



January 2026

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

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR PARTICIPATION

The Morgan County Fair Board recently explored the idea of opening Morgan County Fair participation to youth who live and/or attend school outside Morgan County. At this time, it has been decided to maintain current eligibility requirements for the 2025–2026 fair year. Conversations regarding possible future changes are planned to begin in March 2026 for the 2027 fair year.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Axel Lorenzini and Cade Ramirez who were awarded with Breeding Heifers from the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The Cattlemen appreciate all youth who applied. Morgan County Cattleman's Association appreciates your enthusiasm in this program!

2025-2026 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Deadline is February 2, 2026.

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>.

4-H Membership

The 4-H year runs from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. 4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31, 2025.

- Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old
- Junior member: 8-10 years old
- Intermediate member: 11-13 years old
- Senior member: 14-18 years old

January Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be about Penguins.
January 9 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.
Please RSVP by January 8th.



4-H 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.

Thank you to all that donated and participated in the Vision of Trees and to Ella Farnik, Zoie Parker, Addyson Schwindt, and Zylana Vlieger for setting up.



Thank you to all that participated in the Fort Morgan Christmas Parade last month: Jesse and Pam Koch for use of their trailer and driving it. Youth: Kenslee Blake, Rhett Curry, Paxton Curry, Faith Dalrymple, Abby Edson, Ellie Elliott, Katelynn Johnson, Wyatt Johnson, Lorin Koch, Morgin Koch, Alivia Miles, Parker Moorhead, Cassidy Moorhead, Luke Norton, Zoie Parker, Easton Peltier, Delaynie Piper, Addyson Schwindt, Jaxson Stevens, Brealeigh Stolberg, Bristol Stolberg, Madison Thiel, Eli Thiel, Jacob Whitney, and Elizabeth Whitney. Great evening to get in the Holiday Spirit!



4-H Activities and Information



2026 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

The National Western Stock Show will be **January 10-25, 2026**. 4-H Day at the National Western Stock Show is **Friday, January 17**. Group tickets are only available if they are purchased early. All Colorado 4-H families and invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserved seating. Discounts are not available at the Stock Show Box Office. For a complete schedule, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

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 February's newsletter.

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 (If you have concerns about this, ask the Extension Office — There could be opportunities for resources)
- ♦ 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 2026?

The new State 4-H General and FCS Project requirements are available at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/requirements/>.

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, Natural Resources, Pocket Pets and Weeds.

If you wish to enroll in a self-determined project, use the project name next to "self-determined." County projects are not eligible to qualify for state fair.

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? Attend as many meetings as you can so that you can get involved, make friends, and learn more about your projects. Many 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. 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 a majority of club and project meetings, 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, and
3. Complete any county level requirements such as a record book, exhibit, etc.

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.

Judging Opportunities



Judging Opportunities for 4-H Members

Judging is a great opportunity for 4-H members to improve decision making, communication, problem solving and time management skills in a fun, team-oriented setting. Members do not have to be involved in any specific project to take part in judging programs. Some potential benefits of judging include college scholarships, opportunity to travel, personal and team awards. Check out one or more of these judging opportunities!

- **Consumer Choices Judging & Consumer Bowl**

Did you know that you are a consumer judge every time you buy something? Come join us and learn fun ways to become the smart and savvy shopper you know you are! In Consumer Choices Judging you will learn standards of quality for goods such as backpacks, toys, clothing, food, and much more, and then practice making comparisons. There are opportunities for Senior members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. Consumer Choices is open to all senior 4-H members and in any project. For more information contact Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 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. 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. 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. 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 more information. Also, looking for an adult volunteer to coach.

Scholarship Information



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 2026-2027 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:

- ♦ [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, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ♦ **Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ♦ **MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ♦ **MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ♦ [Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship](#), The Morgan County Fair is a member of the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS). CAFS is offering a scholarship to any active 4-H or FFA member who has participated in the Morgan County Fair. 4-H or FFA members who are eligible to apply for this scholarship must be high school seniors or a graduate with a minimum of a "B" average in both their junior or senior year. This scholarship can be used at any creditable post-secondary school. The application deadline is **April 20, 2026**. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship>.

4-H Leader/Volunteer Information

4-H Volunteers Re-Enroll

4-H Volunteers must complete an enrollment form every year. Background checks are completed for new volunteers and can periodically and randomly be conducted on any leader. When a 4-H volunteer signs an enrollment form, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. Only authorized, enrolled volunteers should act as leaders and only authorized, enrolled volunteers are covered by CSU insurance.

Volunteer Requirements

Recognized volunteers may hold 4-H functions, are covered by 4-H insurance, and may serve as chaperones in the name of 4-H.

Everyone interested in becoming an Organizational Leader is required to visit with the 4-H Agent, even if you are already an approved project volunteer. If your club is dissolving or if you are considering changes in leadership, call the Extension Office at 970-542-3540.

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Morgan County, all NEW leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a volunteer application through 4-H Online and receive two positive references.
2. Complete a 4-H enrollment form through 4-H Online
3. Complete leader training
4. Pass a background check
5. Interview with 4-H Agent (All organizational leader applicants or as requested).

Colorado State University Conducts Background Checks on all Volunteers

Volunteers serve at the request of Colorado State University Extension. That request can be withdrawn for any reason, or no reason, at any time. Volunteers agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and to enforce the Code of Conduct with 4-H members they supervise.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, in any discipline, contact Katie as soon as possible. You will be required to go through the volunteer process as well as one of the trainings listed below. This process needs to begin early in the 4-H year.



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. Cost of attendance is \$135, and partial reimbursement from LAC is available.

- **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.

4-H LAC & County Council

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



Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee DBA LAC 2025-2026

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2026-Sept 2027). This is done by selling 4 items of any fundraisers (butter braids, pastry puffs or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, **\$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2026** to be eligible for funding.

Continuing in January 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

4-H Council Corner-

In place of holding a December Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting, members decorated and participated in the City of Fort Morgan Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 4th. Members handed out over 1300 4-H information cards with a candy cane.

The next meeting will be held **January 19th at 6:45 pm**, where we will discuss ideas for the different county wide activities to hold in the spring.

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



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 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 11 and 12**, 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, 2025.**

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.

Livestock

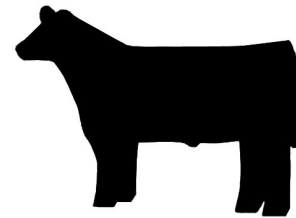
4th Annual Showdown on the Plains Cattle Show

January 30 - February 1, 2026

2 Rings- Heifers show Saturday, Steers show Sunday

Bank of Colorado Pavilion, Phillips Co. Fairgrounds, Holyoke, CO

Check them out on Facebook for updates.

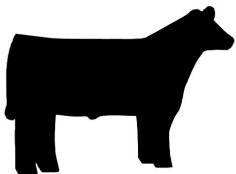


NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

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

Catch it Dairy Distribution

1st year dairy heifers will be tentatively distributed in late March to early April. Participants will receive an email when date is confirmed. Participants, who feel they cannot fulfill their commitment, please notify Marlin immediately.



2026 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

Option A: Attend traditional beef weigh-in on **Saturday, March 7th, 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 9th, by 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday, March 7th, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: March 9th, 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 7th, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

2026 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 can always be accepted early.

Species	Primary Care Begins	Optional Weigh-In	I.D.'s by 4:00 pm
Market Beef	March 9	March 7	March 9
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Beef, Goats, Sheep and Swine	May 1		May 1
Market Swine	May 4		May 4
Market Goats and Sheep	May 4	May 2	May 4
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Market Rabbit-Single Fryer	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Poultry	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 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.

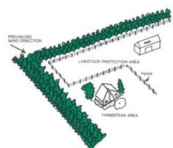
Primary Care of Horses begins **May 1, 2026.**

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

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<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 & 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



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.

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 Outreach. . . Reaching Youth Where They Are!



January 13 - **Beaver Valley Elementary**
January 14 - **Wiggins Elementary**
January 15 - **Weldon Valley & Pioneer Elementary**
January 20 - **Columbine Elementary**
January 21 - **Baker Elementary**
January 22 - **Green Acres Elementary & Trinity Lutheran School**

Thank you to the National Western Stock Show for providing FREE admission!! Thank you to the Fort Morgan Young Farmers Education Foundation and Morgan County Cattleman's Association for paying for the transportation cost!!

2026 Colorado Farm Show

One of the largest — and oldest — farm shows in the nation takes place in Weld County, in Greeley at Island Grove. This annual three-day event features almost 350 ag-related exhibits and draws more than 30,000 visitors from throughout the region interested in learning more about ag products, services, and machinery. Topics covered in the farm show will include:

January 27th - January 29th Topics vary each day.

Click [here](#) to learn more and see the full schedule of speakers including several members of our CSU team.



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:

- ♦ **January 12**, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, online
- ♦ **January 23**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online
- ♦ **February 17**, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, online
- ♦ **February 27**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online
- ♦ Registration link for all classes: <http://cottage-food-safety.eventbrite.com/>

Extension News

2026 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:

Thursday, March 5 – Sterling
Monday, April 13th – Brush *Class taught in Spanish ONLY*
Monday, September 14th – Yuma
Thursday, November 10th - Brush

Managers' Trainings

Thursday, April 21st – Sterling *English with Spanish simultaneous translation*
Tuesday, June 23rd – Burlington
Wednesday, October 21st – Akron

A colorful poster for the "January Cloverbuds Workshop". At the top, a banner with stars and the Colorado State University Extension logo reads "COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION". Below this, the title "JANUARY CLOVERBUDS WORKSHOP" is prominently displayed. The date "FRIDAY, JANUARY 9" is in a yellow oval. The poster features three cartoon penguins: one on the left wearing a red scarf, one in the center wearing a red hat and scarf, and one on the right wearing a red hat and scarf and sitting in a yellow inflatable ring. A red speech bubble on the left contains the text: "EXTENSION OFFICE MEETING ROOM 914 E. RAILROAD AVE., FORT MORGAN 5:00-6:00 P.M.". A blue speech bubble at the bottom right says: "REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7". At the very bottom, there is a small disclaimer in English and Spanish regarding the university's equal opportunity policy.

A poster for the "2026 Youth Making Waves" Leadership Development Conference. The top right corner says "Leadership Development Conference". The title "2026 Youth Making Waves" is in large, bold letters, with the subtitle "Creating the Ripple" below it. The background is a photograph of a green four-leaf clover floating in water, creating a splash. The dates "January 24-26, 2026" and the location "Denver, Colorado" are at the bottom. The Colorado State University Extension logo is in the bottom left corner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 9 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 15 - 3rd Grade NWSS Trips
- 15 - Extension Office Closed due to NWSS Trips**
- 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
- 24 - 26 - Leadership Development Conference (14-18 year olds)
- 28 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office

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 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5 - 6 pm, Extension Office
- 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

APRIL

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

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to make reservations

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**Enrollment Deadline
is February 2, 2026
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