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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

In the News!

Congratulations to **Katelynn Johnson** a Snyder Pioneers 4-H member, who was selected as the 2025 Fair Book Cover Contest winner! Thank you to all youth that turned in entries.

2025 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

65 – Market Beef
 53 – 4-H/FFA Members

Thank you to Dr. Paul Chard, from Cattleman's Resource for his time and the use of his chute and Deb and Chris Wacker for the use of their alleyway. Thanks to those individuals that helped in the set up and the Weigh-In. They included, Jon Cook, Dillon Curtis, Emily Curtis, Ryder Halley, Matt Kalous, Dan Kendrick, Eli Kline, Erik Mohrlang, Carter Mortensen, Maddox Sepulveda, Dave Sharman, Shawn Stolberg, and Jordan Traxler. Also, Dale Chacon, Colorado Brand Inspector, for all the time spent at the weigh-in. **Brand papers are available at the Extension Office. Must be picked up by the exhibitor or a parent.**



April Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Earth Day Themed. **April 11th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **April 9th**.



District I 4-H Council Meeting

A District I Meeting will be held on **April 6th at 2:00 pm in Yuma, CO**. District I officer elections will be held, and officers elected will serve from July 2024-June 2025. If you are interested, contact Katie 970-542-3544.

State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for this year, **June 17-20, 2025** at the CSU campus. Katie will send registration information to eligible participants when it comes available.

4-H Activities and Information



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 ADD/DROP Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is **May 15, 2025 at 4 pm.**

To add or drop a project, please send an email to coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu or katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu.

- Let the Extension Office know if you need manuals for the added projects.
- Return any unused project manuals after dropping a project.
- **Livestock projects the ADD/DROP deadline is the ID or primary care date or May 15th, whichever comes first. See page 12 of this newsletter.**

Manuals and Record Book Update

If you have not received your manuals for projects, contact your club leader first as they received packets to distribute at the club meetings. When you receive manuals/records, don't set aside until summer. Take time to read the manual NOW and the records to see what you need to do. Most projects require activities to be completed over a period of several months. You want to do more than just the one thing for your exhibit.

If you are uncertain of the exhibit requirement, check out this link: <https://col.st/E0bqq>. If you still have questions call the Extension Office so one of the Extension Specialists 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.

GOALS in e-records

Download your General and FCS e-records now. Continued in 2025 is the GOAL page.

Project goals are important for learning! Complete yours at the beginning of the year.

Record at minimum the following number of goals for your age group:

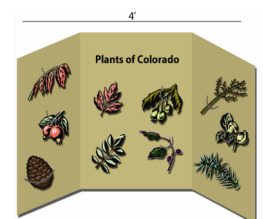
Juniors - 1, Intermediates - 2, Seniors - 3

Identifying goals and how you are going to reach those goals is important to help you become more skilled and knowledgeable about your project. Personal goals are statements that indicate what you want to achieve or improve upon. You might begin by asking yourself, "What do I want to accomplish this year by taking this project?" Answering that question will help you identify your annual personal goal(s). Once you decide on a goal, then you need to plan a "To Do" list. You might think of this "To Do" list as those things you can learn or do to help you reach that specific goal.

***Remember to use complete sentences.**

Display Boards

The Extension Office has display boards (show boards) available for \$3.75 each.



4-H Activities and Information

2025 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 25 - 31, 2025**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Livestock Record Books due **Wednesday, July 9th**, Cake Decorating Contest is **Thursday, July 10th**, Interview Judging which is **Wednesday, July 23rd** and the Dog Contest is **Thursday, July 24th**.

Dog Project Practices

A copy of your dog's vaccination records must be presented to the dog leaders before your dog attends its first practice. Practice schedule is set, **5:30-6:30 pm**:



April 7 – Intro to dog showing , No Dogs - Multi-Purpose Building

April 21- Multi-Purpose Building

May 5 and May 19 - Indoor Arena

June 2, June 9 and June 23 - Indoor Arena

July 7, July 14, July 21 - Indoor Arena

Show: July 24th

April is True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month,

4-H'ers across the nation will pledge their hands to larger service – leading positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. True Leaders in Service will officially kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**.

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



Horse and Dog ID Forms

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

County Council Activity Night

4-H County Council is hosting a county wide Dance! It will take place **April 27th, 2025** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in the Mark Arndt Event Center from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** Cost of admission is \$5.00 and concessions will be available. As 4-H members, you are able to bring up to three non-4-H friends with you, however they must be under the age of 19.

Fair Youth Superintendents

We need the help of 4-H youth who would like to help with the 2025 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, 2025**.

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.

4-H Activities and Information

Signing up for Shooting Sports

There is a \$10 fee for every youth enrolled in shooting sports. **Invoices will be emailed soon to those still needing to pay.**

All youth must attend a **mandatory safety training** prior to their first practice. Contact Katie for the information, 970-542-3544 or katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu.



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 12/31/24 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/24
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.

4-H Shooting Sports Schedule

2025 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	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	DJ Eicher Laurie Mielke Justin Lowe Stephaine Johnson	7:30 am -11:30 am Saturdays	April 5 April 19	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 5	Saturday, July 12 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	Willie Johnson	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Saturdays	April 5 April 19	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 5	Saturday, July 12 Check-in 2:00 pm Muir Springs
Air Rifle MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	Stephaine Johnson Janet Larrick Justin Lowe	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	April 3 April 17	May 1 May 15	June 5 June 19	July 10*	Sunday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	DJ Eicher Willie Johnson Andy Larrick	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	April 10 April 24	May 8 May 22	June 12 June 26	July 10*	Sunday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Muzzleloading - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	Andy Larrick	12:30 am - 1:30 pm Saturdays	April 5 April 19	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 5	Friday, July 11 Check-in 5:00 pm Muir Springs
Shotgun - Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona	Paul Oliveira 970-645-2157	Dale Chacon Jay Marshall Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays		May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Sunday, June 29 Check-in 7:30 am 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona
Shotgun Games - Skeet 12710 MCR W.5, Weldona	Levi Dixon 970-768-1931	Dale Chacon Andy Larrick Paul Oliveira	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays		May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Sunday, June 29 Immediately following Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona
Archery - Weldona 12710 MCR W.5	Paul Oliveira 970-645-2157	Levi Dixon Chad Lorenzini Katie Lorenzini Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tuesdays		May 6 May 20	June 3 June 17	July 1	Sunday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Archery - Brush 750 Ellsworth	Dale Chacon 970-571-3637	Justin Lowe Nicole Lowe Stephanie Johnson Janie Whitney	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday	April 11 April 25	May 2 May 16	June 6 June 20	July 11	Sunday, July 13 Check- in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

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

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

Scholarship Information



- ◆ **Rocky Mountain Farmers Union**, RMFU membership is not required as the Morgan County Farmers Union will sponsor your membership. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2025** at <https://rmfu.org/scholarships/>.
- ◆ **Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship**, This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a post secondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc. View application details at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/jonathan-marr-scholarship.pdf>. Due **April 1, 2025**.
- ◆ **Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship** - The Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship is for graduating High School Seniors or Home School Seniors or a Second Chance Adult with a GED wanting to further their education in the related Ag fields. For more information and a scholarship application please go to <http://www.livestockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html>. Applications must be received or post marked by **April 5, 2025**.
- ◆ **Ken Amen Memorial Scholarship**, The Ken Amen Memorial Scholarship recognizes confident young people who excel in core leader areas of agriculture, community involvement and faithful servant leadership. All interested applicants should complete the online application at <https://col.st/3U1fR> by **April 15, 2025**.
- ◆ **Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarships**, The Morgan County 4-H Foundation gives scholarships to graduating high school seniors to be used the following fall in their academic pursuits. Three \$1000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship for an archery member will be given. Acceptable evidence of their enrollment in a recognized institution of higher education will be required. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. Application deadline: **April 15, 2025**.
- ◆ **Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships**, Two scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The requirements are that you must be a graduating high school senior and expected to enroll in an agricultural degree program at any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$1500 granted for tuition for up to 4 years. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**.
- ◆ **MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships**, Scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school senior. The amount of this scholarship is \$2000. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**.
- ◆ **MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarships**, Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The requirements are that you must hold a high school diploma or equivalent, be accepted and enrolled in any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$1000 granted as a successive year's scholarship, must reapply after four years. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2025**.
- ◆ **Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship**, The Morgan County Fair is a member of the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS). This scholarship can be used at any creditable post-secondary school. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship>. Application deadline is **April 20, 2025**.

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

4-H Volunteers/County Council/Opportunity

Are you looking for a way to get involved and give back to the 4-H program of Morgan County? Offer a helping hand to Morgan County 4-H! Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee is looking for volunteers who care about 4-H and know the impact that it can have on developing youth in the way of camps, conferences, contests, trips, and workshops. LAC appropriates funds for 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers to participate in a variety of activities which are local, county, state and national. If you want to help the 4-H youth of Morgan County call Katie at 970-542-3544. **Everybody can be great! Because anybody can serve!**



Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee DBA LAC 2024-2025

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026). 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, 2025** to be eligible for funding.

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.



Butter Braid/Pastry Puffins Fundraiser

All order forms and money MUST be in the Extension Office by 4 p.m. on April 2nd. Checks should be made out to Morgan County LAC. **Orders must be picked-up on April 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.**



Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, April 21, 2025, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, April 21, 2025, 6:45 pm

Council Corner

The Morgan County 4-H Council held their March monthly meeting on Monday, March 17th at 6:45 PM at the Morgan County Extension Office. During the meeting members discussed plans for the County Council Activity Night, a Dance which will be held on Sunday, April 27th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Cost of admission is \$5.00 and concessions will be available.

The next Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting will be held April 21st at 6:45 at the Extension Office.

If you have any questions about the Morgan County 4-H Council please contact Katie at 970-542-3544.

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.

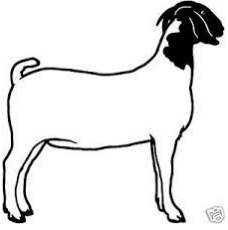
The self guided workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. Allow yourself one hour. Parents please attend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

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be May 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.

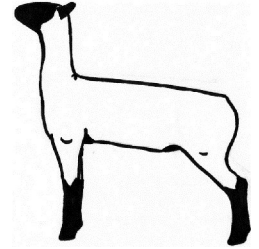
If you haven't met this requirement, you will not be eligible to show at fair.

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.



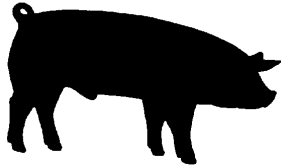
2025 4-H and FFA Market Goat and Lamb Weigh-In/ Tag-In

Option A: Attend traditional goat and lamb weigh-in on **Saturday, May 3rd, 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 5th at 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest for market goats and market lambs must weigh in on Saturday, May 3rd, 8:00-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**



2025 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 5th 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/aecBZ>.

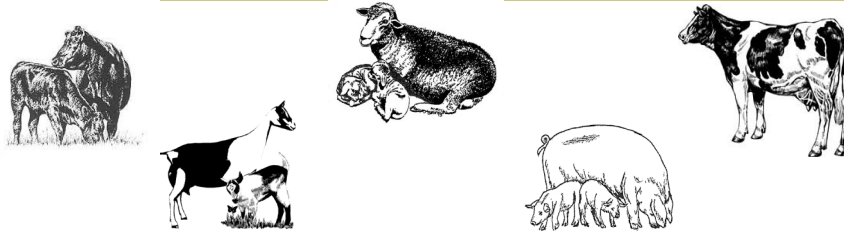
Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

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

Colorado State Fair

Beef nominations are due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **April 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm**. 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, 2025**. The tentative 2025 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: www.coloradostatefair.com. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

Livestock



ID FORMS DUE

--Breeding Beef --Breeding Goat -- Breeding Sheep

-- Breeding Swine -- Dairy Cattle

DUE MAY 1, 2025 by 4:00 P.M.

All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the Morgan County breeding beef, dairy cattle, goat or 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. All tests need to be taken by **July 10th**.

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.

2025 Organized 4-H Horse Practice Schedule

Indoor arena and outdoor arena when weather permits

April 10, 17, 24 **May** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

June 5, 12, 19, 26 **July** 10, 17

Pre-Fair Open Show, July 12

Tie Breaker Written Test, July 19

Fair 4-H Horse Show, July 19

Fair 4-H Gymkhana, July 20

Fair 4-H Ranch Horse, July 22

State Fair Dates - Aug. 21-24

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

Catch-It Swine Distribution

Mid to late April.

Catch-It Lamb & Goat Distribution

Lambs and Goats will be distributed on **May 3rd**. Meetings will be held on **May 3rd**.



Catch-It Chicken Distribution

Early June.

Catch-It Rabbit 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/>

2025 Weld County Goat Extravaganza

No matter what breed of goats you might have, there is sure to be something for you at the 2025 Weld County Goat Extravaganza, **April 25-27, 2025**. Activities will take place in the Livestock and Exhibition Buildings at Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. Stay tuned for details, go to our website, www.wcgoate.com or call Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have questions.

Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza

The Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza will be held **May 29 - June 1, 2025** at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley. Event information and entry forms can be found online at www.weldextension.com, then click on Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza.

Massey Lamb and Goat Camp

Lambs-**June 16-17, 2025** and/or

Goats-**June 18-19, 2025**

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

This “hands-on” two day event with J.B. Massey will be held at the Morgan County Fair Grounds. We will be covering Feeding and Nutrition, Showmanship, Fitting and Clipping. Space is limited, so registration today.

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 3	March 1	March 3
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 5	May 3	May 5
Market Swine	May 5		May 5
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

- To compete at the Morgan County Fair in the Ranch Horse Division, you must have passed level 2 Ranch Horse test and attend at least one practice (with cows) and be signed off for safety reasons by the Ranch Horse leaders. Contestants must compete with the same horse they tested with.
- In the Ranch Horse show at the Morgan County Fair contestants must show in all 4 classes in order to qualify for high point or reserve high point award.

Livestock Record Books

- One book per species. If you have a Catch-It and another of the same species, turn in only the Catch-It record book.

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 **SHOULD** be declared during Fair entry process, by **July 9th**, but can be changed within the immediate family prior to weighing the animal at the County Fair weigh-in.

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2025 Livestock Information

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

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:

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

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:

- ♦ **April 2**, Online 1:00 - 4:30 pm
- ♦ **April 17**, Online 12:00 - 3:30 pm
- ♦ **April 25**, Online 9:00 am -12:30 pm

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 2025 visit <https://growgive.extension.colostate.edu/>.

Calling All Volunteers

With 2025 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 25th - 26th**, 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

APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due by 4:00 pm to Extension Office
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 2 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin orders due, by 4 pm, Ext Office
- 5 - Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 6- 4-H District 1 Meeting, 2:00 pm, Yuma, CO
- 7 - Dog Project Practices start, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, MCFG Multi-Purpose
- 11 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 15 - Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships due, Ext Off.
- 15 - Mike Glenn Scholarship due, Extension Office
- 15 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Pick Up, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Ext. Off.
- 21 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 21 - Dog Project Practice, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, MCFG Multi-Purpose Bldg
- 21 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- 25 - 27 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza
- 27 - 4-H Dance Party, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, MCFG, Mark Arndt Event Center
- 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, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Sheep and Swine 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**
- 9 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 12-13 - MQA 4:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE WITH EXT. 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**
- 29 - June 1 - Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza, Island Grove Park

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
- 13 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 16-17 - Massey Lamb Camp, MCFG
- 16 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 16 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 17 - 20- State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office Closed**
- 18-19 - Massey Goat Camp, MCFG
- 25 - Meat pen of Poultry and Market Rabbit ID's Due, 4 pm, Ext Off**
- 27 - July 3 4-H Exchange Hosting Ohio
- 28 - MC Fair Shotgun Games Shoot, Washington County Gun Club
- 29 - Morgan County Fair Shotgun Shoot, Paul Oliveira's

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