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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 2026 Fair Book Cover Contest winner! Thank you to all youth that turned in entries.

2026 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

44 – Market Beef
 36 – 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, Quinton Draegert, 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 10th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **April 8th.**



District I 4-H Council Meeting

A District I Meeting will be held on **May 3rd at 2:00 pm in Yuma, CO at Pizza Hut.** Bring \$12 for the meal. Transportation will be provided. If you are interested in getting more involved in 4-H at the district level, contact Katie 970-542-3544.

State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for this year, **June 16-19, 2026** at the CSU campus. Katie will send registration information to eligible participants when it comes available.

4-H Activities and Information



2026 State Syllabus Information

The 2026 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, 2026 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 15 of this newsletter.**

Manuals and Record Book Update

If you have not received your project manuals, contact your club leader first — they were given packets to distribute at meetings.

When you receive your manuals and record books, don't set them aside until summer. Review them now so you understand the requirements. Most projects involve activities completed over several months and require more than just one item for your exhibit.

If you're unsure about exhibit requirements, visit: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-resource/4-h-state-fair-exhibit-requirements/>. If you still have questions, contact the Extension Office for assistance. If you think you enrolled in the wrong unit, please let us know as soon as possible.

GOALS in e-records

Download your General and FCS e-records now. An addition in 2024 was 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:

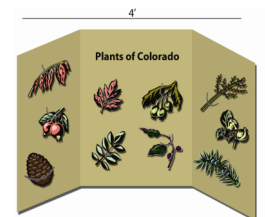
Juniors - 1, Intermediates - 2, Seniors - 3

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.



Record Book Covers

The Morgan County 4-H Foundation will sponsor an e-Record Cover for all youth in General, FCS, and Natural Resource Projects. One per e-Record. They are available for pick up at the Extension Office beginning **May 18th**.

4-H Activities and Information

2026 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 24 - 30, 2026**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Livestock Record Books due **Wednesday, July 8th**, Cake Decorating Contest is **Thursday, July 9th**, the Fashion Revue Contest on **Monday, July 20th**, Interview Judging which is **Wednesday, July 22nd** and the Dog, Creative Cooks, and Demonstration Contests all on **Thursday, July 23rd**.

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, 6:00-7:00 pm:



April 13 and April 27 - Indoor Arena

May 4 and May 11 - Indoor Arena

June 1, June 8, June 22 and June 29 - Indoor Arena

July 6, July 13, July 20 - Indoor Arena

July 22 - Interview Judging

July 23 - Dog Obedience Show

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 25, 2026**.

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.

4-H County Council Field Day

4-H County Council is hosting 4-H Field Day! It will take place **May 9th, 2026** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in the Mark Arndt Event Center from **1:00-4:00 p.m.** Participants will get to participate in activities like a line dance workshop, nine square, toothpick tower building and more! Participants are also asked to bring a few first aid kit supplies for the community service activity that will then be donated to Rising Up. RSVP to attend in 4-H Online by **April 27, 2026**.

Fair Youth Superintendents

We need the help of 4-H youth who would like to help with the 2026 Morgan County Fair events. This is a wonderful way to share your leadership and be part of the excitement of fair. The Volunteer Application is located on 4-H Online. We need help with interview judging, exhibit display, marketing, and much more! Please fill out the 4-H Online application by **June 1, 2026**.

4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2025-2026 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.

All youth must attend a **mandatory safety training** prior to their first practice. The training was held **February 19th at 5:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. If you missed it, please contact Katie to make it up, 970-542-3544.

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 12/31/25 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/25
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 Contest.

You must have participated in at least three (3) County *Certified practices in each of the divisions entered to compete at the County Fair. For safety reasons, a shotgun participants must shoot at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. *Certified practices are scheduled practices shot in front of the contest superintendent or assistant superintendent(s) 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 contests will not be eligible for State Fair Shooting Sports Championships.

*Guidelines for Classes and equipment will be same as the current rulebook. You may view the Colorado Shooting Sports Rule Book at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-project/4-h-shooting-sports-project/>. Click on rulebook, forms, and notices.

Hunter's Safety Courses

Still looking for a Hunters Education Course? Please visit <https://col.st/kps8y> to explore your options of traditional (classroom lecture setting) or online course and classroom conclusion.

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Videos:

- ♦ Exhibit ideas <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14hmV3Jx7blysMUAE3QBnS3ICObIa-6m7/view>
- ♦ MAT https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MaXw4cTR2mbkdX2eOVoomOwU4_TaAN55/view
- ♦ Archery Release Practice String https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b_WFF_Ane6jz9dL2le2dM6JjMcxSV8CU/view
- ♦ Parts of a rifle https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H3RGCaPE4YXgGZ6by_59yicr94kpt8EX/view

2026 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The tentative dates for the 2026 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships are **August 22-23** (Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloader) & **September 5-6** (.22 Pistol & Shotgun).
- More information regarding the State Championships will be sent out in the near future.



4-H Shooting Sports Schedule

2026 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 4 April 18	May 16	June 6 June 20		Saturday, July 11 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 4 April 18	16-May	June 6 June 20		Saturday, July 11 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 2 April 16	May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 9*	Sunday, July 12 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 9 April 23	May 14 May 28	June 11 June 25	July 9*	Sunday, July 12 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 4 April 18	16-May	June 6 June 20		Friday, July 10 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 6 May 20	June 3 June 10 June 24		Saturday, June 27 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 6 May 20	June 3 June 10 June 24		Saturday, June 27 Immediately following Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona
Shotgun Games - 5 Stand/Sporting Clays TBD	Levi Dixon 970-768-1931	Dale Chacon Andy Larrick Paul Oliveira						Sunday, June 28 Check-in 7:30 am Long Meadow Game Resort, Wiggins
Archery - MC Fairgrounds- Mitchell Property 750 Ellsworth	Stephaine Johnson 970-571-3637	Levi Dixon Spencer Farnik Stephanie Johnson Justin Lowe Nicole Lowe Paul Oliveira Stefani Oliveira Janie Whitney	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tuesdays		May 5 May 12 May 26	June 9 June 23	July 7	Sunday, July 12 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth MUST complete contest entry forms by Wednesday, June 24th, 2026

Youth MUST participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Shooting Sports Banquet, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 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. Five scholarships are available and two of the five are for Morgan County students only. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2026** at <https://rmfu.org/scholarships/>
- ◆ **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. 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, 2026**
- ◆ **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. Total award of \$2,500.00 to be divided between the total number of semesters needed to complete the program. 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 3, 2026**.
- ◆ **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. The scholarship amount will be given as follows: \$1000 to current college students (increments of \$500 with a maximum of 2 recipients) and \$1500 to current high school seniors (increments of \$500 with a maximum of 3 recipients). All interested applicants should complete the online application at <https://col.st/k84d6> by **April 15, 2026**.
- ◆ **Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarships**, The Morgan County 4-H Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors to be used the following fall in their academic pursuits. Two \$1,000 scholarships, one \$2,000 renewable 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, 2026**.
- ◆ **Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships**, The Morgan County Cattleman's Association awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors to be used in their academic pursuits. Stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application. **Application Deadline: April 17, 2026**
- ◆ **MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships**, The Morgan County Cattleman's Association awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors to be used the in their trade school pursuits. Stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application. **Application Deadline: April 17, 2026**
- ◆ **MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarships**, Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. Stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application. **Application Deadline: April 17, 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. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship>. Application deadline is **April 20, 2026**.

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 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 puffins or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, **\$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2026** to be eligible for funding.

Continuing in 2027 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

Thank you to everyone who participated. A total of 708 braids and puffins were sold.

All orders must be picked up on **April 1 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office. If you are unable to pick up your order personally, please arrange for someone

to collect them on your behalf during the designated pickup time, as we have very limited freezer space to ensure food safety.



Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, April 27, 2026, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, April 27, 2026, 6:45 pm

Council Corner

The Morgan County 4-H Council held their March monthly meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6:45 PM at the Morgan County Extension Office. During the meeting members discussed plans for the County Council Field Day, a fun filled afternoon of activities like dodgeball, tinfoil boat making, and a building challenge on May 9th from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP in 4-H Online by **April 27, 2026**.

The next Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting will be held April 27th 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 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.

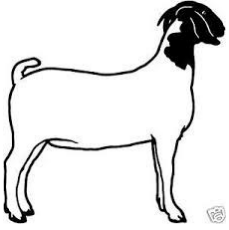
These self guided workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. Allow yourself one hour. Parents please attend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

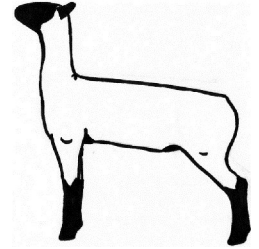
If you haven't met this requirement, you will not be eligible to show at the Morgan County Fair.

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.



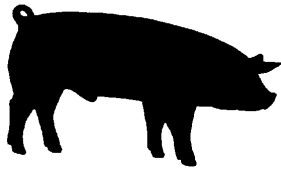
2026 4-H and FFA Market Goat and Lamb Weigh-In/ Tag-In

Option A: Attend traditional goat and lamb weigh-in on **Saturday, May 2nd, 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 4th at 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest for market goats and market lambs must weigh in on Saturday, May 2nd, 8:00-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**



2026 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 4th 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.

Morgan County Showmanship Clinics

Dairy Cattle - July, Date TBD.

Beef - July, Date TBD.

Goat - June Massey Camp, scholarships available.

Poultry - July, Date TBD.

Rabbit - June, Date TBD.

Sheep - June Massey Camp, scholarships available.

Swine - July, Date TBD.

Livestock Sale Information

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/n6aty>

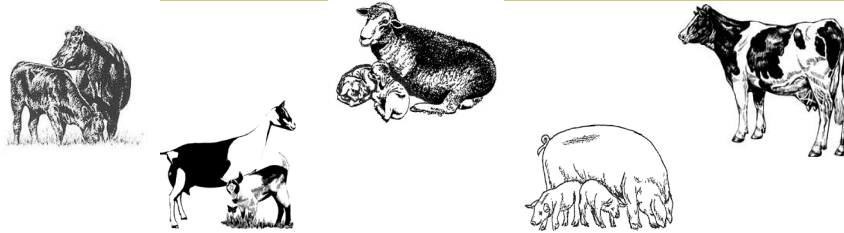
Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/juyr3>

Colorado State Fair

Beef nominations are due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **April 1, 2026**. 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, 2026**. The tentative 2026 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, 2026 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**.

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.

2026 Organized 4-H Horse Practice Schedule

Indoor arena and outdoor arena when weather permits

April 9, 16, 23, 30 **May** 7, 14, 21, 28

June 4, 11, 18, 25 **July** 9, 16

Pre-Fair 4-H Show, July 11

Tie Breaker Written Test, July 18

Fair 4-H Horse Show, July 18

Fair 4-H Gymkhana, July 19

Fair 4-H Ranch Horse, July 21

State Fair Dates - Aug. 27-30

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 Dairy Distribution

Mid to late April.

Catch-It Swine Distribution

Mid to late April.

Catch-It Lamb & Goat Distribution

Lambs and Goats will be distributed on **May 2nd**. Meetings will be held on **May 2nd**.

Catch-It Chicken Distribution

June 4th.

Catch-It Rabbit Distribution

Mid June.



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Morgan County Livestock Project Tip Sheets have been developed and are available at the Extension Office.

2026 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 24-26, 2026**. 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 **June 12 - June 14, 2026** 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 15-16, 2026** and/or
Goats-**June 17-18, 2026**

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.

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 are always 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.

Goat

- Show weights 50-120 lbs.

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 8th**, but can be changed within the immediate family prior to weighing the animal at the County Fair weigh-in.

2026 Livestock Information

<u>Species</u>	<u>Beginning Primary 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 Single Fryer	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
Breeding Goats	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
Market 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	50 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 25th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Breeding Sheep	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
Market 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
Breeding Swine	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
Market 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
Breeding Beef	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
Market 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
Dairy Cattle	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

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:

Monday, April 13th – Brush *Class taught in Spanish ONLY*

Monday, September 14th – Yuma

Tuesday, November 10th - Brush

Managers' Trainings

Tuesday, April 21st – Sterling *English with Spanish simultaneous translation*

Tuesday, June 23rd – Burlington

Wednesday, October 21st – Akron

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: \$50 and the next Online class available:

♦ **April 10**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online

Registration link for all classes: <https://extension.colostate.edu/offering/cottage-food-safety-training/>



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 2026 visit <https://extension.colostate.edu/grow-give/>.

Calling All Volunteers

With 2026 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 24th - 25th**, 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 to Marlin
- 1 - State 4-H Conference registration opens in 4-H Online
- 1 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Pick Up, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Ext. Off.
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 3 - Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 4 - Model Rocketry Workshop, 8 - 9:30 am, Extension Office
- 4 - Artistic Clothing Workshop, 10 - 11 am, Extension Office
- 10 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 17 - Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships due, Ext Off.
- 17 - Mike Glenn Scholarship due, Extension Office
- 24 - 26 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza
- 25 - Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training
- 27 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 27 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office

MAY

- 1 - Horse & Dog ID's due, in 4-H Online by 4 pm**
- 1 - Breeding Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine and Dairy Cattle ID's due to Ext. Office by 4 pm**
- 2 - Optional Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 4 - Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office**
- 8 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 11 - State 4-H Conference registration deadline in 4-H Online
- 11-12 - MQA 4:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE WITH EXT. OFFICE**
- 18 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 25 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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
- 12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 19 4-H Exchange traveling to Ohio
- 15-16 - Massey Lamb Camp, MCFG
- 15 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 15 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 17-18 - Massey Goat Camp, MCFG
- 16 - 19 - State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office Closed**
- 25 - Meat pen of Poultry and Market Rabbit ID's Due, 4 pm, Ext Off**
- 27 - Morgan County Fair Shotgun Shoot, Paul Oliveira's
- 28 - MC Fair Shotgun Games Shoot, Long Meadow Game Resort & Event Center, Wiggins, CO

Morgan County

CSU Extension

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Web Page:

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

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

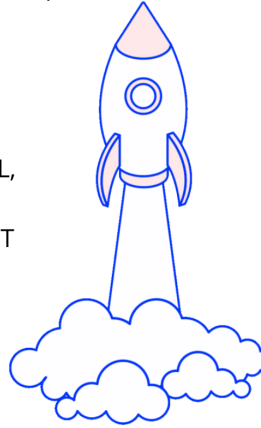
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AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
 April 4 8:00-9:30 A.M.
 RSVP IN 4-H ONLINE BY April 1



WE WILL WORK THROUGH THE
 ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIT 1 MANUAL,
 GO OVER RECORD BOOK
 REQUIREMENTS, AND TALK ABOUT
 BUILDING SUPPLIES.



BRING YOUR RECORD BOOK AND
 MANUAL WITH YOU.



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
 KATIE SEELHOFF AT
 (970) 542-3544 OR
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ARTISTIC CLOTHING WORKSHOP

AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
 APRIL 4TH
 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.
 RSVP THROUGH 4HONLINE BY APRIL 1



WHAT WILL WE DO?

- TIE-DYE A T-SHIRT
- LOOK THROUGH THE PROJECT MANUAL
- LOOK THROUGH THE RECORD BOOK

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING?

- PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT
- PROJECT MANUAL
- RECORD BOOK
- ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE PROJECT

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT
 OR THE WORKSHOP, CONTACT KATIE
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April Cloverbuds Workshop

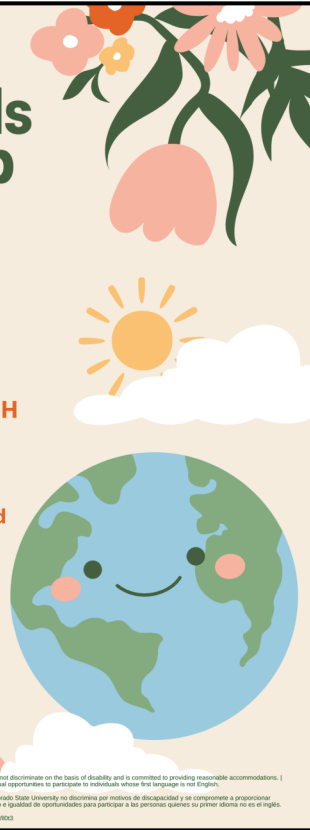
April 10th 5-6pm

Morgan County
 Extension Office
 914 E. Railroad Ave
 Fort Morgan CO 80701

Open to all Cloverbuds
 (ages 5-7) enrolled in 4-H

RSVP through 4-H
 Online by April 8th

We will explore earth related
 activities and crafts



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April 25, 2026



Morgan County
Fairgrounds
750 Ellsworth Street
Brush, CO 80723

Hosted By: Morgan
County



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training RECERTIFICATION ONLY

Event Details:

Disciplines:

- Rifle
- Pistol
- Shotgun
- Archery
- Muzzleloader
- Western Heritage
- Hunting & Outdoor Skills

Fees- lunch included:

\$115 for 1 Recertification Session
\$150 for 2 Recertification sessions

Recommended Hotel:

Best Western Plus
1410 Barlow Rd
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Comfort Inn
1417 Barlow Rd
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Questions:

Contact: Katie Seelhoff
Katie.Seelhoff@colostate.edu
970.542.3544



4-H Online Registration:

Opens 03/13/26- 04/10/26

- Enter Family email and password
- Select event "2026 Morgan SS Recertification Training"
- Select Session(s)
- Confirm Payment & "Finish" to complete your registration

NOTE:

There are 2 sessions offered. Participants can register for 1 or both. Sessions run: 8:00AM- 1:00PM
12:00PM- 5:00PM

**Participants must complete the General Session Modules online before attending. Modules will be sent to all registered participants after registration closes on 4/10/26

Checks payable to:

Morgan County Extension

Mail to:

Morgan County Extension
Attn: 4-H Shooting Sports
PO Box 517
Fort Morgan, CO 80701-0517

**Note: One check per county for all participants registered

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English is the official language and authoritative version of all federal information. | Colegiu/2023

June 16-19, 2026

Colorado State University Campus
Fort Collins, CO



Beyond
Ready

Boots on the ground...



hands in the dirt.

2026

Colorado State 4-H Conference

**Registration opens early April



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4-H GROWS HERE

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