



## 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 2025 Vision of Trees, County Council voted to collect donations to Morgan County Community Members care packages. They were able to collect over 450 items including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, and more! Thank you to all who contributed!

## Christmas Parade

Fort Morgan's Annual Christmas Parade will be held on **December 4, 2025**. The Morgan County 4-H Council will have a float to promote 4-H! Float Decorating took place on November 17, 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](mailto:coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu).



## Fair Board Vacancy

There are four potential vacancies open; each would serve a three year term (ending 12/31/2028) on the Morgan County Fair Board. 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 15**.

# 4-H Activities

## December Cloverbuds Workshop

**December 12, 2025, 5:00 –6:00 pm**, Extension Office

Must RSVP by December 11th by email [eric.lovell@colostate.edu](mailto:eric.lovell@colostate.edu).

Activities Include: Winter STEM activities.



The annual **Leadership Development Conference (LDC)** will be held **January 24-26** 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-HOnline, and eligible youth were sent registration information.

## 2026 Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a leadership camp for 4-H members 11-13 years old and is scheduled for **March 27 - 29, 2026**. More information will be in January's newsletter.



## 2025-2026 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 2025-2026, 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, 2025 and closes **February 2, 2026** to be eligible to participate in the 2026 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](mailto: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](mailto:coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu) prior to **May 15, 2026**.

- 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.

# 4-H Information and Activities



## Considering New Projects for 2026?

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/>.

**The 2026 Colorado State Fair 4-H Exhibit and Contest Requirements** documents will be posted to the state 4-H website soon.

## 4-H Project Workshops

We are planning project workshops for the **2025-2026** 4-H year. These could include Leathercraft, 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 4th**. More specific information about the Christmas Parade will be emailed by Katie the week of December 1st.

The next meeting is **January 19, 2026 at 6:45 pm** at the Extension Office.

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

# 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](mailto:katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu). Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 2026.

- **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 2026 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](mailto:coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu). Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2026. 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](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu). Also, looking for an 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 an 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 an adult volunteer to coach.

# 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 2026. Applications need to be completed by **March 1, 2026**. 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, 2025. 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 2025-2026 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, 2026**.

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, 2026**
- ♦ [Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship](#) - Applications must be received or post marked by **April 5, 2026**.
- ♦ **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 2025-2026***

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 or peaches). If youth did not sell 4 items, \$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2025 to be eligible for funding.

Youth who did not sell 4 items or contribute \$25 for the 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025) have received a letter in their club box as a reminder they will not receive funding for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026).

**Continuing in 2026 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 19, 2026, 5:30 pm, Extension Office**

4-H County Council

**Monday, January 19, 2026, 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.

- **March 13-15, 2026: Weld County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion) \*Orion training - Please watch for information in the coming months.
- **March 20-22, 2026: Pueblo County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- **March 27-29, 2026: Garfield County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage)

## **NEW Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training:**

- **April 25, 2026: Morgan County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)

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 2025 – 2026 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.

## 2026 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2026 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, 2026.

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



# Livestock Information

## BREEDING HEIFERS TO BE AWARDED TO QUALIFIED YOUTH

**Deadline: December 1, 2025**

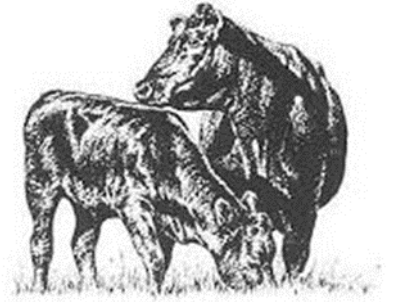
The Morgan County Cattlemen's Association will donate up to two breeding heifers to two Morgan County 4-H/FFA youth, that have not been prior recipients, that will be selected by the MCCA Board of Directors. Interested youth must submit a letter stating why they should be considered, to the Extension Office (Attn: Marlin Eisenach) no later than December 1, 2025, 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) Monthly correspondence with the Association about the progress of the heifer until she calves.
- 5) Provide 3 references.
- 6) Include in your letter:
  - a) Calculate cost of feed from January 1, 2026, until the heifer calves.
  - b) How you will acquire these resources?
  - c) How it will be financed?
  - d) Plans for future growth.
  - e) 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.**

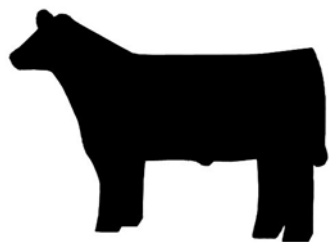


## NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Premium books are available on-line. Visit the National Western Stock Show webpage at [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com) and be sure to check the changes they are making for the 2026 Junior Livestock Shows.

## 2026 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, 2025 and enrolled 4-H members for the 2025/2026 4-H year to participate. The deadline to submit entries is **December 15, 2025**. 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 \$2200 invested in your beef project and may well expect to spend over

\$4500 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>.

# 2026 Fair Livestock Information

## Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2026

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

Species	Primary Care Begins	Tag-In	I.D.'s
Market Beef	March 9	March 7	March 9
Horses	May 1		May 1
Market Goats & Sheep	May 4	May 2	May 4
Market Swine	May 4		May 4
Breeding Beef & Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Goats, Sheep & Swine	May 1		May 1
Breeding Poultry & Rabbits	June 1		
Market Poultry	June 25		June 25
Market Rabbits	June 25		June 25

### 2026 Morgan County Fair

The 2026 Morgan County Fair is **July 24th through July 30th**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on **Thursday, July 30th**.

### **FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES**

#### **Beef**

- Show to start at 9:00 am.
- Neck ties required.

#### **Swine**

- Weigh-in 8:00 - 9:30 am
- Can be shown with powdering, painting and coloring agents.

#### **Livestock Sale to include**

- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Chickens, Market Rabbits and Market Poultry (Turkey's & water fowl)

#### **Horse**

- Ranch Horse Level 2 Contest with cow work will show as one age group.
- Ranch Horse Level 1 Contest without cow work will show as one age group.



# 2026 Fair Livestock Information

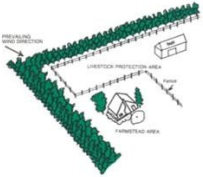
## 2026 Livestock Information

<u>Species</u>	<u>Beginning Care/ID's Due</u>	<u>Vet Check in Transit</u>	<u>Enter in Barn</u>	<u>Weigh-Ins after Vet Check &amp; Entry</u>	<u>Weights</u>	<u>Show Date and Times</u>
Western and English Horse	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 18th, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 18th, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 19th, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 19th, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 21st, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 21st, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2026	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 25, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 24th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2026	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit	June 25, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 24th, 10:00 am
Single Fryer	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 25th, Immediately following the Market Show
Breeding Goats	May 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	60 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 25th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Market Goats	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Breeding Sheep	May 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sunday, July 26th, Immediately following Sheep Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	220 - 300 lbs.	Monday, July 27th, Immediately following Showmanship
Market Swine	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 28th, 9:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 28th, 9:00 am
Breeding Beef	March 9, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 27th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 28th, Immediately following Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 9, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 27th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 28th, Immediately following Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 29th, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 29th, 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: \$55 and the next Online class available:

□ **December 2nd – 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Or December 11th – 8:00 - 11:30 a.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 Eric at [eric.lovell@colostate.edu](mailto:eric.lovell@colostate.edu).

**Colorado State University Extension** will offer a continuing education program on crop production and soil management **Monday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 9th**. The program will run from 8:00am to 4:30pm each day. The program will be held at the Cobblestone Inn, Yuma, 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. Twelve continuing education credits (CEU) will be offered for certified crop advisors in nutrient management, and two crop managements credits. CDA credits will consist of 101, 102, 103 and 309b. 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/2025-crops-clinic-registration-1918231876179?aff=oddtcreator>

or call the Colorado State University Extension office at 719-346-5571. Deadline is **December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

## 2026 A Healthier Weigh - Health & Fitness Challenge

The 2026 "A Healthier Weigh" challenge is set to begin in seven northeast Colorado counties in early January. Morgan County will have weigh-ins **January 5th - 10th**. 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 are available now!



## Ag Awareness Programs Out Reach...Reaching Youth Where They Are!

Morgan County Youth to Agriculture School Programs for 3<sup>RD</sup> Graders  
**DECEMBER 2 - 12, 2025.**

**-THANK YOU!!!**

**FORT MORGAN YOUNG FARMERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION and MORGAN COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION for providing transportation to Denver and help with the classroom presentations.**



**MORGAN COUNTY**  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

# WINTER

## Cloverbuds Workshop



**DECEMBER 12TH, 2025**

5:00-6:00pm  
Morgan County Extension  
914 E. Railroad Ave.  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

For All Cloverbuds (5-7 years old) Enrolled in 4-H  
We Will Explore STEM activities, Food, And Crafts.

Rsvp at [eric.lovell@colostate.edu](mailto:eric.lovell@colostate.edu)

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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 30**  
**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:**  
**[HTTPS://COL.ST/L7L45](https://col.st/L7L45)**






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**QUESTIONS? CALL**  
**(970) 542-3540**



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**Beyond Ready**

**Leadership Development Conference**


**2026**

# Youth Making Waves

**"Creating the Ripple"**



**January 24-26, 2026**  
**Denver, Colorado**




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**EDUCATIONAL TOURS**

**Summer 2026**

# Colorado 4-H



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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**is going to.... Belgium and Netherlands**  
**June 22-29, 2026**

Colorado 4-H is embarking upon an opportunity to travel on a cross cultural experience to learn about



*Agriculture in the Belgium and Netherlands*



**Learn more about this exciting educational opportunity during an informational Zoom session: **September 30, 2025 7:00 p.m.****

During the informational session, we will discuss:

- What we'll see and do: This is an **ag-focused** tour with unique hands-on activities. We will visit producers and experience off-the-beaten path tourist highlights. We begin in Brussels, Belgium and end in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Travel Logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options and how to enroll!

**\*\* This trip is available for 4-H members ages 14-18yo as of January 1, 2026**

Join us at the virtual meeting for more details!

For more info contact  
Colorado State 4-H Office  
Dawn Sanchez ~ (970) 491-0255  
[dawn.sanchez@colostate.edu](mailto:dawn.sanchez@colostate.edu)

Register with this QR code to attend the meeting!



[reg.ef-tours.com/emb2026](http://reg.ef-tours.com/emb2026)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

- 1 - MCCA Breeding Heifer application deadline, 4:00 pm, Ext Office
- 2 - 12 - 3rd Grade NWSS Programs
- 4 - Morgan County 4-H Council Float in Christmas Parade
- 12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 4-H Exchange Bowling and Gift Exchange, 6 - 8 pm
- 15 - NWSS Catch-A-Calf application deadline online
- 15 - Fair Board Vacancy deadline, Board of County Commissioners
- 25 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 30 - Break the Boredom, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, MCFG

## JANUARY

- 1 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 9 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 15 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips, **Extension Office Closed**
- 16 - NWSS 4-H Day**
- 19 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 19 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 19 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 20-22 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips, **Extension Office Closed**
- 24-26 - Leadership Development Conference (14-18 year olds)

## FEBRUARY

- 2 - Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2026 Morgan County Fair**
- 19 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 13 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 16 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 16 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office

## MARCH

- 7 - Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG**
- 9 - Market Beef ID's Due to Extension Office by 4:00 pm
- 13 - 15 Weld County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 16 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 16 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 20 - 22 Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 27 - 29 - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)
- 27 - 29 Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Training

### Morgan County

#### CSU Extension

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[www.morgan.extension.colostate.edu/](http://www.morgan.extension.colostate.edu/)

**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** - 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

**Eric Lovell**-Horticulture/4-H  
Youth Specialist

#### Morgan County Fair Grounds (MCFG)

**750 Ellsworth**

**Brush, CO 80723**

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# 4-H GROWS HERE



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