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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

Congratulations to the Morgan County 4-H Graduating Seniors:

Clayton Barch, Jasmine Brindisi, Jayden Chapin, August Filter, Maverick Hunter, Soul Keller, Aysli Kembel, Eli Kline, Jocelynn Middlemist, Payson Poland, Rylan Schreiner, Addyson Schwindt, Owen Steffen, Rebekah Thiel, Kimber Waller, Brylee Whitney and Elizabeth Whitney.



Congratulations to **Jocelynn Middlemist, Payson Poland,** and **Addyson Schwindt,** who were selected as the Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship winners. **Elizabeth Whitney** was selected at the Janice Dixon Family Scholarship winner. Thank you to all that applied.

Congratulations to **Maverick Hunter, Jocelynn Middlemist,** and **Addyson Schwindt,** who were selected as the Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship winners. Thank you to all that applied.

Congratulations to **Cade Carlson** and **Payson Poland,** who were selected as the Morgan County Cattleman's Association Trade School Scholarship winners. Thank you to all that applied.

Congratulations to **Clayton Barch, August Filter, Broden Jess,** and **Eli Kline,** who were selected as the Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship winners. Thank you to all that applied.

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 8 of this newsletter.**

4-H 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/>.

Manuals and Record Book Update

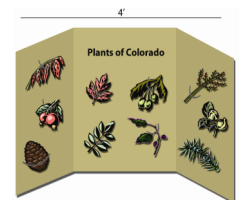
If you have not received your project manuals, contact your club leader first — they were given packets to distribute at meetings.

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.

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 4-H youth participating in General, FCS, and Natural Resource projects, with one cover provided per e-Record. Covers will be available for pickup at the Extension Office beginning **May 18th**. Participants who are able to reuse a cover from the previous year are encouraged to do so.



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.

Project Letters Coming Soon

All youth in General and Family and Consumer projects will receive information shortly after Add/Drop day (**May 15**) with details on preparing exhibits, doing record books, and it will include score sheets as well as other resources to help be successful in this year's 4-H program. Watch for the information and be sure to read it completely.

Cake Decorating Boards

One exhibit requirement for Cake Decorating is the board for the cake **MUST** be a **solid, sturdy board which is cut in the same shape as the cake**. A typical cardboard cake board is not sturdy enough for fair exhibits and it can be difficult to get recycled cardboard which is thick enough. We recommend using 1/4 inch thick solid Masonite board. These can be obtained at a hardware store or lumber yard.

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:

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

May Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Exploring Electricity Activities.

May 8th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **May 6th**.



State 4-H Conference

Theme: "Hands in the dirt, Roots in the Ground."

Price: \$175 (Youth and Adult)

State Registration Deadline Dates: **May 11, 2026, 4:00 p.m.**

4-H Ages: 14-18

Event Schedule and Tracks Overview

This year's registration will include contest registration as usual, but workshops, community service, and other activities will be finalized once registration ends. This ensures the appropriate number of spaces for all participants. State 4-H Conference is being planned for this year, **June 16-19, 2026** at the CSU campus. Eric emailed all eligible participants the registration details in April.

Explore New Worlds of 4-H Jr. Day Camp

District 1 4-H is putting on a day camp for our Junior 4-H Members! This camp will be held in Burlington for youth ages 8-10 on **May 27, 2026 from 9:30-3:30**. The theme is Explore New Worlds with 4-H. The cost for the conference is \$10, and covers lunch, 4-H Swag, and the activities for the day.

If your youth would like to attend, please contact Katie 970-542-3544 to register by **May 20th**.

Payment is also due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **May 20th**.

Transportation to and from the camp is being planned, however depending on the number of youth registered, we may need more drivers. Currently we have transportation room for 4 youth. To help transport youth, you must be an enrolled and approved volunteer with Morgan County 4-H.

Yuma County Cake Show

Date TBD

Location: Yuma County Fairgrounds Concession Building, 410 Hoag, Yuma, CO.

If you want more practice and feedback on Cake Decorating, the Yuma County Cake Show is another opportunity to improve your cake decorating skills. You can enter a cake you might use for your fair exhibit and have it evaluated. For registration and entry please contact Yuma County Extension to register (970-332-4151). They will have "Cake Wars" in the afternoon.

4-H Project Information



Cake Decorating Workshop

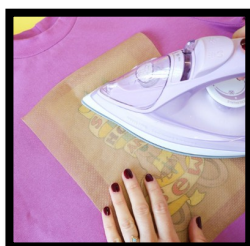
A Cake Decorating workshop for all units will be held on **May 30th** from **10 am to 12 pm** and lead by Jessica Neal. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP through 4-H Online by **May 27th**. If you would like a frosting recipe or have other questions, contact Katie Seelhoff: 970-542-3544. If you are unable to attend but would still like more information, we have a recorded version of the workshop available. Please contact the Extension Office for more details.

From Stitches to Spotlights Workshop

Partnering with Logan, Phillips, and Yuma Counties for a half day or full day of Family and Consumer Sciences Project workshops. These workshops will take place on **June 11th** in Sterling. Keep an eye out for more information coming from Katie in the coming weeks!

Model Rocketry Workshop

The model rocketry workshop on **May 23rd from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** will be at the Morgan County Extension Office. We will work on the Unit 1 activities. Please RSVP through 4-H Online by **May 20th** if you plan to attend. Contact Katie Seelhoff if you have questions: 970-542-3544 or Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu



Artistic Clothing Workshop – Saturday, May 23rd 11:00-12:00

During this workshop, we will learn about iron-on designs. Be sure to bring a t-shirt with you to decorate. You can bring an iron on design that you have already, or use the circuit die cut machine to create your own iron-on vinyl design! Please RSVP through 4-H Online by **May 20th** if you plan to attend. Contact Katie Seelhoff if you have questions: 970-542-3544 or Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu

Record Book Workshop

With Fair right around the corner, now is the time to start working on your record books! We know that they can be challenging at times, and this year will be offering one workshop for 4-H youth to bring in their record books and get help from agents or others, in completing their record books. This workshop is open to any 4-H member regardless of their project, and will be held at the Extension Office on: **June 24th – 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Please contact Katie with any questions at 970-542-3544.

2026 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 24 - 30, 2026**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier including:

- Shotgun - Trap & Skeet Contests** are Saturday, June 27th
- Shotgun - Sporting Clays** is Sunday, June 28th
- Cake Decorating Contest** is Thursday, July 9th
- Muzzleloading Contest** is Friday, July 10th
- .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol** are Saturday, July 11th
- Archery, Air Rifle and Air Pistol** are Sunday, July 12th
- Shooting Sports Banquet** is Tuesday, July 14th
- 4-H Horse Show** is Saturday, July 18th
- 4-H Gymkhana** is Sunday, July 19th
- Fashion Revue Contest** is Monday, July 20th
- 4-H Ranch Horse** is Tuesday, July 21st
- Interview Judging** is Wednesday, July 22nd
- Dog, Creative Cooks and Demonstration Contests** are Thursday, July 23rd



4-H Shooting Sports

Signing up for Shooting Sports

There is a \$10 fee for every youth enrolled in shooting sports. **Invoices were emailed a couple times. Please make payments by May 15th.**

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



MORGAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. All participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in a 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 participant'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 participate at the County Fair Contest.
7. 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 participate in at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. *Certified practices are scheduled practices 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.
8. 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/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/12/ss-rulebook.pdf>.

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Videos:

- ♦ Exhibit ideas <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14hmV3Jx7blySMUAE3QBnS3lCObla-6m7/view>
- ♦ MAT https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MaXw4cTR2mbkdX2eOVoomOwU4_TaAN55/view
- ♦ Archery Release Practice String https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b_WFF_Ane6jz9dL2le2dM6JiMcxSV8CU/view
- ♦ Parts of a rifle https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H3RGCaPE4YXgGZ6by_59yjcr94kpt8EX/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

2026 Shooting Sports Dates

Discipline	Contact	Additional Volunteers	Shooting Practice Times	May	June	July	Morgan County Fair Contests
.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	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	46158	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	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	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	46158	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 Nicolle Lowe Paul Oliviera 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 24, 2026**.

Shooting Sports Banquet is **Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm** and will be catered.

Youth must participate in Interview Judging on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**.



2026 Fair Information

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. Volunteer Application form is located in 4-H Online. We need help with interview judging, exhibit display and teardown, marketing, and much, much more! Please register in 4-H Online under Events by **June 1, 2026**.

PLAN NOW - Demonstration Contest, Creative Cooks, & Cake Decorating Contests

The 2026 4-H Demonstration Contest and Creative Cooks Contest will be Thursday afternoon, **July 23, 2026**. This will be held following the 4-H Dog Show starting mid-afternoon. We will open the Event Center following Creative Cooks awards so families can see results from Interview Judging on July 22, 2026. Entries are due to the Extension Office on **Wednesday, July 8th** using the Google Forms in the Fair Packet.

If your club would like a presentation on any of the above listed contests for a club meeting, Call for details and to set a date: Katie (970-542-3544).

The 2026 Cake Decorating Contest will be held on **Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building. Entries will be due on **Wednesday, July 1st**. Open to all 4-H members. Class Champions will be eligible for State Fair. Additional information will be available on our website.

MARK THESE FAIR DATES

Here are the tentative dates events related to the General and Family and Consumer Projects.

Cake Decorating Contest – Thursday, July 9th at 6 pm

Fashion Revue - Monday, July 20th

Judging 4-6 pm

Public Revue at 6 pm

Creative Cooks – Thursday, July 23rd at 3 pm

Demonstration - Thursday, July 23rd at 6 pm



Fair Opportunities

All the details haven't been worked out, but Cloverbud members can plan on participating in these activities connected with Morgan County Fair.

T-Shirt Workshop

Thursday, July 9th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Cloverbuds will decorate a t-shirt and do other fun activities. They can show others what they made by being in the 4-H Fashion Revue on **Monday, July 20**. There will be a small registration fee to cover supplies.

Cake Decorating Contest – Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 pm

Cloverbuds will decorate a cake with edible decorations.

Creative Cooks

Thursday, July 23rd

4-H Building, Morgan County Fairgrounds

Cloverbuds will fix their favorite no-bake/no-cook snack and participate in 4-H Creative Cooks. This is a fun way to share your favorite snack and learn more about other 4-H activities.

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 for all cattle are 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

4-H Volunteers/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 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 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, May 18, 2026, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, May 18, 2026, 6:45 pm

Council Corner

The Morgan County 4-H Council held their monthly meeting on **Monday, April 27st at 6:45 PM** at the Morgan County Extension Office. During the meeting members discussed plans for the County Council Field day, which has been cancelled due to lack of RSVP's.

Members also began planning for the Fair Dance which will be held during the Morgan County Fair on **July 28th**. County Council will have a dunk tank available before the dance as well as coin wars for someone to get a pie in the face at the end of the dance.

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 at the Morgan County Extension Office for those that have their animals some place other than their primary 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 get one from the Extension Office. 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. Contact Marlin at 970-542-3543 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.

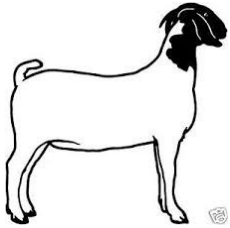
These self guided workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. Allow yourself one hour. Parents please attend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

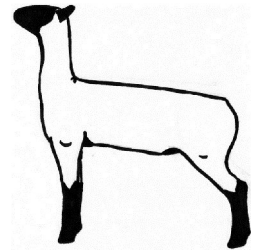
If you haven't met this requirement, you will not be eligible to show at the Morgan County Fair. For anyone interested in showing at national shows or out-of-state shows, double check the show's Meat Quality requirements. There are some shows that are now requiring Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or Beef Quality Assurance (BQA.) Please contact Marlin with any questions, 970-542-3543.

Livestock



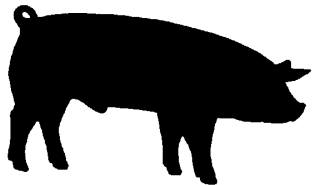
2026 4-H and FFA Market Goat and Lamb Weigh-In/ Tag-In

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.

Livestock Sale Information

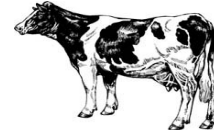
The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/n6aty>.

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

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

Colorado State Fair

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.



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 at the Extension Office or by email request.

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 970-542-3543** 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

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

Livestock

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 Lamb & Goat Distribution

Catch-It Lamb Meeting, **Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 am**

Catch-It Goat Meeting, **Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 am**

Goats and Lambs will be distributed on **Saturday, May 2nd after the meeting.**



Catch-It Chicken Distribution

Tentative date, **Thursday, June 4th at approximately 10 am. Call before driving to the Extension Office, 970-542-3540.**

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.

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. They will be covering Feeding and Nutrition, Showmanship, Fitting and Clipping. Space is limited, so registration today.

AK-SAR-BEN Stock Show Entry Deadlines

Ak-Sar-Ben is scheduled for September 24-27, 2026 and is for exhibitors 9-19 years old (as of January 1, 2026). Youth exhibitors from the following 14 states are eligible: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Exhibitors must order DNA packets from Aksarben directly. ***ALL LIVESTOCK (beef, swine, sheep, and goats, including breeding stock, market stock, and feeder calves) MUST have DNA nominated to be eligible to enter. DNA envelope orders will close June 26th. DNA Envelopes are due July 1, 2026 - ALL SPECIES - ALL STATES. Completed DNA Envelopes must be postmarked no later than July 1st. *No late DNA orders will be accepted.*** For detailed information about ordering DNA packets, please visit: <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>.

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:

CSU Extension Cottage Food Safety Training Online:

- **May 1st**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., online
- **May 13th**, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., online
- **May 14th**, 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., online
- **June 9th**, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., online
- **June 26th**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., online

Registration link for all classes: <http://cottage-food-safety.eventbrite.com/>



In 2020, Colorado State University and CSU Master Gardeners started the Grow & Give project, which are modern Victory Gardens where homeowners grow their own food, and donate their excess produce to local food banks. Victory Gardens were vegetable, fruit, and herb gardens planted at private residences and public parks during World War I & II. These gardens were planted not only to supplement individuals rations but to also help boost morale. With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, CSU Master Gardeners felt that this was a great way to help supplement local food banks across our state. In 2020, there was around 700 gardens across 32 counties that participated and donated over 55,000 pounds of produce. For more information on how to participate in 2026 visit <https://growgive.extension.colostate.edu/>.

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 970-542-3540.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
- 23 - Model Rocketry Project Workshop, Ext. Office
- 20 - Explore New Worlds Conference Registration Deadline to Katie
- 23 - Artistic Clothing Project Workshop, Ext. Office
- 25 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed
- 27 - Explore New Worlds Jr. Day Camp, Burlington, CO
- 30 - Cake Decorating Workshop, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Extension Office

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
- 11 - Stitches to Spotlights, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Logan County Fairgrounds
- 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
- 16 - 19 - State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins
- 17-18 - Massey Goat Camp, MCFG
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office Closed
- 25 - Meat pen of Poultry and Market Rabbit ID's Due, 4 pm, Ext Off
- 27 - MC Fair Shotgun Shoot, Paul Oliveira's
- 28 - MC Fair Shotgun Games Shoot, Long Meadow Game Resort & Event Center, Wiggins, CO

JULY

- 1 - Cake Contest registration deadline
- 2-4 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Concessions at Brush Rodeo
- 3 - INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED, EXT. OFFICE CLOSED
- 8 - Livestock Entry Forms and Livestock Record Books DUE, Extension Office
- 8 - Fair Contests registration deadlines
- 9 - Cloverbuds T-shirt Workshop, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 9 - Morgan County Fair Cake Decorating Contest, 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 10 - Morgan County Fair Muzzleloading Shoot, Muir Springs
- 11 - Morgan County Fair .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol Shoots, Muir Springs
- 12 - Morgan County Fair Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Archery Shoots, MCFG
- 14 - Fashion Revue Workshop, 1:30 pm, First Christian Church, FM
- 14 - Shooting Sports Potluck, 6:00 pm, MCFG Event Center
- 17 - Dog Contest Entries due, Online
- 18 - Morgan County Fair Horse Show
- 19 - Morgan County Fair Horse Gymkhana
- 20 - Morgan County Fair Fashion Revue Judging & Public Revue
- 21 - Morgan County Fair Ranch Horse Event
- 22 - 30 EXTENSION OFFICE in Fort Morgan, CLOSED for FAIR
- 22 - Interview Judging of all 4-H General & FCS projects & Dog Project e-record, 8:30 - 4:00 pm, MCFG, Multi-Purpose Building
- 22 - Interview Judging of all Catch-It Animals, 8:30 am, MCFG, 4-H Bldg
- 23 - Morgan County Fair Dog Obedience Show
- 23 - Morgan County Fair Creative Cooks Contest
- 23 - Morgan County Fair Demonstration Contest
- 24 - 30 - 2026 MORGAN COUNTY FAIR

Morgan County

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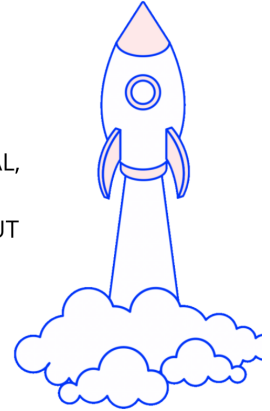
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4-H MODEL ROCKETRY WORKSHOP

AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

MAY 23 9:00-10:30 A.M.

RSVP IN 4-H ONLINE BY MAY 20



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

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ARTISTIC CLOTHING WORKSHOP

AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

MAY 23

11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

RSVP THROUGH 4HONLINE BY MAY 20

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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4-H 5K RUN & RELAY



MORGAN COUNTY

JUNE 6, 2026

MORGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CHECK IN: 7:30 AM

RACE START: 8:30 AM

AWARDS: 10:00 AM

SIGN UP BY MAY 11TH AT 4PM TO GET A T-SHIRT

ALL AGES WELCOME

**NON-4-H MEMBERS:
5K RACE = \$25
5K 4-PERSON RELAY = \$60**

Use the QR code to sign up



**4-H MEMBERS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SIBLINGS:
\$5 PER PERSON WITH \$20 FAMILY CAP**

"I pledge my health to better living"



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4-H GROWS HERE



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**4-H Project
Add/Drop
deadline is 4:00 pm
on Friday,
May 15, 2026.**