



MESA COUNTY 4-H

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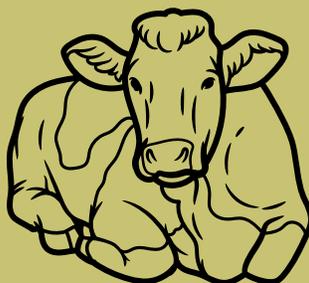
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Beef Weigh in



Saturday, February 1st
9-11am - Mesa County
Fairgrounds

THINGS TO BRING:

- 1) Brand Inspection in the youth's name
- 2) \$5 per uploaded animal (must pay \$5 for each exhibitor that uploads a family nominated animal)



Happy

to all of the February birthdays!

If you see any of them this month - shout out a Happy B-Day to them!

Aria Barlow	CloverBud	Mid-Valley Club
Raeya Monger	CloverBud	Monument Eagles 4-H Club
Faith Bloch	ClubMember	Appleton
Trayce Bornschein	ClubMember	Monument Livestock
Gunnar Grimsby	ClubMember	Loma Outlaws
Breck Leggitt	ClubMember	Orchard Mesa Clovers
Paige LoBach	ClubMember	Mid-Valley Club
Makenna Montgomery	ClubMember	Fruita Shooting Stars
Meredith Novinskie	ClubMember	Loma Country 4-H Club
Ender Reilly	ClubMember	Palisade 4-H Club
Harrison Rogers	ClubMember	Fruita Shooting Stars
Kolbie Rogers	ClubMember	Palisade 4-H Club
Sienna Sanchez	ClubMember	Monument Livestock
Darby Scott	ClubMember	Monument Livestock
JC Tipton	ClubMember	Regulators
Dahlia Wagner	ClubMember	Palisade 4-H Club
Jubilee Wagner	ClubMember	Palisade 4-H Club
Juniper Wagner	ClubMember	Palisade 4-H Club
Maddie Windscheffel	ClubMember	Loma Outlaws
Jason Fitch	Volunteer	Appleton
Jessi Grimsby	Volunteer	Loma Outlaws
Mark Meyer	Volunteer	Loma Stars
McKenzie Siersma	Volunteer	Loma Outlaws





Mesa County 4-H STEM Projects meeting Wednesday, January 29th 6pm - Community Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

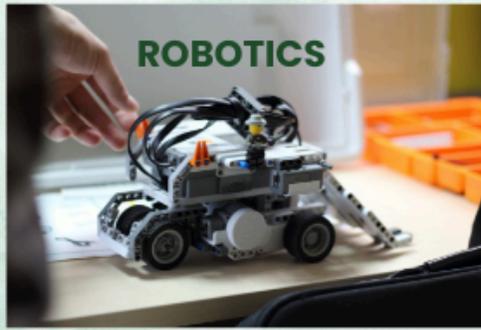
MODEL ROCKETS



*Please call Ed Schrader
at 970-773-8032 or the
Extension Office (970-
244-1835) if you have
any questions*

Come out and hear all
that our new STEM
superintendent has to
offer to our Mesa
County 4-H members!

ROBOTICS



WELDING

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My name is Ed Schrader and I'm the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program advisor for Mesa county. I'm the first to take on this role so I'm still figuring things out and will adjust to whatever works best with the kids and projects that arise.

To get started, I would like to learn more about the STEM projects your 4-H members are working on. If you have any youth in your family interested in pursuing a STEM project and in need of assistance, please have them reach out to me directly.

My goal is to connect youth with one another and with experienced leaders who can provide guidance and support for their projects. Depending on interest and the number of participants, I'm also considering organizing monthly meetings to work on STEM projects, and we have 4-H facilities available for these gatherings.

One opportunity is a Lego Robotics competition. Participants will tackle an obstacle course that involves tasks such as moving objects or stacking boxes, all while navigating the course using Lego robots. The kits for building and programming these robots are available for checkout through the 4-H office. The final competition will take place in Fort Collins in June.

For a bit of background: I hold a Bachelor's degree in Physics and a Master's in Mechanical Engineering. Over the past 19 years, I've worked as a Mechanical Engineer in diverse industries, including Semiconductor, Automotive, Medical, Aerospace, and Ventilation.

If there's anything I can do to assist you or your members, please don't hesitate to contact me.

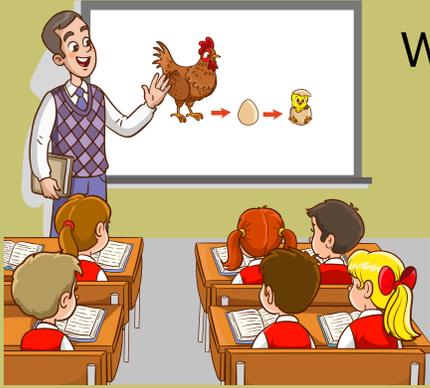
Best regards, Ed Schrader 970-773-8032

4-H Leadership Council

Wednesday, February 12th - 7pm

Sheriffs Posse Bldg

Come hear what the superintendents are doing each month for their areas of expertise!



*Mesa County 4-H
Poultry Project meeting
Tuesday, February 4th
6pm - Community Bldg
Mesa County Fairgrounds*



*Please call Brooke
Hahn(970-596-6587)
if you have any questions*



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*Mesa County 4-H
Dog Project Training Class
Thursdays, Feb 6th & Feb 20th
6:30pm-Community building
Mesa County Fairgrounds*



*Please let Trisha Hansen know if you have
any questions!! goingup105@gmail.com
970-234-7327*

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*Mesa County 4-H
Rabbit Project meeting
Tuesday, February 11th
6pm - Community Bldg
Mesa County Fairgrounds*



*Please let Amy Cyr or Ashley
Guggemos know if you have any
questions at
970-623-1840 or 320-630-6287*

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*Mesa County 4-H
Bee-Keeping Project meeting
Saturday, February 22nd
10:30am
1880 L Rd, Fruita*



*Please call Jennie Windscheffel
at 207-752-2207 if you have
any questions*

*We will share updates, discuss
continued winterization of our
hive, and get ready for Spring!*

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Mesa County 4-H
 Cake Decorating Meeting
 Monday, February 24th

6:30pm - "C" Building at the
 Mesa County Fairgrounds

All youth in all units are welcome to attend!
 Cloverbud members are also invited!

Unit 1 members - bring an unfrosted cake and frosting
 All other units - bring an iced cake, frosting, & tips
 Cloverbuds - bring a unfrosted cupcake

Please let Jill Young know
 if you have any questions!
 970-261-2228!

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Mesa County 4-H
 Goat Project meeting
 Wednesday, February 26th

6:30pm

Sheriff's Posse Arena
 648 25 Rd, Grand Junction



FIRST GOAT MEETING FOR THIS 4-H
 YEAR! TRY TO BE THERE TO HEAR
 MORE ABOUT PLANS FOR THIS
 YEAR'S GOAT PROJECTS!

If you have any questions, please contact our superintendents:
 Jill Young, breeding, dairy, and utility goats: 970-261-2228 or
 Makayla Miracle, market goats: 970-462-1786

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ATTENTION: Fowl Production Layers MEMBERS

All production layers MUST be uploaded to your
 v2.4honline account by
 February 16th at 5pm



NO EXCEPTIONS - upload MUST meet all of the
 requirements as stated in the 2025 Exhibitor's Guide

**If you still need to enroll for this year,
 the re-enrollment fee of \$50.00 covers the first 2 projects + \$5
 for each additional project.**

**Remember that you CAN NOT participate in 4-H activities
 until your re-enrollment is activated.**

All member re-enrollments that are not paid by
 February 1, 2025 will now be assessed an **ADDITIONAL**
late fee of \$50.00 per enrollee.





Mesa County 4-H Leadership Council

Chili Cook-Off



Saturday,
March 1st at
the Mesa
County
Fairgrounds!



Doors will
open at
6pm
Everyone is
welcome!

We will have a cake walk, auction,
a dance and karaoke!!

Anyone can bring a chili to enter for judging! Have entries to the event by 5:30 pm. There will be prizes awarded that night for best Red Chili, White Chili, and Green Chili!

Those bringing a crockpot full of chili will have free entry for your family.
All others - \$5 per person for all you can eat chili!

All 4-H Clubs are asked to donate something to the auction and 2 cakes for the cake walk. Please contact one of our adult advisors to donate items or for further information on the event:

Kourtnie Fitch at jasonandkourtnie@reagan.com or 303-335-7153
Sherissa Katzenberger at sherissa.arpke@gmail.com or 970-424-2422
Mel McConnell at melissa.mcconnell80@gmail.com or 970-234-9943.
Auction items and cakes can be dropped at the Extension Office.

All proceeds benefit Leadership Council.

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Are you leasing a horse
this year?
Are you housing livestock
at someone else's
property?

If either, be sure these
release forms are turned
into Brett Crabb - Mesa
County 4-H Specialist -
this month!

Mesa County 4-H Horse Program Equine Lease Agreement

EQUINE LEASE AGREEMENT

This agreement entered into on the _____ day of _____, _____, (date) between _____ (the Owner) of _____ (city, state) and _____ (Lessee) of _____, _____ (city, state).

WITNESSETH: Owner does hereby lease to Lessee and Lessee does hereby lease from the Owner the _____ (color) _____ (sex) known as _____ (horse's name). The lease shall be for a period of _____ months, beginning the _____ day of _____, _____ (date)

In exchange for the exclusive use of the above-named _____ (mare, gelding or stallion) _____ (horse's name) during the period of this lease, the Lessee does hereby agree to assume all responsibilities and to pay all normal and necessary expenses for the care of said horse consistent with the practices of good animal husbandry, including but not limited to board, worming, veterinary expenses, shoeing, trimming, and hauling.

Owner shall have the right at any time, in person or by authorized agent, to inspect the horse and determine if said horse is being properly cared for and in good health. The title and ownership of the leased horse shall be and remain in the name of the Owner. Lessee shall not sell, mortgage, or encumber this leased horse in any manner whatsoever. Lessee shall not assign this lease nor sublease the horse covered hereby.

If the leased horse should at any time become missing, lost, seriously injured, sick, or dead, the Lessee shall immediately notify Owner by telephone and subsequently by mail.

Owner shall not hold Lessee liable for any serious injury or death of the horse arising from events not resulting from negligence on the part of the Lessee or the Lessee's agents. Lessee shall hold the Owner harmless for any injury to persons or damages to any property caused by the leased horse.

No modification of this lease shall be binding unless in writing and executed by the parties hereto.

The undersigned Owner and Lessee accept the terms and conditions of this lease and acknowledge a copy thereof.

Owner: _____ Date: _____

Lessee: _____ Date: _____

Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Animal Projects



It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their animal(s) according to acceptable methods of good animal husbandry, as set forth by Colorado State University Extension and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy animal requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and appropriate health care. Cruel and inhumane treatment or neglect is prohibited in the Colorado State University Extension 4-H Program. Specific animal husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the 4-H manuals.

It is necessary for the local county Extension office to know the location of all 4-H animal projects. The Colorado 4-H project recommendation for primary care states that "4-H members will provide primary care and continuous care of the project animals." **Primary care is defined as the 4-H member making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their animal project most of the time.** Any primary care exemption must be approved by the county Extension specialist/coordinator. With advanced notification, 4-H members and guardians acknowledge facilities and animal welfare checks may be conducted at any time by Extension specialist/coordinator.

4-H animal project participants are required to complete an animal care form each 4-H year. This document does not imply ownership of animal(s) listed. It denotes your responsibility to care for the listed animal(s). Please check the box for each species you will be participating in this 4-H year. To exhibit at the Colorado State Fair 4-H contests, ownership rules must be followed.

Please complete the following information and return the completed form to your county Extension Office.

<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Goat	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Llama	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/> Swine	<input type="checkbox"/> Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please check all that apply.

Name:	4-H Club:	Date:
Physical Address:	City:	State/Zip:
Phone Number:	Optional: Premises Identification Number (PIN):	

This section is for animals housed at your home.

Will all your project animals be housed at your home location? Yes or No

If answer is No, please complete the questions on page 2.

If answer is Yes, please sign below

I hereby certify that I have read the above information and will comply with the rules set for above.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

4-H Member's Signature

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This section is for animals NOT housed at your home.

1. List the particular circumstances that prevent you from having your project animal(s) housed at your primary residence.

2. Please indicate where (including address) each animal will be housed and the landlord/caretaker of residence. (Horse projects only: Check this box if your horse(s) is being boarded and supply the following)

Landlord/Caretaker Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
City, State, and Zip Code: _____
Telephone/cell phone number: _____
Optional Information: Premises Registration Number with NAIS: _____

3. How do you plan to care for the project animal (s) not located at your primary residence? What arrangements have you made for traveling to and from the non-primary residence to care for your animal(s)?

4. If you will be providing primary care for your project animal(s) during the entire ownership period, explain who will be providing primary care, when they will be caring for the project animal(s), and why you are unable to provide primary care for the project animal(s) through the ownership period.

5. What 4-H shows do you plan to participate in? You will always be under the same primary care requirements. Please list the shows below:

As the landlord/caretaker of the property listed above, I acknowledge the 4-H program's intent is educational; as such I will encourage and require the 4-H member to be extensively and continuously involved in the care of their animals housed at my property. If deemed necessary by the Extension specialist/coordinator, I grant the Extension specialist/coordinator permission to check on the 4-H member's animal(s) while they are housed on my property provided advance notice is given.

Landlord/Caretaker's Signature

Date

I hereby certify that the above information is truthful and accurate.

Parents/Guardian Signature

4-H Member's Signature

*Your request for Animal Care Exemption has been: Approved Denied

4-H Extension Specialist/Coordinator Signature

Date

Updated: 9/30/2024



Twenty Seventh ANNUAL WESTERN SLOPE

4-H LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP

Three days—come for all or some —Feb. 14, 15, & 16



The main event will be

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Workshop starts at 9 a.m. & goes until 3:30 p.m.

Mesa County Fairgrounds “C” Building, 2785 Hwy 50, Grand Junction, CO.

4-H Leathercraft classes for all age groups and leaders

lunch will be provided!



Each participant will receive a leather project, a bag of supplies, practice leather, and awesome prizes!

The cost of the workshop is **\$20** for youth age 8-18.

Cloverbuds is 1/2 day, age 5-7 will be \$10
(The Cloverbud class will run from 9 a.m. until after lunch.)
Saturday evening 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. is for Extra work time!

We will have some leather tools and leather supplies for sale!

ALSO: We will be putting in a big group order to Tandy Leather to have available at the workshop. Please call Kay to let her know what supplies you want to order.

♥ Friday, February 14, 3 p.m.– 8 p.m. ♥

advanced leather work for youth or leaders 3-6 &

LEADER TRAINING 6-8 p.m.

LEADERS-Please come spend the evening with us, we will learn new ways to teach leathercraft and have some new patterns and projects to share. We'll go over a few new changes in the Colorado 4-H Leathercraft project requirements. We'll answer questions about using the **New Manual**, 4-H Leathercraft Videos, & Leader Guide.

Bring all your leathercraft questions!

We'll find answers!

Leather Craft Leaders

You are welcome any time between 2 and 8 p.m.



We'll be making some beautiful leather valentines!

Our main demonstration and training for leaders will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Leaders are better leaders when they feel comfortable leading a project. Come Friday and learn some leather work techniques, become familiar with new leathercraft curriculum and experiment on some leather. **It is ok if you are just starting.....**or thinking about starting to be a Leather Craft Leader, or if you have been a leader for many years.

We just want to help you be the best leader you can be.

All leaders are welcome on Saturday also!

Help will be available SUNDAY, Feb. 16 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

for any youth or leaders who wish to continue their work!

Please register soon so we can have enough project supplies for everyone!

Register by Wed. February 11 or at least call Kay so she knows you're coming, and you can bring registration papers with you to the workshop.

Get special prizes for registering first!

The first 27 to register will get extra special prizes
Call, text or email!



Kay Orton

970-487-3279, 970-216-9839 or

kayorton@hotmail.com

We have some great classes in store for you!!!

IF YOU HAVE TOOLS, BRING YOUR LEATHER TOOLS WITH YOU!!!

We want to teach you how to use the tools you have!



Along with some basic carving, stamping, and lacing this year... We will be learning more about advanced stamping, braiding, and edge finishing!



Units have changed a little in Colorado 4-H Leathercraft and we will answer your questions and guide you through the new units!

CLOVERBUD GROUP

You are a Cloverbud (5-7 years old) and you are curious about leathercraft. You will have fun stamping a design in leather and making something special.

BEGINNING STAMPING GROUP

This is your first experience in working with leather. Learn about leathercraft tools, leather, how to stamp a creative design in leather, how to finish the edges and put a finish on your leather.

BEGINNING CARVING GROUP

You have had some experience in stamping leather, and little or no experience in carving leather. Learn how to carve a design in leather and to use leathercraft tools to finish your design. Advance your lacing skills.

INTERMEDIATE GROUP

You have had one or two years of leathercraft carving and stamping experience. Continue expanding your experiences with several types of carving. Create a small project you'll be proud of.

**QUESTIONS?
CALL KAY ORTON**

ADVANCED GROUP

You have three or more years of experience in leathercraft. You have a good understanding of how to carve and tool leather. You are ready for a challenge.

We are so fortunate to have such a great bunch of people willing to come teach us leathercraft. Let's get a jump start on this year's project!

If you are already working on your project and need extra time & help, you are welcome to come work on your projects on Friday, Saturday evening and/or Sunday.

Bring your project and tools, we are here to help you!!! It will be great fun to see you and work on some leather!!!! *Kay*

Registration / Health / Code of Conduct Form

Name of Event: Western Slope 4-H Leathercraft Workshop

Participants Name _____ Date of Event: _____ to _____

Home address _____ Phone: (____) _____ Age _____

Street or Box

_____ Birth date: _____

City

State

Zip

Name of 4-H Club _____ Years of leathercraft experience _____

Family Email _____ Name of Leader _____

LEADERS AND CHAPERONES ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AND TAKE PART IN THE WORKSHOP OR JUST WATCH. THEY DO NOT NEED TO PAY THE FEE, THEY CAN BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE FOR LUNCH IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Leather supplies, prizes, a project & lunch included in the cost:

\$20 for youth age 8-18 _____

\$10 for Cloverbuds age 5-7 _____

- I am a Cloverbud. (age 5-7) *You are investigating leathercraft.*
- I am a Beginner in leather stamping *This is your first experience in working with leather.*
- I am a Beginner in leather carving *You have had little or no experience in carving leather.*
- I am an intermediate Leather crafter *1 to 3 years of leather craft experience. You can carve leather.*
- I am an advanced Leather crafter *3 or more years of leather craft experience.*

Must know how to carve and tool leather

_____ *I am a beginning leather craft leader (or a parent who will need to be their*

Please send registrations before Feb.21, or as soon as possible.

***Make checks payable to Kay Orton, 17865 64 3/10 Rd., Collbran, Co. 81624
Phone (970)487-3279 cell phone-(970)216-9839 E-mail-kayorton@hotmail.com***

DON'T FORGET! A required Parent or Guardian signature, youth signature, code of conduct, and health information are on back of this form or separate page! Just remember to complete & sign.

HEALTH FORM & EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Parent or Guardian name _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Place of employment: _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

If neither parent or guardian can be located, in case of emergency call:

Doctor: _____ Preferred Hospital _____
Name Phone

Health History

List health conditions that chaperones should be aware of _____

Code of Conduct For Participation in Colorado 4-H Events

Program participants are expected to abide by the stated rules for 4-H activities and events including, but not limited to:

- ◆ Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model;
- ◆ Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies and guidelines;
- ◆ Abstain from illegal and immoral behaviors;
- ◆ Fully participate in scheduled activities;
- ◆ Respect other's property and privacy rights;
- ◆ Refrain from youth, physical or verbal abuse;
- ◆ Apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property; and
- ◆ Accept personal responsibility for behavior.

Conduct not in keeping with high 4-H standards will not be tolerated. Violation of items listed above will result in consequences to the participant. Consequences may include removal, at the individuals' expense and without refund, from participation in this event; restitution or repayment of damages; sanctions on participation in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for this event; removal from offices held; etc.

Age, office held in the 4-H organization, presence of an adult or other perceived status is not grounds for behavior outside of established guidelines.

We understand the reason for this agreement is to ensure the safety of the 4-H delegate and to ensure conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this event. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants.

Authorization for medical care: I hereby give my permission to event officials to call a doctor or emergency medical service and for the doctor, hospital or medical service to provide emergency medical or surgical care for my child (named above as the participant), should an emergency arise. It is understood that event officials will make a conscientious effort to locate the emergency contacts listed, I/we will accept the expense of emergency medical or surgical treatment.

Authorization for travel to and from event and to participate in event activities:

I give permission for my child to participate in all event activities with the following exceptions:

I give permission for my child to ride to and from the event with those persons authorized to drive to and from this event.

Parent's or Guardian's signature _____ Date: _____

Youth signature _____ Date: _____

Fair Royalty Application and Information



*Do the boots
fit?*

*Mesa County Fair
2025*

Want to represent the county fair as
ROYALTY?

Please click on the
LINK for more
information and an
application.

Allison
(970)216-0010

Tawnya
(970)381-6826



2024 Mesa County Fair Royalty

Important additions to the Exhibitor Rules for the 2025 Mesa County Fair



Below are some additions to the Exhibitor Guide (available later in the month) that may pertain to you NOW if you are doing beef uploads this month.

This is not to be considered a complete list of changes to the Exhibitor's Guide. You will need to read the guide in its entirety to assure yourself that you are up to date on the rules pertaining to your projects for this fair year.

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

RULE 9: Family nominated animals

A. Family members may nominate the same animal in beef, swine, sheep, and goat projects, as long as:

- a. each family member must nominate a primary owned animal
- b. the family nominated animals don't exceed 1 per every 2 family members
- c. the upload fee of \$5 per head is paid by EACH member uploading the family nominated animal.
- d. the family nominated animal MUST be individually declared by a family member online in fairentry.com by the fair entry deadline of June 13th, 2025 at 4pm.
- e. if the family nominated animal is a beef entry, ALL family exhibitor names MUST be on the brand inspection as owners of the animal at time of beef tag in/weigh in date of February 1st, 2025.

RULE 10: In all situations where an animal upload is required, the minimum information that must be included before the nomination will be approved is:

- A. Name of the animal
- B. Breed of the animal
- C. Gender of the animal
- D. A picture of the animal
- E. A picture of the animal with the exhibitor
- F. Ownership document showing ownership by the youth exhibitor; this document may be:
 - a. a Bill of sale
 - b. a Breeding supplement showing birth of the animal from youth or youth's family's animal
 - c. a Handwritten statement transferring ownership from someone to the youth
- G. If animal is a beef entry, the upload MUST also have a brand inspection in the youth's name



Important additions to the Exhibitor Rules for the 2025 Mesa County Fair (continued)

RULE 10 (continued)

H. If animal is a swine entry, the upload MUST also include a completed Mesa County 4-H/FFA Swine Registration Sheet available on the Tri River Extension website:

<https://tra.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/mesa/mesa-county-forms/> and the ear notches of the animal

I. If animal is a sheep or goat entry, the upload MUST also include the scrapies tag number of the animal

J. If animal is a poultry entry, it MUST also include in the "ANIMAL NAME" slot the breed, the variety, and the name of the bird (IN THAT ORDER) AND in the the "COLORS AND MARKINGS" slot the 'variety' (APA variety such as white, buff, silver laced, barred, etc which can be found in the American Standard of Perfection book)

K. If animal is a rabbit entry, it MUST also include the tattoo identifier

These required items MUST be part of the upload prior to the upload deadline for that animal type.

RULE 11: Animal nomination upload deadlines for the 2025 Mesa County Fair (ALL DEADLINES ARE AS OF 5PM) are:

Market Beef - Friday, January 31st

Fowl Production Layers - February 16th

Breeding & Show Poultry - April 16th

Market Sheep & Goats - April 30th (Notify office if purchasing an animal between 5/1-5/7)

Horse, Dog, Cat - May 1st (state deadline)

Market and Breeding Swine - May 2nd

Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Breeding Rabbit, Breeding Beef - May 14th

Market Rabbits - May 15th

Market Poultry - June 11th

Mini Horse Project added for this year!!!

This year we would like to add a mini horse project. If you would like to join this project but don't have access to a mini horse, we have 6 mini horses available to be used for the project. You are also welcome to use your own mini horse. If you are interested in the project contact Kim Riggle 970-210-8084. If you would like to use one of the six horses at Harmony Acres, please contact Brett at the Extension Office 970-244-1837 for the LEASE AGREEMENT.



NO PREVIOUS

Horse Experience

NECESSARY



Upload your Market Beef animal(s) on your 4Honline account before January 31st at 5pm



4-H Online 2.0 Animal Entry Guide

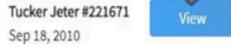
Beef Projects (Breeding, Market and Dairy Cow)

Note: For 4-H Members 8 and above

Log into 4-H Online

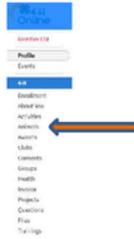
- Use your family email and password v2.4honline.com

Click "View", next to Member's Name

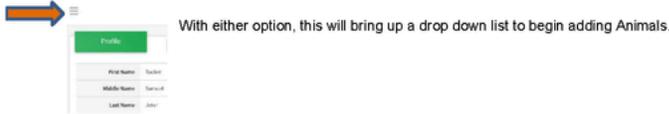


Locating 'Animals'

- Desktop, select "Animals" from the left side navigation



- Smart Phone or Tablet, click on the 3 bars in the top left corner



- Enter the animals name or other unique identifier, such as a tag number. This information will assist County Staff using the FairEntry or other system for County Fairs.

Animal Name

Enter Unique Identifier (Example: Name of Animal or Smaller Hereford)

- Enter the beginning weight of the animal. Market Beef will be weighed at the official weigh in, so just enter "0" for now. If Breeding Beef was weighed in at an official tag in/weigh in use that weight, otherwise use the weight of the animal at the time you purchased or if home-raised, when it was born.

Beginning Weight

Initial Beef Weigh-In weight

- Choose the date of the beginning weight entered above. (For market beef, you can enter the date you are doing your upload and we will change it to the weigh in date later)

Beginning Weight Date

Initial Beef Weigh-In weight date

- Choose the breed from the drop down box. If not listed choose "Other/Cross Breed" or "Mixed Breed". You can only choose one breed.

Breed

Enter the Breed Information. If Breed not listed or is Mixed Breed, select "Other/CrossBreed" - Only select 1 Breed.

- Select the animal gender from the drop down box. Steers will need to be put under male.

Animal Gender

- The tag number (or unique identifier) entered on the first screen will carry over to this screen. Please verify that this is correct for the animal entered above.

Tag required

Enter County Tag Number, if no tag number enter 0



Adding an Animal

- Click "Add an Animal"



Then select "Add New Animal"

- Select Beef Market, Beef Breeding or Dairy Cow, from the drop down. Remember that animals that will be entered in a "Market" class at fair need to be uploaded as a "Market" animal for both purchased and home grown animals.

REQUIRED: Enter Tag Number. **NOTE:** If animal does not yet have a county tag enter a unique identifier for each of your animals.. Click "Save"

ADD AN ANIMAL

New Animal

Animal Type

Tag

- Next, click "Show Questions"

READ All County instructions for each animal species as county requirements vary.

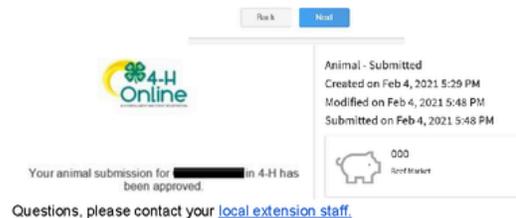


- Click "Next", continue with the "File Uploads".
- 1) Upload your Bill of Sale, and your Brand Inspection **IN THE EXHIBITOR'S NAME** (both documents if you have separate ones) *(if in a program that requires the Brand Inspection to remain in the producer's name, please upload an explanation of that in the Brand Inspection slot).*
- 2) Upload a picture of the animal in the Photo 1 slot, and a picture of the exhibitor with the animal in the Photo 2 slot.
- 3) Leave the County Use Form slot empty unless you have a "breed registration" form to upload.
- 4) If you have any other documents to upload, do so into the Photo slots 3-5.

- Confirm all information, click 'submit'



- County Extension staff, will review all information. If more is needed, members will be notified by email. Once "Approved" by your local county extension office, an email will be sent to your family account (example below) There will be a time and date stamp for each animal.





Save the Date

All 1st year livestock exhibitors and all livestock exhibitors that turned 14 yrs old in 2024, are required to complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) class this year. We will have an in person class on Thursday, **April 24th** at the fairgrounds in the "C" Building at 7pm. This year, we will also be offering an online class to be utilized by members that turned 14 in 2024, and by 1st year livestock members that are 14-18 yrs old. The online course will need to be completed during the week of **April 21-25th**.

Record Book Correction Class

If your record book for the 2023/2024 4-H year was scored below 70%, you will need to attend the record book class on **April 24th** at 6pm prior to the MQA class. If you do not attend and correct your record book, you may not participate in that project this 4-H year. The class will be held in the C Building at the fairgrounds.



State 4-H scholarship applications for graduating seniors are open until March 1, 2025 at:

<https://co4hfoundation.academicworks.com/>



Twenty \$1000 scholarships to attend CSU specifically are also available from the Canvas Foundation. Application at: <https://www.canva.com/design/DAF2Oieajns/GC9NINZkKDnRW7sx9ksHqw/edit> This application closes on 2/25/25



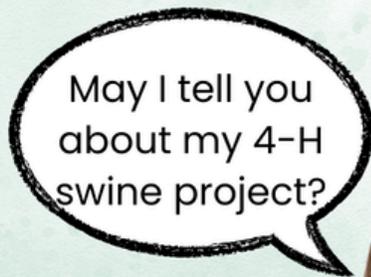
MESA COUNTY FAIR MARKETING CLASS

Who: 4-H/FFA members in their 1st year with a market animal project (All are welcome, although it is only required for members in their 1st year of entering a market animal project.)

When: Thursday, April 3 at 6:00pm

Where: Mesa County Fairgrounds, "C" Building

Why: Come learn how to effectively market your project to your community! Mesa County is full of terrific 4-H/FFA supporters who are eager to hear about your project. We'll share the program expectations with you, along with great tips and examples to help you refine your marketing plan. You'll be prepared and ready to hit the ground running!



REQUIRED!

**For all 1st year
market animal
project members**



How to Enroll in 4-H

Enrollment Process for 2024-2025 - **NEW MEMBERS & LEADERS**

1. Contact a local 4-H Club and make sure that it is okay with the Club Leader that you join that club. Club lists with contact information are available at the 4-H office (Tri-River Extension at the Mesa County Fairgrounds) or by calling for an emailed list (970) 244-1835
2. Access the 4-H online system at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
3. You will need to set up a family profile by selecting the “I need to set up a profile” button. You only need to set up one family profile per household.
4. Once your family profile is set up, you will then add individual youth and adults. As you enter the information, please look it over carefully to make sure it is correct. Incorrect information can create problems so be sure to double-check!
5. You will come to a screen that prompts you to “Pay by Check”. You will need to confirm that as your payment method **EVEN IF YOU WANT TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR CASH**. Continue to the next screen to get to the “SUBMIT” button.
6. Once all profile information is entered press “submit” enrollment.
7. The Extension Office will then receive a notification that you have enrolled. Please note: Enrollments will not be “activated” until your participation fees have been paid. Online payment is not available at this time; you must call the office to pay by credit card or come into the office to pay by check, cash, or credit card.
8. Fee in the Tri-River Area for regular 4-H enrollment is: \$50.00 for the first two projects, \$5.00 for each additional project after the first two. Cloverbud (ages 5-7) enrollment fee is \$30.00. There is no charge for adult volunteers.

Enrollment Process for 2024-2025 - **RETURNING MEMBERS & LEADERS**

1. Access the 4-H online system at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
2. Please **DO NOT** establish another family or member profile on 4HOnline because you are already in the system!
3. Access your family profile, select "Enroll Now" next to the person re-enrolling and update your information. As you tab through your information, please look it over carefully to make sure it is correct. Incorrect information can create problems so be sure to do this double-check!
4. You will come to a screen that prompts you to “Pay by Check”. You will need to confirm that as your payment method **EVEN IF YOU WANT TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR CASH**. Continue to the next screen to get to the “SUBMIT” button.
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Enrollment Facts:

1. You are not a member or volunteer leader in the Colorado 4-H Program until you have an active status in 4HOnline.
2. 4-H members and leaders cannot register for an event/contest until their profile is active.
3. New adult volunteers are required to be screened through Hire-Right Inc.
4. Colorado 4-H and 4HOnline work closely to monitor and ensure the highest level of protection for information stored in the system. Neither Colorado 4-H nor 4HOnline shares or sells any personal information to third party vendors without your permission or knowledge.



Important Dates-All dates subject to change if deemed necessary

January

25-27 - Leadership Development Conference - Denver, CO

31 - Deadline for Market Beef enrollments and animal nomination uploads on 4honline.com - 5pm

February

1 - Deadline for re-enrolling members without a \$50 late fee

1 - Beef Weigh in - 9-11am North Barns - Mesa County Fairgrounds

4 - Poultry project mtg - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

6 - Dog project mtg - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

8 - Leadership Council Retreat

11 - Rabbit project meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

12 - 4-H Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff Posse Building

14-16 - Leathercraft Workshop - Mesa County Fairgrounds "C" bldg

16 - Fowl Production Layers animal nomination upload deadline - 4honline.com - 5pm

17 - Presidents' Day - Office Closed

20 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room - Mesa County Fairgrounds

20 - Dog project mtg - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

22 - Bee Keeping project meeting - 10:30am - 1880 L Rd, Fruita

24 - Cake Decorating class - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

25 - Canvas Foundation scholarship application deadline

26 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff Posse Arena

March

1 - 4-H Chili Cook-Off - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

1 - State 4-H scholarship application deadline

4 - Poultry project mtg - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

6 - Dog project mtg - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

7-9 - Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)

11 - Rabbit project meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds

12 - 4-H Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff Posse Building

14-16 - Weld County Shooting Sports Leader Training (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)



Important Dates-All dates subject to change if deemed necessary

March

- 20 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 21-23 - Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Training (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- 24 - Cake Decorating class - 6:30pm - Community Center - Clifton
- 24 - Archery Safety Meeting - 6 pm - Grand Junction Trap Club
- 25 - .22 Rifle & Air Rifle Safety meeting - 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 26 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff Posse Arena
- 27 - Dog project mtg - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 27 - Muzzleloader Safety Meeting - 6:30 pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 28-30 - Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Training (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- 28-30 - Youth Fest, Pueblo, CO
- 29 - **SAVE THE DATE - Farm and Ranch Day at Coop!**

April

- 3 - Marketing meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 4 - Shotgun Safety meeting - 6pm - Grand Junction Trap Club
- 5 - Rabbit Photo Day - "Sagebrush" room Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 8 - Rabbit project meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 9 - 4-H Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 16 - Breeding & Show Poultry upload deadline - v2.4honline accounts
- 16 - .22 Pistol & Air Pistol Safety meeting - 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 17 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 21-25 - Online MQA class - option for 1st year senior members
- 22 - Montrose County Meat Quality Assurance class - 6:30 pm
- 23 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff Posse Arena
- 23 - Delta County Meat Quality Assurance class - 6:30 pm
- 24 - Mesa County Meat Quality Assurance class - 6:30 pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 26 - 27 - **SAVE THE DATE - Spring Gather Horse workshop and show**
- 28 - Cake Decorating Class - 6:30 pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 30 - Market Sheep & Goat upload deadline on v24honline accounts - 5pm