

4-H Youth Development

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March/April 2025

March

- 4 Order DNA kits for all species from Colorado State Fair
- 14 Stitches to the Spotlight Workshop: Gary DeSoto Building, Sterling, CO
- 15-16 Hunter Safety Class (Open to Public) - Yuma
- 17 Stitches to the Spotlight Workshop: Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, CO
- 28-30 Youthfest – Colorado State Fairgrounds

April

MQA CHECK DATES ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

- 1 Beef DNA due to Colorado State Fair
- 1 Colorado State Fair Beef nomination forms due to Extension Office
- 12 Yuma County Classic Prospect Show (See flyer for more details)

May

- 1 Horse and Dog IDs are due in 4-H online
- 17 Phillips County Showdown
- 28 Explore new worlds of 4-H Camp – Ages 9-11 Burlington (more info in next newsletter)

June

- 1 Colorado State Fair Sheep/Goat/Swine nomination forms due to Extension Office
- 10 Yuma County Cake Show & Cake Wars

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Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



A QUICK LOOK AT A COOL PROJECT Food Preservation

Do you have a garden or are interested in knowing where your food came from? Enroll in the Food Preservation project and you can learn how to safely dry foods and maintain quality, and how to use the foods they dried in healthy recipes. You can learn how to safely freeze foods and maintain quality, and how to use the frozen foods they prepared in healthy recipes or how to how to safely preserve fruits, tomatoes, fruit spreads, and pickles, and how to use these home-canned foods in healthy recipes.



A fair project would be a jar, bag or basket of a food item that you dried, froze, or canned.

IF YOU WOULD LOVE TO MAKE FRUIT LEATHER, FREEZE FRUIT, OR MAKE SYRUPS, JAMS, AND JELLIES, THIS IS THE PROJECT FOR YOU!



**CALL YOUR
EXTENSION
OFFICE FOR
MORE INFO**



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Jackpot for Practice

Scott Stinnett, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development / Livestock

Many youth exhibitors like to participate in jackpot livestock shows. They enjoy showing their animals, meeting fellow youth exhibitors and seeing how their new animals stack up in competition. But there is another reason to go to jackpot shows. PRACTICE.

A jackpot show is a great place to go through the experience of a show day and prepare yourself and your animals for the upcoming county fair or state fair. During a jackpot you can focus on what does a show day routine feel like and can help new and lesser experienced showman answer some important questions. How long does it take for me to get my animal(s) and myself ready for the showing? What did the judge say about my animal and what can I do to improve them? What did the judge say about my showmanship and what I might need to improve? How well did I and my animal(s) handle the stress of a show day?

Going to a jackpot show with the expectations of it being an educational experience and not worrying about how you placed or if you win can help you make positive changes to make you and your animal ready for your county fair or state fair livestock show.

KIT CARSON COUNTY

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MARCH

- 1 Colorado 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 14 Stiches to Spotlight Sterling
- 17 Stiches to Spotlight Yuma
- 20 4-H Cake Wars
- 23 Shooting Sports – Mandatory Safety Training/ Range Clean Up

APRIL

- 1 4-H Project Add/Drop DEADLINE
- 9 MQA Training at Burlington Community Center
- 13 KCC Shooting Sports – Discipline Training
- 14 KCC County Council Meeting – Bethune School
- 18 HOLIDAY – Good Friday (office closed)

MAY

- 1 Horse ID/Lease Forms Due
- 1 KCC 4-H Photography Contest Entries Due
- 12 Sheep Weigh-in – Fairgrounds
- 12 Swine & Goat Nomination DEADLINE – Extension Office
- 26 HOLIDAY (office closed)
- 28 Explore New Worlds with 4-H



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

4-H Scholarships

The KCC Memorial Scholarships Applications are available now and are due in the Extension office by **April 15th**.

The Colorado 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available. The application deadline is **March 1st**. For more information, go to: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>

Youth Fest

There will be a Youth Fest this year on March 28th – 30th. It will be held in Pueblo at the Colorado State Fairgrounds and will be for 4-H members ages 11-13. Registration is \$115. Registration is now open. Contact Scott or McKayla.

4-H Projects - Add or Drop Deadline

The add/drop deadline for all 4-H projects is **April 1st**. Postcards, listing each member's enrolled projects, will be mailed in early March. If changes need to be made, call the Extension Office by 5 PM on **April 1st**.

NOTE: Sheep weigh-in and the deadline for swine/goat nominations are after the official add/drop deadline. 4-H members enrolled in these market livestock projects prior to April 1 will be allowed to drop the project if they are

unable to purchase animals by the May 12th weigh-in date and nomination deadline.

Project Record Book Info

Records for all 4-H projects are available online. Visit www.colorado4h.org and click on the Projects & Record Books link..

Display Boards & Record Book Binders

General 4-H project and Shooting Sports display boards are available for purchase from the Extension Office – cost \$3 each.

Flat three-ring green binders for livestock and general 4-H project record books may also be purchased from the Extension office – cost \$3.50 each. ***(For livestock members with multiple years in the same project, only include records for the two most recent years, along with the current project year's records.)***

From Stiches to the Spotlight

This is a Fashion Revue and Heritage Arts Workshop. We will have activities to help with modeling during Fashion Revue, and writing their commentary. The afternoon activities will focus on heritage arts such as embroidery and artistic clothing.

Spring Break Activities

We are going to have some activities during spring break March 17th – 21st. Cake Wars and Quiz Bowls and others will be available. If you have a suggestion for a workshop, contact Scott or McKayla.

Livestock & Horse Judging Contests

4-H members interested in judging livestock or horses contact Scott so he can make a list. Our greatest need is for coaches! If you are willing to work with kids as an individual or part of a coaching team, please contact Scott.

Shooting Sports

4-H members in Shooting Sports must complete Hunter's Education before participating in any 4-H shooting activities and must attend the **Safety Training on Sunday March 23rd, 1:30pm at the Burlington Gun Club**. If you have any questions, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

The Kit Carson County MQA certification program will take place **Wednesday, April 9th from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Burlington Community Center**. The training should take approximately one hour to complete, so please arrive no later than **6 p.m.** Kit Carson County will host only one MQA training. If members are unable to attend locally, they need to contact Scott.

All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Meat Quality Assurance training during the first two years of being enrolled in a livestock project, regardless of age. Also, members must attend when they reach age 12 and again at age 15. **If you are required to attend an MQA program this year you will receive a letter in March.** Please call Jean at the office, 346-5571, if you have any questions.

Cake Wars

Cake wars will be during spring break on Thursday March 20th. Kids do not have to be enrolled in cake decorating to participate, and if they are they can sign up in a different unit. Please RSVP by calling or emailing McKayla with their unit of choice to enter by April 5th. Kids will check in at 11:00 am and we will get started on some skills lab activities. We will have pizza for lunch, if your child has restrictions please contact McKayla prior to the RSVP deadline. After lunch the kids will plan out their design on paper and then work on their cake. We will practice interview judging and evaluate and discuss the cakes followed by some awards and prizes. McKayla is estimating to be finished around 3:00 pm.

2025 State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for June 17th - 19th this year. If you are interested in participating in a contest, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

KCC Fair Market Sheep Weigh-in

Sheep weigh-in will take place at the fairgrounds, **Monday, May 12th from 3:30 to 6 p.m.** A weigh-in fee of \$5 per head is due at the time of weigh-in. All members must weigh their market lambs at this time in order to be eligible to show and sell at the Kit Carson County Fair, no exceptions!

KCC Fair Market Swine & Goat Nominations

Market swine and goat projects will not be weighed-in prior to the fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to nominate their own animals in order to be eligible to show and sell at the Kit Carson County Fair. Exhibitors must complete a nomination form, as well as tag and photograph each animal. One color photograph per animal must be submitted; a close-up photograph of the animal's face with the ear tag (the tag number must be legible). Swine exhibitors must also indicate the animal's ear notches on the nomination form.

Nomination forms and ear tags will be available beginning April 1st at the Extension Office, plus we will have them available at the MQA training on April 9th. A fee of **\$5.00** per head must be paid when the tags are picked up. Animals with USDA official tags are still required to pay the nomination fee. Completed nomination forms and photographs are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, May 12th at 5:00 p.m.**, no exceptions!

Scale Appointments and Small Scale Checkout

If you want to track the weight gain of your animals, we have two options. For small animals, a family or club can check out the portable small animal scales and take them to weigh their animals. We ask the scales be checked out for no more than 48 hours. You can also bring animals to the fairgrounds to weigh on the big scales. Contact Scott to checkout scales or make a scale appointment.

Showmanship Lessons

This year, Scott will again offer showmanship help. Instead of a single day showmanship clinic, Scott will come and work with youth and their animals on showmanship lessons.

Here is how it will work. Contact Scott at the Extension office to set a date and time for an individual, a family or a club lesson. Showmanship lessons will be scheduled during the work week. Make sure youth, animals and at least one adult can be present during the showmanship lesson. Scott can help with cattle, sheep, goats and swine.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

March

- 3/1: Enrollment Deadline for NEW Members!
- 3/3: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 3/11: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 3/17: Fair Board Meeting
- 3/19: Meat Science Bootcamp, BOC Pavilion
- 3/20: 4-H STEM Camp, BOC Pavilion
- 3/21: Cooking Skills Lab and Cake Wars Contest, Haxtun Community Center
- 3/31: Colorado State Fair Beef Nomination Forms Due to Extension Office!
- 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25: Livestock Judging Practices

April

- 4/3: 4-H 101: New Family Orientation
- 4/6: Egg My Yard Registrations Due
- 4/7: Phillips County MQA, PC Event Center
- 4/14: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 4/21: Fair Board Meeting
- 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29: Livestock Judging Practices
- Down the Road:**
 - 5/1: Animal Care & Housing Forms Due, Horse, Dog & Swine ID Deadline
 - 5/7: Sheep & Goat Weigh-in
 - 5/15: Add/ Drop Deadline for Projects
 - 5/17: Phillips County Showdown

New 4-H Member Enrollment Deadline

New members are welcome to join 4-H until March 1, 2025. If you are unsure of how to join 4-H, please call the Extension Office.

New: 4-H 101: New Family Orientation

To help new families achieve more success in their first year in 4-H, we are offering the 4-H 101 Workshop. The goal of this program is to help first- or second-year families learn about 4-H and where to go for help. The workshop will be held on April 3, 2025 in the Ortner Room of the Event Center. The workshop will run from 5-6 pm.

Livestock Judging Practices

Livestock Judging Practices start the first week of March! They will run every Tuesday night at 6:00 pm. Practices will alternate weekly between Holyoke and Haxtun. Please reach out to the Extension Office with any questions.

Project Add & Drop Date

If you need some extra time to decide which projects to take for the year, don't sweat it! You have until May 15th to add or drop projects for the year!

Youth Fest, Pueblo, Colorado

Youth Fest will be held March 28-30, 2025, in Pueblo. This is open to 11–13-year-olds. Registration is \$115. Please call the Extension Office by March 29, 2024, if you are interested in attending.

Phillips County Food and Fun & Cake Wars

On March 21, 2025, Phillips County will be hosting a Cake Wars Contest. This program is open to all 4-H members and even non-members. You do not have to be in a Cake Decorating project or Foods and Nutrition Project. 4-H members may bring a friend that is not a 4-H member to this activity. In the morning there will be a

cooking competition and food skills lesson. Then in the afternoon there will be a cake decorating contest set around a theme. The cakes will then be judged and critiqued. Participants can participate in one or both activities. Please watch your emails and facebook feed for registration information.

Important Websites

We use different websites to get the most information out to 4-H members and their families! Below is a list of important websites that will lead you to information that will allow you to be successful in your 4-H projects.

- To access your own 4-H member or family profile: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
- To access resources for your projects including manuals, tip sheets and Record Books: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>
- To access the 4-H policy: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/policy/4H-Policy-Handbook.pdf>

Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook to learn about important updates and upcoming events!

Project Manuals

Looking for your project manual? If you would like your manual printed or ordered, please call the Extension Office. We are only ordering manuals by request to avoid waste. Manual orders will be grouped together to save on shipping costs, so I encourage you to call the Extension Office as soon as you know.

MQA Dates and Information

Meat Quality Assurance Trainings are designed to ensure that 4-H and FFA members are producing a safe, quality meat product that can secure consumer confidence. The training consists of a variety of stations that teach youth about different aspects of animal safety and animal products. In Phillips County, 4-H members are required to take MQA their first year of a livestock project and then at the ages of 12 and 15. Colorado requires that MQA be taken 45 days before the start of County Fair. Below are the dates of MQA in our area. If you get a postcard in the mail stating you are due for MQA, you must attend one MQA training. If you are unable to attend MQA in Phillips County, please call the Extension Office to learn about other trainings.

Phillips County Family and Consumer Science Programs

Our Family and Consumer Science Agent, Stephanie Starkebaum has been hard at work developing programming for our communities. There are several programs that will be coming over the next few months. Please watch the Facebook page for programming information. You can also reach Stephanie at stephanie.starkebaum@colostate.edu or at 970-854-3616

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Kylee Workman, 4-H Program Coordinator

APRIL

- 1 4-H County Scholarships Due
- 1 Beef State Fair Nomination Forms Due in Extension Office

MAY

- 1 Ownership deadlines for breeding beef, sheep, & goats. Dog & Horse ID forms due in 4-H Online
- 1 Animal Care & Housing Form Due
- 7 Swine ID forms due
- 15 **Add/Drop Deadline**

JUNE

- 1 Lamb, swine & goat State Fair Nomination Forms Due in Extension office
- 15 Rabbit & Poultry Ownership deadline

Manual Orders

Project Manuals are crucial to successfully completing a project. They can consider different aspects you may not have thought of when doing your project. There have been a couple of changes this year, to help members get the most from their projects, we are asking the club leaders to collect the orders for 4-H project manuals from their membership. Literature orders are due to the Extension office no later than **May 22, 2025**, to give some time after the add/drop deadline. However, I will be making an **early bird order on March 20, 2025**. Please **double-check to see if the manual is online or not**. The Extension Office will order the literature and bill individual 4-H clubs for all members' purchases. Members will need to check with their clubs on how to pay for it. Please double-check this information with your club members and then complete the literature order form.

4-H Scholarships

Calling all graduating seniors! The scholarship deadline for all Sedgwick County 4-H Scholarships and the Sedgwick is **April 1st**. Applications are available in the Extension Office or email Kylee.

Graduating seniors, Kylee will be reaching out to you in April to get information so your accomplishments in 4-H can be highlighted in May on our Facebook page.



Swine ID

Swine identification for 2025 will remain unchanged from previous years. Ear tags and taggers will be available to pick up in the Extension Office starting **April 1st**. Members need to pick up their tags and ID forms at the Extension Office. Members will tag their pigs,

take pictures of both sides of the pig and a picture of the pig's ear with the tag in place. You will fill out a hard copy of the identification form and submit it to the Extension Office. All ID's are due **Monday, May 7, 2025 no exceptions!**



MQA Training

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) date for Sedgwick County will be sometime the first week of April at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds. The date will be put out as soon as possible. If you are new to a 4-H livestock project, you are required to participate in the training the first two years of your project. You will need to re-certify when you are 12 and again when you are 15. Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry. We will be sending out postcards to those who need to attend this year's session. If you haven't met this requirement by **June 10, 2025**, you will **NOT** be eligible to show at fair. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

Sedgwick County Fair
July 23-27, 2025

Add/Drop Deadline

The deadline for members to add or drop a project is **May 15th**. Members should give each project that are enrolled in serious consideration. **4-H members are required to complete at least one project during the 4-H year.** Now is the time to review your projects and consider the time and expense it will take to complete each project. If you feel you are not going to be able to complete one or more of the projects or, if you think you may want to try another project that you have not yet enrolled in you are enrolled in please call the Extension Office or visit with your club leader about your concerns. You will want to add or drop any new projects by **May 15th** to be eligible to participate with that project at the Sedgwick County Fair at the end of July. **Please email Kylee with any changes that may be needed.**

Record Book and Project Requirements

It's never too early to start thinking about your project's requirements and record books! Electronic record books for general projects are available online at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records-general/>. It is a great idea to read through the State Fair Exhibit Requirements for your general project; *these are the requirements you will be judged on in Sedgwick County.*



If you are enrolled in a **livestock or dog project**, Sedgwick County has a **different record book**. You will be judged on these and not the ones found online so please make sure to stop in the office and grab one or talk to your club leader.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Jamie Jo Axtell (4-H/Youth-Livestock) Anne Mason (4-H/Youth and Family Consumer Science)

MARCH

9 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting (Make-up Date) 1:00 p.m. – Events Center, Akron
followed by outdoor practice starting at 2:00 p.m.

17 4-H County Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Ext Office, Akron

APRIL

14 Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) 6:30 p.m. -- Extension Office

21 4-H County Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Ext Office, Akron

MAY

1 **Project Add/Drop Deadline!!!**

1 Dog ID, Horse ID Due in 4Honline Market Hog ID/Photos Due to Extension Office

5 Market Lamb/Goat Weigh In 4:00 -7:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds

12 Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) 6:30 p.m. - Extension Office



ANIMAL PROJECT DEADLINES

Market lamb and goat weigh-in will be held at the fairgrounds in Akron on Monday, May 5th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. All market lambs/goats **MUST** be weighed in on this date to be eligible to show at the county fair - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Market hogs will **NOT** be weighed in. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to identify your pigs for the county fair. Exhibitors should start by picking up identification forms and ear tags at the Extension Office. Tag your pigs and take three photos of each as directed on the form. Completed ID forms and photos must be returned to the office by May 1 for eligibility in the county fair. *This applies to all 4-H and FFA members exhibiting market hogs.*

Horse ID and **Dog ID** must be completed in 4Honline prior to May 1. Complete instructions can be found in your e-record or by contacting the office. Please feel free to bring in photos to our office to be scanned and uploaded if you need assistance.

Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA)

Monday, April 14 ---- Monday, May 12

Extension Office

6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN MQA PROGRAM THIS YEAR!!!

Instead of utilizing the MQA trailer, we will be hosting two classroom type trainings in April and May at the Extension office meeting room.

1. All 1st year livestock exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to attend one session in person.
2. 2nd year livestock exhibitors and those who are age 12 or 15 as of 12/31/2024 can either attend in person – **OR** - complete the online program. More details will be sent directly to members.

Livestock projects considered in this policy include Market/Breeding Beef, Market/Breeding Goat, Market/Breeding Swine, Market/Breeding Sheep, Poultry, and Rabbits (only market/breeding, not companion rabbit).

State Fair Market Livestock Exhibitors

Just a reminder that you will need to pick up a nomination from the Extension office **AND** order DNA packets from the state fair website. Completed DNA packets must be returned to the state fair and completed nomination forms must be returned to the Extension office by Apr 1st (Beef) and June 1st (Sheep, Goats, Hogs). Contact Jamie with questions.

ADD/DROP Deadline Approaching

Just a reminder that the deadline to add or drop projects is May 1st. You can edit your projects online at v2.4honline.com or you can contact our office, and we can make your requested changes.

Shooting Sports Schedule

A tentative shooting sports schedule for this year was mailed out the middle of December. Please note that the county safety meeting make-up date is scheduled for Sunday, March 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Events Center. Please plan to attend this meeting if you did not attend the prior safety meeting in January. Shooting sports practice will follow the safety meeting at the range starting at 2:00 p.m.

Record Books

For all General/FCS, Horse, Dog or companion animal projects, please utilize the state e-record.

The state e-record can be downloaded from our state website. The link to the site is

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/colorado-4-h-project-information/>

or scan the code below to find the page



You can click on your project area for more information and to access the record for each specific project.

Horse members, please note that the book changed from last year and all ages will now use the same book.

For all livestock projects, the COUNTY record book will be used again this year. You can download and print the book to complete by hand.

Scan below for County Livestock Record Book



If you need a hard copy record book, please contact our office and we can print them for you. Printed records are \$ 3.00. Record book covers are also available for \$3.00.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 7:00 p.m.

Courthouse Annex

Agenda Items:

Parliamentary Procedure Training
Spring Event Planning

What can you do for 4-H in March and April?

These early spring months are perfect for getting started on your 4-H projects. Do some research and find out what your project exhibit requirements are. You can find project exhibit requirements online at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>.

Many of you don't have a project leader so it's up to you and your family to learn new skills. Check out the project manual, do research online or find someone in the community to help you. Manuals can be purchased through our office. If you look online, you can often find "how to" videos or project tips.

Make some practice items to improve your skills before starting on your fair exhibit item. Some projects, like Cake Decorating, require you to make and report on four cakes in your record book before the fair exhibit cake. Nearly every project, like sewing, leathercraft and woodworking, encourages you to make additional items.

Make good use of these weeks because summer will come fast! Contact our office if you need any help.

Planning Ahead

Save the Dates!

Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contests – July 13

Dog Show – July 13

Livestock and Catch It Record Books Due – July 15

Interview Judging – July 15

Fashion Revue – July 15

County Shooting Sports Contests – July 19-20

Interview Judging (Cakes/Foods) – July 22

County Fair – July 21-26

YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development) Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences) Travis Taylor (Livestock)

MARCH

- 3** Order market livestock DNA packets from Colorado State Fair.
- 15-16** Hunter Safety Class – Yuma County Fairgrounds
- 17** Yuma County Fair Board Meeting, 6:30pm Wray
- 18** Babysitting Basics Class – Wray
- 19** MQA, Wray Roundhouse 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- 20** MQA, Yuma County Fairgrounds 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 28-30** Youthfest

APRIL

- 1** Beef nomination cards due for state fair
- 1** Swine tags and nomination cards available
- 12** Yuma County Classic Prospect Show
- 16** Yuma County 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m., Eckley (Trophy Committee meeting will be held prior to Council meeting at 6:30)
- 21** Fair board Meeting
- TBA** District 1 meeting

MAY

- 1** Add/Drop Deadline for projects.
- 1** Dogs & Horses need to be entered in 4-H online
- 3** Sheep, Goat weigh-in
- 5** Swine Nominations due
- 19** Fair board Meeting
- 26** Memorial Day, Extension Office CLOSED
- 30** 4H Council Movie Night!
- TBA** State Conference registration due in 4-H Online

JUNE

- 1** Swine/Sheep/Goat nomination forms due for State Fair.
- 3** Cloverbud Meeting, Extension Office, 10:30 a.m.
- 10** Yuma County Cake Show & Cake Wars
- 11** Yuma County 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 12** Mini Sportfishing Clinic – More information next month.
- 12** Food Booth Committee, Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 16** Fair board Meeting
- 17-20** State 4-H Conference, Ft. Collins
- 24** Cloverbud Meeting, Yuma

Quiz Bowl Teams

We are looking for members to participate in Home Economics, Livestock, and Horse Quiz Bowl teams. This process is similar to a knowledge bowl where you are asked questions and the first team to answer correctly gets the point. We will practice and then have our competition at the State 4-H Conference in June. Please call the Extension office if you would like to participate in this event.

Donated Breeding Heifers

Breeding heifers will be donated to several exhibitors in the Junior Beef Breeding show at the 2025 Yuma County Fair. Intentions are to randomly draw a name out of exhibitors following the breeding show at the fair. The winner of the heifer must be eligible to show at the 2026 fair and must show the donated heifer in that show. Before accepting the heifer, the exhibitor must declare they have the facilities and means to care for the heifer for the year. The heifer will come from established Breeders in Yuma County, and all sponsored by the Yuma County Cattleman's Association, and other area ranchers. For more information, contact JoLynn Midcap at the Extension office in Wray.

Thank You's

- ~Yuma County Commissioners for providing \$5.00/member enrollment fee.
- ~JD's Barn for supplying tags for market animals.
- ~Idler family and the Tri State Livestock for letting us use your facilities for beef weigh-in
- ~ Matt Linman and Shane Rider for providing the brand inspections
- ~Yuma County Fair board and Beef Superintendents and all other volunteers for providing help at weigh-in



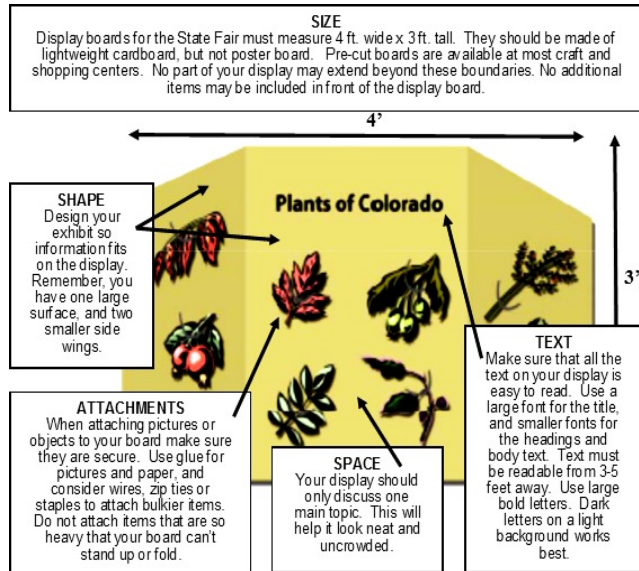
Exhibit Requirements

Sheep, Goat & Swine Information

Please look at

http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf to find information on State Fair

requirements. This site also has a link to the e-records that you will use for all General and Home EC projects. Hard copies of all of this information can also be picked up at the Extension office.



Display Boards

Project display boards are available for you at the Extension office for \$3.00 each. PS These are also great for the science fair and other school projects!

Yuma County 4-H Council Notes

Per the Yuma County 4-H Constitution, an officer candidate must "have attended 2 meetings of the 4-H council the current year". If you are considering becoming an officer for the 2025-2026 year, please make sure to attend the April and June council meetings.

Swine members, leaders, or designated individuals within 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters will need to come to the Extension office and pick up ear tags and nomination information. Nomination forms will have instructions for tagging and taking photos of your livestock projects. The tags may be picked up after April 1, 2025, with completed nomination forms returned to the Extension office no later than Monday, May 5, 2025. The weight range of all market swine eligible to show in the market show is 230 lbs. to 290 lbs. Just a reminder that all swine must have ear notches. Any un-notched pig will be disqualified. We will have a physical weigh-in for sheep and goats this year. Please plan to weigh in at the fairgrounds on May 3rd from 9a.m.-11:00 a.m. The weight range of lambs is between 110 lbs. to 180 lbs. Goats must weigh minimum of 60 lbs. and a maximum of 110 lbs. to be eligible to participate in the Junior Market Livestock Sale at the Yuma County Fair.

Other Important Livestock Information

Colorado State Fair DNA Kits must be ordered between March 4 and May 1 and sent to the Colorado State Fair by April 1 for beef and June 1 for all other species.

Notes from prior Fair board meetings:

- One animal per family may be weighed in as a family animal in each species.
- You may weigh in as many animals as you would like but still may only nominate four to show by July 18th.

College Scholarships

If you are looking for scholarships to help fund the next step of your education, please call the Extension Office if you have not been getting the emails.



MQA Certification/Recertification Workshops



You Must Attend an MQA Workshop

1. First 2 years taking livestock project.
2. Once at 12 years of age.
3. Once at 15 years of age.



Public confidence in our meat products is extremely important to the success of the livestock industry. Youth livestock projects play a key 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. In the past, a small number of exhibitors have given youth livestock shows a bad name by using unethical and unsafe techniques to “win at all costs.” As a result, we have implemented a strong Meat Quality Assurance program in Colorado. Through the MQA workshops youth learn ethics and good production practices needed to produce a high quality, desirable product for the American Consumer. If you need to attend this year, you will be notified by your county Extension office prior to the workshop.

You have the option to test out of the workshop at 12 and 15 years of age but it is highly recommended to attend a workshop instead. The workshops allow for hands-on learning and experience. For those of you that participated last year, it will be the same layout. There will be different stations relating 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. You will have the opportunity to come any time during the listed period as long as you are able to participate at each station. Allow yourself one hour. The following chart explains when and where the workshops will be. Keep in mind that dates and/or times and locations are subject to change so stay posted and be sure to call your local Extension office if you have any questions.

Eastern Colorado 4-H MQA Trailer Schedule 2024

DATE	DAY	COUNTY	LOCATION	CITY	CONTACT EMAIL
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MARCH

10	Mon	Elbert	Fairgrounds	Kiowa	kali.benson@colostate.edu
12	Wed	Elbert	Simla School	Simila	kali.benson@colostate.edu
19	Wed	Yuma	Round House	Wray	jolynn.midcap@colostate.edu
20	Thurs	Yuma	Fairgrounds	Yuma	jolynn.midcap@colostate.edu
21	Fri	Bent	McClave School	McClave	lacey.taylor@colostate.edu
23	Sun	Prowers	Home Ec Bldng, Fairgrounds	Lamar	lacey.taylor@colostate.edu
26	Wed	Otero/Crowley	Ark Valley Fairgrounds	Rocky Ford	lacey.taylor@colostate.edu
27	Thurs	Cheyenne	Fairgrounds	Cheyenne Wells	lacey.taylor@colostate.edu
28	Friday	Kiowa	Fairgrounds	Eads	lacey.taylor@colostate.edu
31	Mon	Lincoln	Fairgrounds	Hugo	christine.schinzell@colostate.edu

APRIL

		Sedgwick	Fairgrounds	Julesburg	
7	Mon	Phillips	Fairgrounds	Holyoke	Jessie.Ann.Stewart@colostate.edu
9	Wed	Kit Carson	Burlington Comm Center	Burlington	scott.stinnett@colostate.edu
10	Thurs	Logan	Fairgrounds	Sterling	JD.Sexton@colostate.edu
		Washington	Fairgrounds	Akron	jamie.axtell@colostate.edu

MAY

12	Mon	Morgan	Fairgrounds	Brush	Marlin.Eisenach@colostate.edu
13	Tue	Morgan	Fairgrounds	Brush	Marlin.Eisenach@colostate.edu

From Stitches



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WORKSHOP

Two Locations & Dates:

- March 14- Gary DeSoto Building, Sterling, CO
- March 17- Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, CO

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Fashion Revue
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm- Lunch
- 12:30 pm-1:30 pm- Underground Railroad Hidden Codes in Patchwork Quilts with Nancy Walraven
- 1:30-3:00 pm- Heritage Arts



**\$5-1/2 day,
\$10-Full day**

**Open to ALL youth 8-18
4-H membership not required!**

**Contact your local Extension
Office for more information!**

**Register by March 7 with Google
Form or by calling your
Extension Office**



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YUMA COUNTY

CLASSIC

APRIL 12TH, 2025



Yuma County Fairgrounds

410 W. Hoag Ave. Yuma, CO 80759

\$1000 PAYOUT TO CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL

\$500 PAYOUT TO CHAMPION BREEDING HEIFER



**ENTRER ON THE
SHOWMAN.APP**

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK
YUMA COUNTY CLASSIC**

**MARKET AND BREEDING
SHOW!**

**BREEDING HEIFERS WILL
BE SHOWN BY WEIGHT**

CHECK IN & WEIGH IN:

SATURDAY 7 am—9 am

SHOW TIME:

SATURDAY @ 10 am

ENTRY FEE:

\$40/head BEFORE MARCH 29

\$50/head AFTER MARCH 29

Showmanship \$10

FITTED SHOW!

**GENERATORS
ENCOURAGED**

**FIRST COME FIRST
SERVE ON STALLS**

FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE

**OPEN TO ANY 5-18
YEAR OLDS**

CONTACT MARIYA MEKELBURG AT 970-630-1307 OR

NIKKI WEATHERS AT 970-630-9545 WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SPONSOR

Babysitter Basics Training Class

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Wray Roundhouse

9am to 3pm



⇒ Cost: \$20.00 to cover materials and snacks

⇒ Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink



LEARN TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTER

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED by **March 10**

Session Includes:

- ◆ Child Safety
- ◆ First Aid & Emergency
- ◆ Feeding & Nutrition
- ◆ Stages of Child Development
- ◆ Discipline
- ◆ Ways to entertain children
- ◆ Business of babysitting

- ◆ Participants must be 11-14 years old
- ◆ Minimum of 8 registrations required
- ◆ Instructed by JoLynn Midcap - CSU Golden Plains Area 4-H Specialist (Yuma County)
- ◆ Certificates upon successful completion of the course
- ◆ Students receive a First Aid & Emergency pocket card.
- ◆ Fill out the registration slip below and return it with the fee to:



CSU Yuma County Extension
310 Ash Street, Suite B
Wray, CO. 80758

- ◆ OR call the Extension Office at 332-4151
- ◆ OR email: jolynn.midcap@colostate.edu

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Babysitter Basics Training Class Registration

March 18, 2025 – Wray

Registration (with payment) due by March 10, 2025

Name: _____

Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please make check payable to YUMEX