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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 2026-2027 District 1 officer, **Addyson Schwindt**, President! Officer Elections were held in January at the Leadership Development Conference, and the new officers will begin their year of service in late June.



2026 Goat & Lamb Weigh-In/Tag-In

90 – Market Goat
 56 – 4-H/FFA Members

81 – Market Lamb
 47 – 4-H/FFA Members

Thank you to those individuals that helped with Weigh-In and teardown. They included, Jon Cook, Emily Curtis, Dan Kendrick, Dave Sharman, and Jordan Traxler.

2026 Market Swine ID's

107 – Market Swine
 55 – 4-H/FFA Members

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.

4-H is for the Kids!

As fair approaches, we want to give a friendly reminder that the purpose of our 4-H projects is for youth to learn by doing. This means the goal is not the perfect end product, but the skills they learn along the way. Remember we are raising blue ribbon kids, not blue ribbon projects!



Peach Sales Watch for Palisade peach sale information in the updates, digital Family Fair packets, and July/August 4-H Newsletter.

4-H Project Packets Were Mailed

All youth in General, Family Consumer Science and Natural Resource 4-H projects should have received information within the last week with details on preparing exhibits, completing record books, and score sheets as well as other resources to help be successful in this year's 4-H program. Be sure to read the information.

Display Boards

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

e-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. They are available for pick up at the Extension Office until July 1st.

Yuma County Cake Show

June 9, 2026

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.

June Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Dairy Themed activities.

June 12 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **June 10th**.

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 p.m.:

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

State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for this year, **June 16-19, 2026** at the CSU campus. Those scheduled to attend are **Kimber Heid, Saxson Keller, Soul Keller, Todd Makings, Zoie Parker, Chayton Pyburn, Addyson Schwindt** and **Elizabeth Whitney**.

Colorado 4-H Digital Photo Contest

This contest is a state contest. 4-H members do not need to qualify at their county fairs to enter.

The contest will open on **May 1st** and close on **July 17th**.

Submit all entries to Colorado 4-H State Fair using the FairEntry system. Instructions can be found in the

4-H Shooting Sports Information

Signing up for Shooting Sports

There is a \$10 fee for every youth enrolled in shooting sports. **Invoices were emailed.**

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 [Colorado Shooting Sports Rule Book \(https://col.st/79lxa\)](https://col.st/79lxa)

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Videos:

- ♦ [Exhibit ideas \(https://col.st/8bon8\)](https://col.st/8bon8)
- ♦ [MAT \(https://col.st/ftlls\)](https://col.st/ftlls)
- ♦ [Archery Release Practice String \(https://col.st/j8lfs\)](https://col.st/j8lfs)
- ♦ [Parts of a rifle \(https://col.st/jtsya\)](https://col.st/jtsya)

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.

2026 4-H Shooting Sports Information

2026 Shooting Sports Dates

Discipline	Contact	Additional Volunteers	Shooting Practice Times	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	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	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	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	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	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	Levi Dixon Andy Larrick Jay Marshall Odin Nilsen Matt Steinman	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays	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	Andy Larrick Jay Marshall Paul Oliveira Odin Nilsen Matt Steinman	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays	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	Andy Larrick Jay Marshall Paul Oliveira Odin Nilsen Matt Steinman				Sunday, June 28 Check-in 7:30 am Long Meadow Game Resort, Wiggins
Archery - MC Fairgrounds- Mitchell Property 750 Ellsworth	Stephaine Johnson 970-580-4095	Levi Dixon Spencer Farnik Justin Lowe Nicolle Lowe Paul Oliviera Janie Whitney	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tuesdays	June 2 June 9 June 16 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 p.m.** and will be catered.

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

4-H Volunteer & County Council Information



Attention 4-H Club Leaders!

Annual 4-H Club Chartering

Chartering for the 2026-2027 Calendar Year is coming up! Here is a list of all of the chartering documents your club will need. **Have your officers and members get involved in completing the documents!**

- ◆ Bylaws-TBD
- ◆ Financial Report-**July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**
- ◆ Bank Statement-Copy of the statement showing the balance as of **June 30, 2026**
- ◆ Annual Review-**July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**
- ◆ Group Assets-Any physical items your club owns valued over \$50
- ◆ Budget-Estimated Budget for **2026-2027** calendar year
- ◆ Annual Plan-Club plan for **2025-2026** calendar year
- ◆ Affirmative Action-Report on **July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**

CHARTERING DOCUMENTS WILL BE DUE TO THE MORGAN COUNTY OFFICE BY AUGUST 14, 2026.

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, June 22, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

4-H County Council

Monday, June 22, 2026, 6:45 p.m.

Council Corner

The Morgan County 4-H Council held their May monthly meeting on **Monday, May 18th at 6:45 p.m.** at the Morgan County Extension Office. During the meeting members discussed plans for the County Council Fair Dance **July 28th**. County Council also decided to participate in the Brush 4th of July parade. Watch for more details on how to join the float in the updates.

The next Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting will be held on **June 22nd at 6:45 p.m.**

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. 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 \(http://col.st/tzSZP\)](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.

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. Contact Marlin at 542-3543 if you have any questions.

Courtesy Notice: Clean Your Pens

As members of the Morgan County community, we are asking our youth to please keep your pens and/or stalls clean during the entire Fair. In efforts to maintain an overall professional presentation, fly, and disease control, it would be greatly appreciated for all livestock participants to be team members of Morgan County at the Fair. Thank you in advance!

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

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

The information is available in our weekly [4-H Updates \(https://col.st/a0nqj\)](https://col.st/a0nqj).

Weighing Market Animals

July 6-10 and July 13-17

The scale at the fairgrounds will be available to weigh your market beef, goat, lamb and swine projects from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** If you want to weigh your animals at an earlier time, please contact Marlin at (970) 542-3543 or (970) 768-5154 to make an appointment.

Livestock Record Books

Any individual or 4-H Club needing help with the 4-H Breeding or Market Livestock, Horse, Rabbit or Poultry record books, please contact Marlin to set up an appointment by **July 6, 2026**. The Fair Board is requiring that the record books be up to date as of **July 8, 2026**.



MARKET RABBIT & MARKET POULTRY ID FORMS DUE JUNE 25, 2026 4:00 P.M.



ALL 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS WHO WILL BE EXHIBITING A MARKET RABBIT OR MARKET POULTRY MUST SUBMIT AN IDENTIFICATION FORM TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

Marlin will take care of ID'S for Catch-It Chickens and Catch-It Rabbits.

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 Organized 4-H Horse Practice Schedule

Indoor arena and outdoor arena when weather permits

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



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 at 4 pm**. DNA envelopes must be returned directly to the Colorado State Fair Livestock Office by **June 1st**. It is recommended to certify your DNA when mailing. 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.

Remember, the County tag number on your DNA envelopes must match your nomination form exactly. Members with Chickens, Rabbits or Turkeys that want to exhibit at the Colorado State Fair must have nomination forms turned in to Marlin by **July 6, 2026 at 4 pm**.

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 on the Weld County Extension [Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza \(https://col.st/r1rk3\)](https://col.st/r1rk3) page.

Massey Lamb and Goat Camp

Lambs-**June 15-16, 2026** and/or

Goats-**June 17-18, 2026**

Applications and registrations are done pm the [Massey Camp Website \(https://col.st/1eue3\)](https://col.st/1eue3)

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 LIVE-STOCK (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 the [Aksarben Stock Show Website \(https://col.st/wafa4\)](https://col.st/wafa4).

2026 Fair Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2026

All ID's must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on the due date. ID forms 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 Fair Livestock Information

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<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 & 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	N/A	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	50 - 120 lbs.	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	N/A	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	100 - 175 lbs.	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	N/A	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	220 - 300 lbs.	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

2026 Fair Information

As you prepare for the 2026 Morgan County Fair

Morgan County 4-Hers are always well represented at the Colorado State Fair with several Grand Champions as well as Reserve Grands and many Unit Champions and Reserves. As you are working on your projects, take good pictures of your project in process, keep good records, and don't be afraid to get creative. Show off your new skills learned and/or show off your special talents. If you have questions or problems please call the Extension Office, your 4-H Club Leader or a fellow 4-H member.

Many youth participated in Project Workshops during the past year where they learned about the exhibit requirements as well as skills necessary to complete their project. We will continue to offer workshops in and will announce dates as soon as we have them scheduled.

Also, let us know what project training you would like to help learn new skills. Call with your suggestions, and as always, we love to have parents and/or others volunteers assist in presenting workshops.

2026 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 24 - 30, 2026**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier, see page 13 of this newsletter.

Are You Ready for Fair?!

As a new member, or even a seasoned member, there are a lot of steps to be sure you are ready for Fair! For a [checklist](#) to make sure you have everything done, visit <https://col.st/88csx>.

2026 State Syllabus & 4-H Project Exhibit Requirements

The 2026 State Syllabus is now available. Members should review their project syllabus for specific project requirements. Syllabi and project descriptions can be found at [Colorado 4-H Project Syllabus](#) (<https://col.st/bxqr4>).

If you have not started your fair project exhibit, now is the time. Exhibit requirements can be found at [State Fair Exhibit Requirements](#) (<https://col.st/bxqr4>) and will also appear in the 2026 Morgan County Fair Book, online, and in Event-Fair. Many projects require specific skills and additional activities, so allow enough time to complete all requirements. If you believe you enrolled in the wrong unit, contact the Extension Office as soon as possible for assistance.

All projects require a record book, but not all require a manual. Manuals are generally used as learning guides, and any required manuals will be listed in the exhibit requirements.

- Animal record books: Morgan County 4-H Records (coming soon)
- General, Natural Resources, and Family Consumer Science e-records: [Colorado 4-H E-Records](#) (<https://col.st/dwbo1>)
- Exhibit score sheets: [Colorado 4-H Score Sheets](#) (<https://col.st/dwbo1>)

Some record books require pages or activities from the manual, so review the score sheets carefully. For Shooting Sports, county and state rule books take precedence over manuals if discrepancies occur. Questions may be directed to Katie at (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.

Anyone that has livestock record book questions, call Marlin at (970) 542-3543 and set up an appointment.

Digital Fair Packets

All families will receive information approximately **June 22, 2026** with details about the 2026 Morgan County Fair.

INCLUDED IN FAIR EMAIL:

- July/August Newsletter
 - Interview Judging Schedule
 - MQA Certification Form
 - Livestock, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit & Dog Entry Forms
 - Parent Permission Form (Market Livestock participants only)
 - Peach Order Form
 - Contest Entry Forms (Creative Cooks, Demonstration, Dog and Fashion Revue)
 - (Cake Decorating and Shooting Sports Contest entries will be emailed out earlier.)
- (Copies available at the Extension Office upon request.)



Reminder Important 2026 Fair Deadlines

ALL Livestock Entry Forms are due online by **Wednesday, July 8th**. Hard copy either in person or emailed.

ALL Livestock Record Books, and entry forms for Creative Cooks Contest, Demonstration Contest, and Fashion Revue are **DUE Wednesday, July 8th!**

Interview Judging Day

**General & Natural Resources,
Family Consumer Science and County Projects
Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Interview times have been scheduled for you.

All Family Consumer Science, General and Natural Resources, and County Projects will be interview judged and entered at the Multi-purpose Building. This includes Dog Obedience members. Only the exhibitor will be allowed with the judge at the time of the interview; **no parents or leaders.** Please let us know if accommodations are needed by **July 8th**.

Exhibitors unable to be interview judged that day must make prior arrangements and complete an absentee interview form, available at the Extension Office. The form must be filled out and brought in to the Extension Office on or before, **Monday, July 20, 2026**.

Catch-It animal participants have an interview scheduled on Wednesday, July 22nd, in the 4-H Building.

2026 Fair Information



Display boards are great ways to share that information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each display board. Make yours stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way.

Follow these guidelines to create a display board for the state fair.

SHAPE

Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have 1 large surface, and 2 smaller side wings

SPACE

Your display should only discuss one main topic. This will help it look neat and un-crowded

ATTACHMENTS

When attaching pictures or objects to your board make sure they are secure. Use glue for pictures and paper, and consider wires, zip ties or staples to attach bulkier items. Do not attach items that are so heavy that your board can't stand.

4'

Plants of Colorado

TEXT

Make sure that all the text on your display is easy to read. Use a large font for the title, and smaller fonts for the headings and body text. Text must be readable from 3-5 feet away. Use large bold letters. Dark letters on a light background works best.

3'

SIZE

Display boards for the state fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.

DISPLAY BOOKS

Your e-record book should accompany your board. You may use 3-ring binders or other notebook that will keep the pages securely inside. You may not use slider-type binders.

2026 Morgan County Fair Pre-Fair Schedule



- Saturday, June 27** Shotgun and Skeet Contests, Paul Oliveira's
- Sunday, June 28** Sporting Clays Contest, *Long Meadow Game Resort & Event Center, Wiggins*
- Thursday, July 2** Cake Decorating Contest online registration due
- Wednesday, July 8** **Entry forms for Livestock due hard copy in person or emailed**
 Entry forms for Creative Cooks, Demonstration, and Fashion Revue Contests due to Extension Office via Google Forms.
 *All animal record books (except dogs and cats) due to Extension Office
- Thursday, July 9** Cake Decorating Contest, 6:00 p.m., *Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building*
- Friday, July 10** Muzzleloading Contest, Morgan County Gun Club, *Muir Springs*
- Saturday, July 11** .22 Pistol and .22 Rifle (All Four Divisions) Contests, *Muir Springs*
- Sunday, July 12** Archery Contest Morgan County Fairgrounds, *Mitchell Property*
 Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contests Morgan County Fairgrounds,
Multi-Purpose Building
- Tuesday, July 14** Shooting Sports Banquet – 6 p.m. *Morgan County Fairgrounds, Event Center*
- Saturday, July 18** 4-H Junior Horse Show Tie Breaker Test, 8:00 a.m., *Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building*
 4-H Junior Horse Show, 8:30 a.m., *Morgan County Fair Grounds, Indoor Arena*
- Sunday, July 19** 4-H Horse Gymkhana, 8:30 a.m., *Morgan County Fair Grounds, Indoor Arena*
- Monday, July 20** Fashion Revue Judging 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., *First Christian Church, Fort Morgan*
 Public Revue - 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 21** 4-H Ranch Horse, 8:30 a.m., *Morgan County Fair Grounds, Outdoor Arena*
- Wednesday, July 22** Interview Judging, *Morgan County Fairgrounds, Multi-Purpose Bldg*
 ALL 4-H General and Family & Consumer projects
 Dog e-records with Interview, *Morgan County Fairgrounds, Multi-Purpose Bldg*
 All Catch-It-Animal Interviews *Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building*
- Thursday, July 23** Dog Obedience Show 8:30 am, *Morgan County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena*
 Creative Cooks Contest, *Morgan County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building*
 Judging Approximately 3 - 5 p.m.
 Awards and Tasting Immediately Following
 Demonstration Contest, Following Creative Cooks -Approximately 6 p.m.

Enjoy the afternoon at the fair, sample the Creative Cooks' entries, watch the Demonstration Contest, and see the results of Interview Judging.

2026 Fair Information



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 p.m.

Fashion Revue - Monday, July 20th

Judging 4-6 p.m.

Public Revue at 6 p.m.

Creative Cooks – Thursday, July 23rd at 3 p.m.

Demonstration - Thursday, July 23rd at 6 p.m.



Fair Opportunities

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

T-Shirt Workshop

Thursday, July 9th, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

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 Fair Special Events



NO CREDIT PRODUCTIONS ULTIMATE BULLFIGHTERS

Saturday, July 25, 2026
Outdoor Arena, Tickets for evening event available at gate, Morning event is Free
6:00 p.m. Gates Open
7:30 p.m. Bull Riding (ticket needed for entry)



PORK BURGER CONCESSIONS BRUSH LIONS

Monday, July 27, 2026
5:00 pm
North side of the Multi-Purpose Building



FARM BUREAU BREAKFAST

Free Breakfast
Tuesday, July 28, 2026
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., *Outside West of the Grandstands*



MORGAN COUNTY CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION CONCESSION

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., *Serving out of the 4-H Building (#7)*

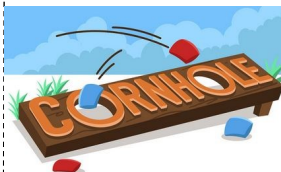
OPEN CLASS BOTTLE CALF, LAMB, KID SHOW

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
3:00 p.m., *Indoor Arena*
(Arrival 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m./Departure after the show)
NO pre-registrations required
Participants under 8 years old.
All animals must be tame.
Animals must be born after January 1, 2025.
This is not a sanctioned 4-H or FFA event.



4-H COUNCIL DUNK TANK

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
6:30 p.m. *West of Grandstands*
Sponsored by Morgan County 4-H Council



ADULT CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
6:00 p.m. *Indoor Arena*



MUD VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
12:30 p.m. *Doty Ponds*
Sponsored by City of Brush!



CRICKET RACES

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Starting: 2:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Building
Superintendent: Eddie Arndt



PEDAL TRACTOR PULL CONTEST

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Starting: 3:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Building
NO pre-registration required



STEAK FRY

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Indoor Arena-Tickets \$5.00
Come and enjoy the steak fry and visit with family and friends.



BARN DANCE

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. *Indoor Arena*
Featuring **DJ-Big City Light & Sound**
Sponsored by City of Brush!, and Morgan County Fair Board.

FOOD CONCESSIONS

Local Food Trucks will be available throughout the week of Fair.



Extension News

Food Preservation - Preserving homegrown produce is on the rise as grocery prices have significantly increased. Food preservation comes in many forms – drying, freezing, fermenting, pickling, curing and canning! Food breaks down as soon as it is harvested or cut, creating an environment for bacteria to flourish. Each type of food has a unique composition that supports the growth of specific enzymes, molds, yeasts, and bacteria. Therefore, the preservation method must be tailored to effectively target and eliminate the particular microorganisms associated with that food.

If you are interested in learning more about preserving food, [CSU Extension's Preserve Smart](https://col.st/2pskb) (<https://col.st/2pskb>) website has information on different food preservation methods that are approved for many different foods along with recipes.

If you have additional questions, please reach out Katie at (970) 542-3544.

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:

- **June 26th**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., online
- **July 1st**, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., online
- **July 14th**, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., online
- **July 31st**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., online

[Register for Classes](https://col.st/wjna4) (<https://col.st/wjna4>)

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 [Grow & Give](https://col.st/e02wi) (<https://col.st/e02wi>)

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

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
- 16 - 19 - State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins
- 17-18 - Massey Goat Camp, MCFG
- 19 - Juneteenth - Extension Office Closed**
- 22 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 22 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 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 Entry 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**
- 24 - Morgan County Fair Poultry and Rabbit Shows
- 24 - Morgan County Fair Open Class Home Economics
- 25 - Morgan County Fair Jr. and Open Class Horticulture
- 25 - Morgan County Fair Breeding and Market Goat Show
- 26 - Morgan County Fair Breeding and Market Sheep Show
- 27 - Morgan County Fair Breeding and Market Swine Show
- 28 - Morgan County Fair Breeding and Market Beef Show
- 29 - Morgan County Fair Dairy Cattle Show
- 29 - Morgan County Fair Master Showmanship Contest
- 29 - Catch-It Contests for 2027
- 30 - Morgan County Fair Exhibit Release
- 30 - Morgan County Fair Jr. Livestock Sale
- 31- EXTENSION and FAIR OFFICES CLOSED**

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