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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2025 Fair Edition

July

2 Cloverbud Meeting – Wray 10:30 a.m.
4 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
14 Record Book Workday, 9 a.m. – 11a.m. in Wray, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in Yuma
15 Cloverbud Meeting—Wray
18 Fashion Revue narratives due to the Extension Office
18 Deadline to complete written and riding horse levels test
18 Record Books due in the Extension Office for all livestock & small animals.
18 Livestock & small animal pre-entry cards for Yuma County Fair due at Extension Office (This includes Junior and Open Class livestock and small animals.)
Pick-up Locations:
1:00 p.m. Yuma Federal Credit Union—Yuma
1:30 p.m. FNB –Kirk
2:30 p.m. Valley Stock Farm—Idalia
4:30 p.m. Extension Office—Wray
21 Yuma County Fair Board Meeting— 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
➤ National Anthem Tryouts – 5:30 p.m.
21 Outside Fairgrounds Cleanup
22 Fashion Revue—High School Auditorium—Wray 7:00 p.m.
24 Inside Fairgrounds Clean-Up 9:00 a.m.
29 Dog—Written Test
29 Interview Judging
30 Dog Show

July 31-Aug 3 **Yuma County Fair**

August

8 Colorado State Fair projects due in Extension Office
11 Colorado State Fair Foods & Cake Decorating projects due in Extension Office.

Aug 22- Sept 1 **Colorado State Fair**

September

1 Office closed in observance of Labor Day
4 State Fair Projects Available for pick up at the Extension Office
6 CSU Ag Days at Fort Collins
15 ‘Colorado Make it with Wool’ Submission Deadline. For more info contact Extension Office

Yuma County Fair Books, Pre- Entry Forms, & the Fair Schedule

Can be found
Online at

<http://yumacounty.net/>

county-fair/



Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kit Carson, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma Counties cooperating.

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

LIVESTOCK

2025 Market Prices for Record Books

Beef -- \$2.35 per pound
Sheep -- \$1.77 per pound
Goats -- \$3.50 per pound
Swine -- \$0.85 per pound
Chickens -- \$0.79 per pound
Large Poultry -- \$0.74 per pound
Rabbit -- \$15.00 / head
Dairy -- \$2700.00 / head

Completed record books are required and due before fair, so some sections (i.e. financial summaries) of the record book need to be estimated. After record books have been evaluated and returned, delete the estimated information, and replace with actual figures so that factual results will be known about the project.



E- Records

All record books, including livestock, can be found at co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/Colorado-4-h-project-information. If you need a hard copy, please contact the Extension Office. Copies of Record Books are \$2.00. The following livestock projects can all be included in the same record book, Beef, Goat, Lamb, Poultry, Rabbits, and Swine. Horse and Dog projects should be in their own individual record books. Please use the white 3 ring binder provided to you by the Extension Office.

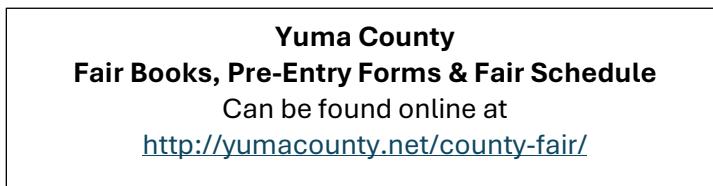
Horse Ride Nights

For all members who are signed up for the Horse Project and would like some more time on your horse with opportunities to learn new skills. Horse Night Rides will take place at Ray Hendrix's arena on Friday nights, and at the home of Ryan and Ronella Noble on Monday nights. Bring your entire family and join us! If you can't make these rides and need to take a levels test, please call the Extension Office and we can help you get in contact with the certified testers. All written and riding tests must be completed by July 18th, 2025.



FAIRBOOK REMINDER

Fairbooks *will not* be mailed out this year. The QR code is provided below, and elsewhere in the newsletter, or can be found by going to yumacounty.net and clicking on County Fair at the top of the page to find everything you need. The project requirements, fair schedule, pre-entry card and fair book can be found on this page or by scanning the QR code below.



Dog Updates

Dog practices are being held at Rainbow Park on Tuesdays & Saturdays. Dog members will be asked to take a written test on Monday, July 29th for part of your total score. Please plan on being in the concession building between 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. to take this test. The show ring will also be open from 10:30a.m. – 11:00 a.m. if you would like to acclimate your dog before the show.



Also new this year! The state fair will host a dog Skill-a-thon and will test members' basic knowledge on topics such as equipment, tails, teeth, ears, and much, much more. If you are interested, please call Marilyn or JoLynn.

General & Home EC Projects

2025 Colorado State Fair Contestant Requirements & Score Sheets

A link to the 2025 Colorado State Fair Contest Book is available online at the website yumacounty.net then click on County Fair at the top. This site will have rules for all exhibits and contests. The score sheets for all General and Home Ec. Projects can be found at co4h.colostate.edu. These are the score sheets the judges will use at fair and may help point out something that's missing from your project. To view the score sheets, go to the CSU Extension website, hover over the 4-H Program/Projects tab, then go to 4-H State Fair Information & then click on Score Sheets (General). From there, select the Score Sheet for Colorado State Fair's desired project. Project requirements can also be found there as well. Or scan the QR Code with your phone's camera for a direct link.

E-Record Books

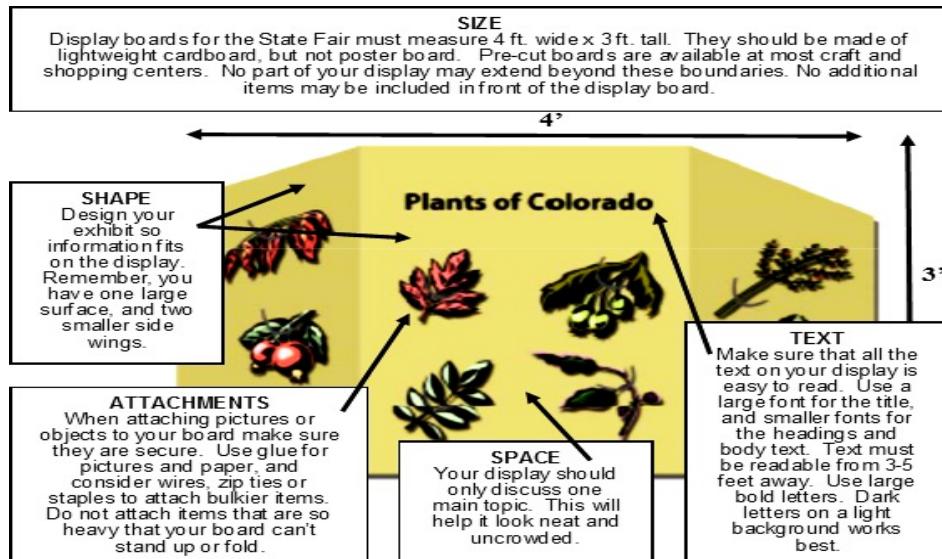
Your E-Record book should accompany your project. You may use 1" or smaller 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. You may need a larger binder for Vet Science and Photography. **You may not use slider-type binders.**

Project Materials Available

We have display boards for your project displays for \$3.00 and record book covers for \$3.50. We also have mounting boxes and pins for those in Entomology. P.S. These boards also work well for the science fair and other school projects.

Display boards for 4-H Exhibits

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



Outstanding Boy and Girl Awards

Don't forget about the Outstanding Boy and Outstanding Girl awards that are given out at the Achievement Program in October. Scores are based on the number and placing of your General and Home Ec projects, demonstrations, and community service activities. The boy and girl receiving the top score will receive a gift card to help them with their 4-H expenses. Take the time to complete your record book in as much detail as you can in order to be eligible for this award. The second page of your record book "How I participate in 4-H" should be identical in each of your record books. This is not a project specific page but a snapshot of your entire 4-H year.

Best Photo Contest... Not Just for Photography Members



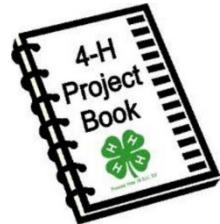
Did you take an amazing photo this year? This is for all Photographers! You don't need to be enrolled in photography project to enter the Best Photo Contest at the Colorado State Fair. Simply look at the new Fair Book for the requirements and upload your photo directly into the correct class in Fair Entry.

Writing a Fashion Revue Commentary

There is a booklet in the Extension Office that may be of help if you need suggestions or ideas to write a fashion revue commentary. These commentaries are due to the Extension Office by July 18th. Look for the forms in the interview judging packets.

General and Home Economics Record Books

Record books for these projects and other project-related information can be found at co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects-areas/state-fair-information/score-sheets. Judge's score sheets can be found by clicking on State Fair Info. We can also print these books for you for \$2.00.



Photography Project

Photography members, please make sure that you are looking at the project requirements on colorado4h.org or the ones that are found in the online Yuma County Fair Book. For some units, these requirements may differ from the ones in the manuals that you receive.

Outstanding Homemaker Award

Have you been involved in foods, cake decorating, clothing, home design and décor or other consumer science related 4-H projects and activities? Do you like to be a part of club activities, take on leadership roles, and participate in school, church, or other community events? If so, please fill out the 4 -H Outstanding Homemaker Award Application!

The Outstanding Homemaker Award was started way back in the 1970's to help recognize 4-H members who participate and excel in consumer science related 4-H projects and other community and school activities. The award includes filling out and submitting an application, getting a letter of recommendation from a non-relative who knows you well, and completing a Homemaker Award interview at Interview Judging day. It's a great experience and a perfect way to help promote your accomplishments and our county 4-H projects and program.

The application will be included in the Interview Judging packet, but if you would like to get started on it earlier, or if you have any questions, please contact Joy at the Extension Office – 970-332-4151. These applications will be due July 18th.

Leaders – please encourage your members to apply.

4H Jamboree/Talent Show

Calling all talented 4H members! If you enjoy dancing, singing, gymnastics, playing an instrument, performing magic tricks, or have another talent you would like to share, please plan on taking part during the evening event of our 4-H Fashion Revue, Tuesday, July 22nd. Performances are incorporated in the program between modeling groups. Be on the lookout for more information in the Interview Judging mailing or contact our office for more information or to sign-up.

Junior Livestock Sale

Livestock Consignments

All 4-H and FFA members MUST consign their livestock by the time listed in the Fair Book. All market animals on the fairgrounds must be accounted for on the consignment form. This means that you'll need to tell us what animals are going home, what animals will be selling, what animals will be shipping, and what animals will be going to a locker plant. Be sure to account for all market animals at the fair, even those that may not have made weight or shown. If you need to make changes to where your animal will be going, you may do that, but your consignment card MUST be turned in by the designated time or your spot in the Junior Livestock Sale will not be guaranteed.

Junior Livestock Sale Committee

We are looking for new volunteers for the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. This does not take much of your time and many hands make light work. Most importantly, without this committee, we would not have the livestock sale that we are used to. If you enjoy the generosity of our community at this event, please consider joining the committee. Contact the Extension Office if you would be willing or know of anyone willing to serve on this committee.



2025 Changes and Additions for the Yuma County Fair

- Parade Theme: “Barnyard Mardi Gras”
- 2025 Sale Order: Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Beef, Poultry/Rabbits
- Livestock and Horse pre-entry forms can be found at <https://yumacounty.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/animal-pre-entry-application.pdf>
Pre-entry forms are due July 18th in the Extension Office.
- Updated Livestock Weight Limits:
 - Beef: minimum 1025 lbs with no top limit.
 - Swine: minimum 230 lbs – maximum 300 lbs
 - Goat: minimum 55 lbs – maximum 110 lbs
- Hog breeds will be classified at fair. Nominations still need to indicate breed class during May tag in but the final decision will be called when they walk across the scale at fair.
- The rule that there must be 5 animals to make a class has been removed.
- The 4-H Syllabus IS NOT included in the fair book. It may be obtained at co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/statefairexhibitreq.pdf, yumacounty.net, at the Yuma County Extension Office or scan the following QR code:



- The Open Class Crops & Garden and Floriculture classes have been updated.
- There is no longer a minimum age of exhibitor in open class livestock. The exhibitor will be allowed to show provided they can control their animal.
- **Home Ec/General Project Building Hours:**
 - Thursday, July 31st: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 1st: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 2nd: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, August 3rd: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- The Livestock shows and Jr. Market Livestock sale will be streamed live on Facebook and are presented by First Farm Bank.

National Anthem Tryouts

We are looking for beautiful, patriotic voices to help sing our National Anthem at various events during the Yuma County Fair. If you are interested, please come to the fairgrounds on Monday, July 21st at 5:30 p.m.



Yuma County Fair Camper Space Reminders

- Camper spaces are \$60.00 for electrical, \$100.00 for full service and \$20.00 for generators (evening generator use may be restricted).
- **All campers must be PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO INTERVIEW JUDGING** on Tuesday, July 29th.
- Future camper spaces will be reserved AFTER September 1st of the current year.
- Anyone that has not paid for a space in the past years will not be allowed to reserve a space until all back payments have been made.
- The Fair Office must be informed by July 1st of any cancellations of a reserved spot for a return of funds.
- Because you have a space reserved for the current year does not automatically mean you have one reserved for the following year. You must call in every year.
- You may NOT reserve 2 spaces for a slide-out camper or for more room. Spaces are in demand.
- Preference will be given to 4-H/FFA exhibitors/leaders.
- A camper may not crowd another reserved camper or they may be asked to vacate their space at the discretion of the Fair Board. If a camper crowds another reserved camper, it may be necessary to limit access to all slides.
- There will be no changes made to spaces assigned unless confirmed with the Fair Office. A map will be made of the reserved camper layout with names. The Fair Office will try and fill requests as best we can but is not guaranteed.
- No reserved spots will be exempt from fees except those deemed by the Fair Board.
- Spaces will be chalked out for the campers south of the county shop.
- If there are any questions or problems, please contact the Fair Office at (970) 630-3949.



Thank You Cards

Thank you cards should be sent to anyone who has sponsored a trophy, bought your livestock project or sponsored other awards you have received. For the Home Ec/General Projects and Livestock trophies, the name and address will be on a card included with the Trophy/Gift to help you get your thank you card out quickly. For your livestock buyer, it will be your responsibility to find out who bought your animal and send them a thank you note. Receiving a prompt thank you will be greatly appreciated by your sponsor and will encourage them to be a supporter next year!



Interview Judging Concessions

The Yuma County Shooting Sports will once again be providing concessions during interview judging on Monday July 29th. They will be serving breakfast, snacks, and a hot lunch. Bring your appetite and thank you for supporting the Yuma County Shooting Sports Program.



For Your Information

As our county fair is quickly approaching, it is time to be reminded of the reasons we have all poured so much of our time into our projects and the reason we signed up for it. In the beginning it was because we had a passion for this particular project and had the excitement that seemed to be contagious.



This enthusiasm said this was the year we could do something amazing. We all planned to start early and stay on top of things so we could avoid the usual last-minute crunch and the late nights in front of the display boards. We even bragged to our friends and family that this was the year things were going to change. (1st person to call the Extension Office gets a prize). Today, just weeks before fair, is that the picture you are looking at? Probably not. After we signed up for these projects, we remembered that we had filed trips, sports, tests, other contests, and now...where has the time gone. We still have time to refocus and exhibit the best project we can.



In all of the last-minute preparation, please don't forget 3 fundamental guidelines to a successful 4-H year:

- 1 Be proud of your project. When you are done, check and double check. Is your record book signed? Did you complete all of the supplements to your record book? Is this project prepared to be judged and all aspects completed?
- 2 Be sure to say Thanks! There were probably quite a few people who have helped you from beginning to completion of this project. Parents, Leaders, Judges, Superintendents, Sponsors, Buyers, and other family members would love to hear a heartfelt "Thank You". After all, the project that made it to the fair would probably not be possible without their help.
- 3 Be a good sport. We all want to win, but we also know it is not possible for everyone to win their class. Doing your best and being proud of what you have done will be the ultimate reward. 4-H is about learning a skill, becoming a well-rounded individual, and becoming a positive member of our community. Winning is just the icing on the cake. Be sure to congratulate the people in your class/unit for a job well done.

Yuma County Food Booth Guidelines

Remember you are representing yourself and 4-H and will be serving food to the public.

Club shirts or other 4-H attire would be appreciated

Wash hands before entering the food booth and after entering the food booth. Do not wipe hands off on clothing. Use paper towels.

WEAR CLEAN CLOTHING – DO NOT serve the public in unclean clothing.

Tie hair back if hair is shoulder length.

Make sure shoes with laces are tied.

Do not give drink refills except for water.

Grills should be run by an adult or a member over 14 years old.

An adult should be at the cash register at all times.

2025 Yuma County 4-H Food Booth Schedule

Food Booth Managers – JoLynn and Head Leaders

Thursday, July 31st

Set up 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Beecher Island

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

HeartStrong Phoenix

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Ace High

Friday, August 1st

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Liberty Country Challengers

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Eckley Trailblazers

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Idalia Starlighters

Saturday, August 2nd

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wauneta

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Hustlers

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sharp Shooters

Sunday, August 3rd

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Arena Magic

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rainbow Explorers

4:00 p.m. – *Clean up*

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Hints and tips for Livestock Record Books.....From the Judges! 😊

- Feel free to handwrite (in legible handwriting) or use the computer to fill out your record book. Just make sure that the judges can read the handwriting. If the 4-H members' handwriting is not clear, please have them type in their answers. If the member fills out their record book with pen or pencil, please only have one type of handwriting in a record book. Multiple styles of handwriting show us that someone else has completed the record book and not the exhibitor.
- Read all directions and follow those instructions. Look at the judges' comments from the previous year and take those comments into consideration.
- Your beginning date should be the beginning of your project
- Use the white binder given to you by the Extension Office
- Your goals should be S.M.A.R.T goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound.) In your goal reflections, re-write and speak to your original goal
- If your pages are not printing correctly, you may need to save as an Excell document or a PDF
- Keep all records from previous years in your livestock binder
- DOUBLE CHECK EVERYTHING!
 - Are signatures complete
 - Are the pages in order
 - Are the pages printed with the same orientation (portrait/landscape)
- Make sure that things make sense.
 - Do feed expenses and the amount of feed fed to your animals seem reasonable
 - You can only have an animal in Beginning Inventory OR Animal Purchases. Same with Ending Inventory OR Animal Income record
 - Do not put NA in health records. You have cleaned pens, wormed, fly sprayed, cleaned water tanks, etc.

Hints and Tips

The 2nd page of the e-records can be copied and used for all Home Ec and General and livestock projects. It is in your best interest to copy this page for all of your projects as a complete picture of your 4-H year. It is very important to take your time and ensure that this page is accurate in your record books. You are eligible for a 200.00 gift card to support your 4-H habit if you are chosen as the winner. It is also useful when you are a Jr/Sr and begin to fill out college and scholarship applications.

In section 1 (Projects) instead of Number of projects, put the number of years you have been enrolled in each project.

In Section 2 (Activities) include shopping trips for project items and any project workshops or clinics that you attended.

In Section 3 (Leadership) – Everyone is a leader. You may have to think hard, but almost everyone should have something to put in this section.

- Did you help another member with modeling, records, etc?
- Did you lead the pledges or make motions?
- What did you do in each committee that you served on?
- Did you help a younger member with their project?
- Did you go to any camps?
- Did you attend a council meeting?

In Section 4 (Community Service) List activities in order of dates-MUST be 4-H Club or Project Related

- List the activity and what you did
- Ex: Took favors to the nursing home-decorated cookies
- Community Flower Garden clean up-pulled weeds

In Section 5 (Demonstration) List all demo's and the title and subject ex: Photography "Say Cheese" or Foods "Measuring Basics".

In the N/A Column, list the number of people in attendance.

General Tips

Look at the "4-H Users Guide and Tips for 4-H Project E-Records" that can be found at colorado4h.org for more information.

You can add a separate sheet of paper for any of these sections if you need to and mention "see attached page"

Watch Spelling!

Put NA in areas that do not apply to you. This shows the judge that you didn't just skip that section.

Complete the Title Page with all necessary signatures.

You may need to think outside of the box for income. Please see your leader or call JoLynn if you need help with this.