br>Fairgrounds                    |

Youth **MUST** participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Shooting Sports Banquet, Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm

\*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.

# 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](mailto: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 Aimee at [coopext\\_morgan@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu). Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2025. Also, looking for 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](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu). Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

- **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](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu). Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

- **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](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu) more information. Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

# Scholarship Information

## 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/csus-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:

- ◆ **Brush! Area Chamber of Commerce Agro Scholarship**, is proud to support the future of agriculture by offering \$1,000 Agro Scholarships for the 2025-2026 School Year. Application Deadline: March 21, 2025
- ◆ [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, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**
- ◆ **Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**
- ◆ **MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**
- ◆ **MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**
- ◆ [Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship](#), Application deadline is **April 20, 2025**.





# 4-H SS Leader Training/4-H County Council



## Shooting Sports Leader Training

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, in any discipline, trainings will be offered across the state this Spring. To attend the training, you must be an enrolled, approved leader for Morgan County 4-H.

This requires online training videos, background check, and reference check. Dates for the coming trainings are listed below. You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 3 weeks before the deadline for registration

for the trainings. Trainings cost \$135, and partial reimbursement from LAC is available.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Dates and Locations:

- ⇒ **March 7-9, Morgan County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)**  
**Registration open January 24 - February 21**
- ⇒ **March 14-16, Pueblo County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)** **Registration open January 31 - February 28**
- ⇒ **March 21-23, Weld County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)**  
**Registration open February 7 - March 7**
- ⇒ **March 28-30, Garfield County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)** **Registration open February 14 - March 14**

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted for reason including but not limited to low registration numbers, inclement weather, state health department restrictions, etc. Trainings begin on Friday evening, continue all day Saturday and conclude mid-day Sunday. Attendance for the entire weekend is required to receive a certificate.

### Council Corner-

During the January meeting, the County Council discussed an activity night to be held in March that will include a dance, games, and evening of fun! Be on the lookout for ways to get involved with Morgan County 4-H Council in the coming months!

In place of a February Meeting all members are encouraged to attend the District One “Become the Leader You Wish to Be” conference at NJC on February 19, more information can be found on page 4.

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

# Livestock



## Premises ID

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

For the 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 going online to Colorado Location Identification (LID) Registration Form at <http://col.st/tzSZP>.

## Animal Care and Housing Form

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

This form will be provided in two ways:

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

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

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

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

## MQA Certification/Recertification Program

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

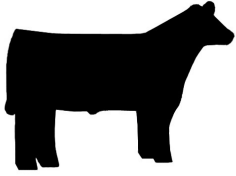
These self guided workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. Allow yourself one hour. Parents please attend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

**The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be May 12 and 13, 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, 2024.**

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

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

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



## 2025 Beef Optional Weigh-In/Tag-In

**Option A:** Attend traditional beef weigh-in on **Saturday, March 1st, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Bring your paperwork for the Brand Inspector at no cost. 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. You must arrange a brand inspection with the Brand Inspector at your own expense or can bring cattle to the weigh-in for brand inspection at no cost. Turn in ID forms, DNA envelopes and Photos to the Morgan Extension Office no later than **Monday, March 3rd, by 4:00 pm**.

**\*Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday, March 1st, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

**ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: March 3rd, by 4:00 pm at the Morgan Extension Office.**

- Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Extension office. Tag applicators are available to borrow.
- A quality readable picture of the Morgan County tag in the animal's ear must be included with ID form.
- You must arrange a brand inspection with the Brand Inspector at your own expense or brand inspection at no cost can be obtained at the non-mandatory weigh in for Rate-of-Gain contest on **Saturday, March 1st, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

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## 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>.

## Showdown on the Plains Heifer and Steer Show

**February 1 & 2, 2025**

Phillips County Fairgrounds, Holyoke, CO

For more information or questions, contact Tim Becker 303-882-8084.

## Colorado State Fair

Beef nominations are due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **April 1, 2025**. 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 2, 2025**. 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.

# 2025 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 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           |

### 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



### 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.**

# 2025 Livestock Information

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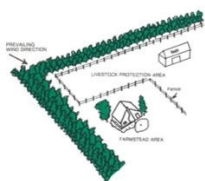
| Species                    | Beginning Primary Care/ID's Due | Vet Check in Transit                | Enter in Barn after Vet Check       | Weigh-Ins after Vet Check & Entry   | Weights           | Show Date and Times  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Western and English Horse  | May 1, 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 Single Fryer | 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                                |
| Breeding Goats             | 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 |
| Market 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   | 60 - 120 lbs.     | Saturday, July 26th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show |
| Breeding Sheep             | 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                                 | N/A               | Sunday, July 27th, 5:00 pm, followed by 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.    | Sunday, July 27th, Immediately after Sheep 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, 5:00 pm, followed by 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                             |

# Extension News

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

- ♦ **February 5**, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm, online
- ♦ **February 21**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online
- ♦ **February 27**, 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm, online

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](mailto:coopext_morgan@colostate.edu). Order deadline is March 1, 2025.

**2025 ServSafe Trainings** The ServSafe program blends the latest FDA Food Code, food safety research and years of food sanitation training experience. Handlers learn to implement essential food safety practices and create a culture of food safety. Trainings are being offered through the year. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Yuma County Extension Office at (970) 332-4151.



### Handlers' Trainings:

- Wednesday, March 5** – Brush
- Monday, April 14th** – Brush \*Class taught in Spanish ONLY\*
- Wednesday, September 10th** – Sterling
- Thursday, November 6th** - Akron

### Managers' Trainings

- Thursday, April 24th** – Burlington
- Wednesday, June 11th** – Brush \*English with Spanish simultaneous translation\*
- Tuesday, October 14th** – Sterling

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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
- 7 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 15 - Civic Engagement Workshop, 1-3 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
- 14 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 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)

## APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 5 - Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 11 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 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
- 21 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 21 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- TBD - State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online

## 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**
- 3 - **Optional Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 5 - **Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office**
- 12-13 - MQA 4:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 - **4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE IN 4-H ONLINE**
- 16 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 19 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 19 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 26 - **Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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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.

### Extension Staff:

**Robin Halley** - Extension Director/Livestock

**Jamie Dixon**-Administrative Technician

**Marlin Eisenach**-Livestock Agent

**Katie Seelhoff**-Family Consumer Science Agent

### Morgan County Fair Grounds (MCFG)

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Brush, CO 80723

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