

April showers bring May flowers!



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ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APPROACHES

The deadline for enrollment and project additions and/or deletions is 4:30 PM on May 1, 2025. What you may not realize is that, although you may have enrolled online, you are technically not enrolled if you have not paid your enrollment fees. You must be enrolled online AND have all enrollment fees paid to the 4-H Office by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 1st in order to be able to participate in the 2025 Delta County Fair.

The 2024/2025 fee for **regular 4-H members** (8-18 years of age) is **\$50.00** for the first two projects and \$5.00 for each additional project beyond the first two. **Cloverbud** (ages 5-7) fees are **\$30.00**. (All ages are based on December 31, 2024.) Returning members must have re-enrolled by close of business on February 1st to avoid paying a late fee. Members re-enrolling after this deadline will be assessed a **\$50 per member** late fee. (Late fees do not apply to Cloverbud, new member and leader enrollments.)



CONGRATULATIONS

DELTA COUNTY 4-H BEEF ROAST CLUB MEMBER CONTEST WINNERS

JUNIORS

1st

REBECCA SHELDON



2nd

SAIGE DAVIS



3rd

LANE GLEASON



SENIORS

1st

CODY BRACK

2nd

KALLIHAINING

3rd

SARAH AYER

Delta County 4-H BEEF ROAST Club Sales Contest



ROCKY MOUNTAIN 4-H



VALLEY VIEW SHOWMEN



NORTH FORK MAVERICKS



We want to thank ALL of our Delta County 4-H clubs and members for all of their hard work. They are a huge part of making this a successful event!



**NEED MORE
INFO???**



**TRY
LOOKING
HERE!**



NEW State Rulebooks and Updated Project Guidelines

Shooting Sports:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/ss-rulebook.pdf>

Indoor Projects:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>

Horse:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/horse/HorseShowRuleBook.pdf>

Record Book Policy

All Delta County 4-H members with general projects (those that are displayed in the Exhibit Hall) who do NOT bring an exhibit to the 2025 Delta County Fair will be required to turn their record books in on September 5th which is the same date that the livestock, horse, dog and shooting sports record books are due. (This date will be published in future newsletters.) The 70% completion requirement will apply to these books. In addition, general project members who do not participate in the 2025 fair and fail to turn in their record book(s) will not be allowed to participate in those project(s) the following 4-H year.



Have you uploaded your
4-H Dog Identification
info?



In order for dogs to be shown at the 2025 Delta County Fair all dog identification information must be uploaded into the 4HOnline program by 4:30 PM on May 1, 2025. Instructions on how to do this are available in your dog record book. Members must designate all dogs that will or might be participating in their 4-H project.



IMPORTANT HORSE

The highest level test that a member has taken and passed (both written **and** riding) as of June 20, 2025 is the level that member will be allowed to exhibit in at the 2025 Delta County Fair. Written levels tests **will not** be given between June 17, 2025 through August 30, 2025.

Delta County Horse Leaders who are giving horse levels **riding** tests need to be sure to turn in all completed tests to the Delta Extension Office. This is the *only* way we have of knowing which members have passed their tests. If you do not turn in this info, we will assume the information we have on file is the most current info available.

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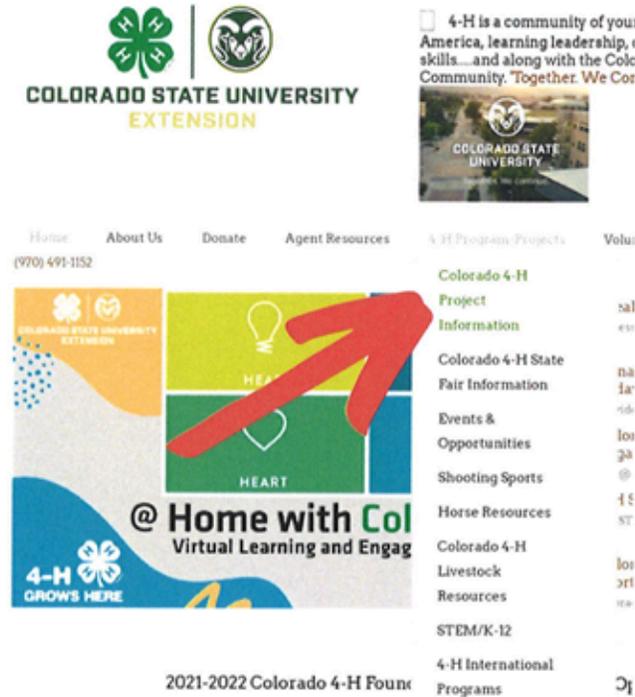


ATTENTION HORSE MEMBERS!

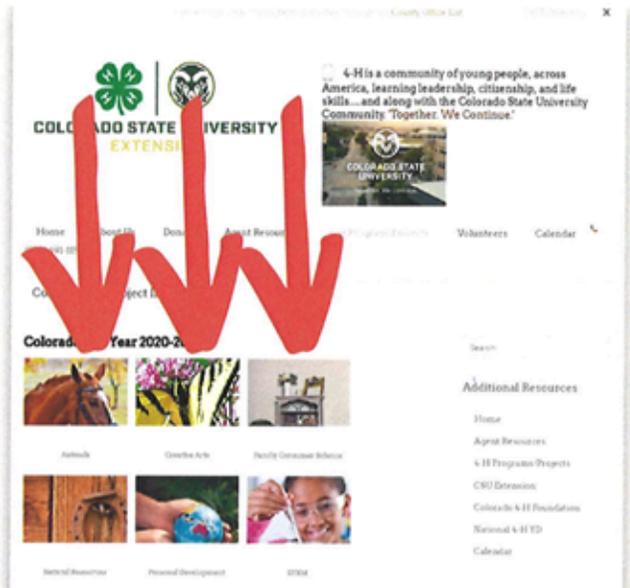
It is that time of year again! Don't forget to have a horse ID for each horse that you may ride uploaded into the 4HOnline program, plus a \$5.00 fee per horse identified, turned in to the Delta Extension Office by 4:30 PM on **May 1st**. (Fees are not to exceed \$20 per family.) The horse ID upload information and instructions may be found in your e-record.

Record Books- Where to find them:

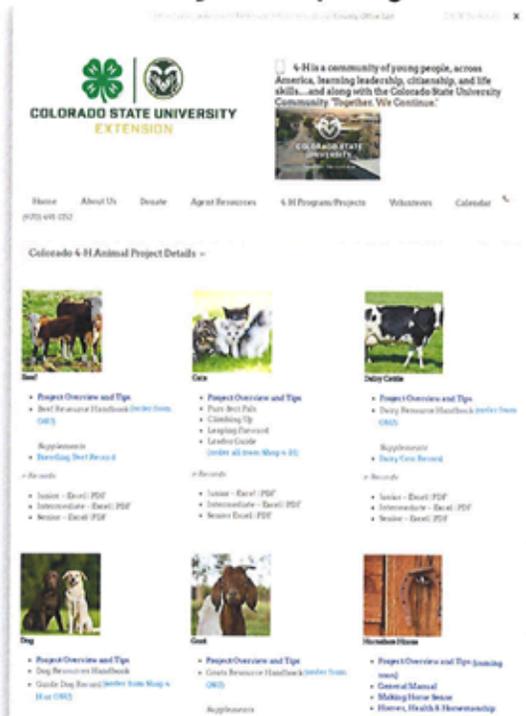
1. Go to Colorado 4-H Website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/>
2. Hover over the 4-H Programs/Projects Tab
3. Click on Colorado 4-H Project Information



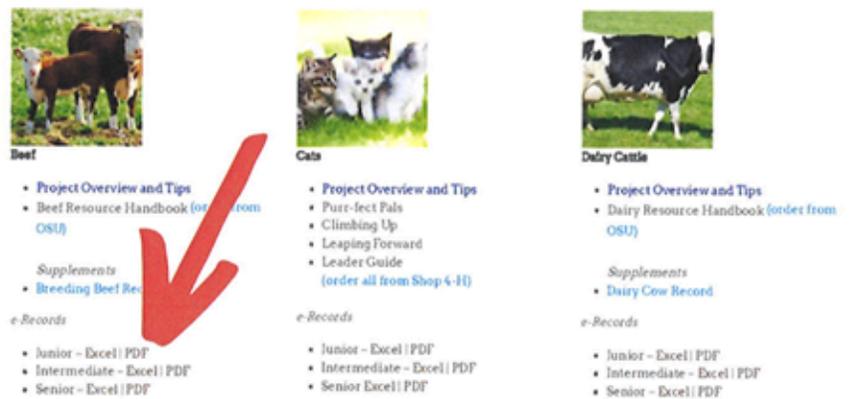
4. Select your project parent area



5. Find your project



6. Download the record books you need!



Other helpful hints:

- Shooting Sports Record books are under the [Natural Resources](#) project tab.
- If you're totally lost, there is a "search site" bar at the bottom of the page.

Breeding Animal Information



Here is some information specific to breeding animals:

- Breeding animals do not need to be tagged.
- The animal(s) in all breeding classes must have been owned by the exhibitor before May 1 of the current year to be eligible to show.
- Members can choose to upload their animal information into 4HOnline at any time before May 1.



Delta County Fair **July 26 - August 3** *Peaks, Pastures and Pioneers*



COUNTY FAIR INTERVIEW JUDGING DATE!

Members with 4-H general projects (the projects that are exhibited in Heritage Hall during the County Fair) need to be aware of the day and date for Interview Judging. Interview Judging will be held Friday, July 26th beginning at 9:00 AM in Heritage Hall.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendars! A full schedule of interview times will be mailed in early July. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.





National Volunteer Week

April 20-26, 2025

Somewhere between the sternness of a parent and the comradeship of a pal is the mysterious creature we call a 4-H leader.

These leaders come in all shapes and sizes, but they all have one thing in common - a glorious twinkle in their eyes!

4-H leaders are found everywhere - at judging contests, fairs, square dances, sporting events, and talent shows.

They are tireless consumers of muffins, experts making knots in thread, peerless coaches, and the encouraging cheerleader at the sidelines. They selflessly spend hours on the telephone answering questions and coordinating activities.

A 4-H leader is many things - an artist making a float for the 4th of July, a doctor prescribing for an underfed calf, a counselor at camp, a lawyer filling out reports, and a shoulder to cry on when that dress just won't fit. Nobody else is so early to rise and so late to get home at night. Nobody else has so much fun and impacts the lives of so many youth.

We sometimes forget them, but we can't do without them. They receive no salary and we can never repay them.

They are angels in aprons, saints in straw hats. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. In the end, when they look around them at the skills they've taught, and the youth they have helped to build, there's an inner voice from somewhere that says, "Well done."

Author Unknown

To all of our Delta County 4-H leaders -

*We know we couldn't do it without you. We just want to
say....*



2024 Horse & Dog Identification Due Date

The due date for BOTH Horse Identifications and Dog Identifications is May 1, 2025. All information for these two species must be entered into 4HOnline by 4:30 PM on the above listed date in order for animals to be shown at the Delta County Fair. *Instructions on how to do this are available in your 4-H Horse record book and your 4-H Dog record book.*



ATTENTION: Delta County 4-H members MUST officially make all project additions and/or deletions on or before May 1, 2025.

Members who have not dropped projects that they do not want to participate in, and who do not turn in a completed record book, will not be allowed to enroll in that project area the following year. In addition, members who do not enroll in a project by the above date will not be allowed to show in that project in the 2025 Delta County Fair.

LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

ALL SPECIES – ONE BOOK!

This 4-H year, the livestock record books will be **ALL** species in one book. This means that if you are enrolled in beef, sheep, and rabbits your information for all three species will be in **one** record book.

This new way of filling out livestock record books will be for all 4-H'ers in the TRA. Please watch your emails and future newsletters for the details on the correct way to do this.

There will be no change to horse and dog records.



SHEEP & GOAT EXHIBITORS.....

The Colorado State Veterinarian's Office would like to remind each exhibitor that, when purchasing sheep and goat projects for fair or exhibition, to make sure these animals are correctly identified with scrapie tags. This means that before leaving the premises of the producer you are purchasing your animals from, you need to make sure that your project is properly identified with a scrapie tag.

For those placing scrapie tags in the ears of sheep and goats, place the tag between the main two ribs on the inner third of the left ear.

For more information, please go to the Colorado Department of Agriculture website:

www.colorado.gov/AG

Or the USDA website:

www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health

or

www.eradicatescrapie.org



State Fair Rule for General Projects!

If a member enrolls in two units of the same project (for example: leathercraft. A member enrolls in Unit 2 and Unit 3) they must exhibit in the higher unit. When a member takes two units at the same time, they should master the skills of the lower unit and therefore exhibit in the higher unit.

Record Book Cover Requirement

ALL record books must be turned in enclosed and secured in binders. Please hole punch your pages and use either ACCO or brad type binders. Three ring binders are still acceptable, however we do ask that they be no more than 1 inch thick. Be sure to double check that ALL pages/photos/receipts are securely attached inside your binders. The member name and project should be clearly visible on the outside of the binder. (If you have a see-through cover that the front page of your record book can be seen you can skip this step.) The 4-H Office is not responsible for items that are lost from record books.

MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAININGS

The following is the “official” State 4-H policy regarding the Meat Quality Assurance Act and the required training:

- Any 4-H member enrolled in a market or breeding livestock project that has not previously attended training **must do so**.
- Any 4-H member who was a Junior (age 13 or under) and is moving into the Senior division in 2025 (age 14 as of December 31, 2024) will be required to attend the training.
- **Everyone** enrolled in a 4-H livestock project must sign the TRA 4-H Commitment to Excellence.

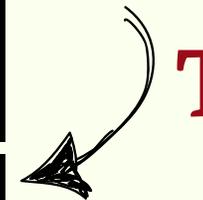
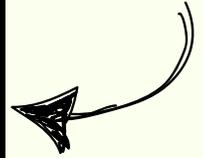
In summary, all 4-H members must attend the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training once as a Junior (13 and under) and once as a Senior (14 and over). You may attend training in another county if you cannot make the date scheduled in your county. **Be sure to sign in when you arrive**, this way we have record of your attendance. Attendance at an MQA Class will fulfill swine members Pork Quality Assurance training requirements. Below is a list of dates for these trainings:

- April 22 - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Montrose County
- April 23 - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Delta County
- April 24 - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Mesa County

Please note that all dates are tentative and subject to change. Please watch upcoming newsletters for more information.



**See
These
Ears??**



**They
need
some
bling!!**

Ear tag hand out for
Swine
will be held
Friday,
May 2nd from
1:00 – 4:00 PM at
the Delta 4-H Office

Sheep & Goat
weigh-in/tag pick up
will be at the Livestock
Office on the
Fairgrounds on May 3rd
from 9:00–11:00 AM.

Cost is
\$7.00 per tag.

Nomination
deadline for all 3
species is
4:30 PM
on May 9, 2025.



ATTENTION SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS!

ALL market swine must
be **ear notched AND
tagged** by May 9,
2025. The ear notches
and DCF Fair tag must
be visible in the
member's uploaded
nomination photos.



Market Animal Uploads

ALL market animal exhibitors are required to upload nomination information into 4-HOnline. Here are the due dates:

Market Sheep, Goats and Swine - 4:30 PM - May 9, 2025

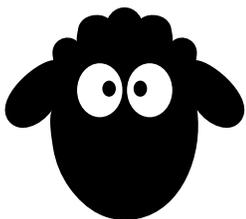
Please remember that nomination information uploads include 4 photos of your animal (member must be included in one photo), Livestock Affidavit for Bred & Fed animals. and the new Animal Care and Housing Form.

IMPORTANT MARKET LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION!

Market Livestock Nominations:

1. Market animals to be exhibited in the Delta County Fair must be identified by an Official Delta County Fair ear tag. Exhibitors may choose to tag their own animals in accordance with the Delta County Fair Livestock Online Nomination Process as detailed in the rules governing each specific species.
2. Delta County Fair Board will hold Tag-In dates for those exhibitors not wanting to tag their own animals. These dates will be as follows:

~ Sheep and Goats: May 3rd: 9:00 am-11:00 am



- Tag Check out (for those not bringing animals to tag-in) for Sheep and Goats will be at the Delta County Fairgrounds on the day of the tag in.
- NO TAGS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THIS DATE. If you fail to pick up tags, OR attend the tag-in, at the county fairgrounds you will not be allowed to enter the 2025 Delta County Fair.
- ALL market animal exhibitors will be required to upload nomination information in 4-HOnline. FOR SHEEP AND GOATS THIS INFORMATION IS DUE BY 4:30 PM ON May 9, 2025.
- Bred & Fed nominations are required to upload buyer affidavit(s).
- Any incomplete nominations will not be accepted and will not show at the 2025 Delta County Fair. (This includes pictures not clearly showing the DCF ear tag as well as the animal. Pictures not clearly showing the scrapie tag are not acceptable. The exhibitor must be present in at least one photo.)
- NO taggers will be available for individual use, members without tagging equipment should attend tag in dates provided by the fair board. The tags that will be provided are Y-TEX brand and require Y-TEX taggers to be used when placing them on the animal(s).

~ Swine will be nomination process only.



- Market Swine will not have a physical tag-in. The process for swine will be as it has been in prior years. Tag Check out will be on May 2, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Delta County Extension Office
- NO TAGS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THIS DATE. If you fail to pick up tags, you will not be allowed to enter the 2025 Delta County Fair.
- ALL market animal exhibitors will be required to upload nomination information in 4-HOnline. FOR SWINE THIS INFORMATION IS DUE BY 4:30 PM ON MAY 9, 2025.
- Bred & Fed nominations are required to upload buyer affidavit(s).
- Any incomplete nominations will not be accepted and will not show at the 2025 Delta County Fair. (This includes pictures not clearly showing the DCF ear tag as well as the animal. Ear notches must be recorded in the upload. The exhibitor must be present in at least one photo.)
- NO taggers will be available for individual use, members without tagging equipment should attend tag in dates provided by the fair board. The tags that will be provided are Y-TEX brand and require Y-TEX taggers to be used when placing them on the animal(s).

3. If an exhibitor, or their designee does not complete the required online documentation, if they choose to not attend the tag-in and pay the required fees, they will not be allowed to exhibit the animal(s) at the upcoming fair.
4. ALL MALE ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED OR BANDED BY INITIAL NOMINATION DATE. BANDED TESTICLES MUST HAVE FALLEN OFF OR BEEN REMOVED PRIOR TO SHOW TAG-IN. Any animal found to be out of compliance will not be allowed to show at the fair
5. Original Brand inspection certificates on all market beef must be presented to the Brand Inspector at the time of final weigh-in at Fair. NO ANIMAL WILL BE WEIGHED IN AT FAIR UNLESS THE BRAND CERTIFICATE IS IN HAND WHEN COMING TO THE SCALES.
6. At initial nominations, there will be no limit on the number of animals nominated. However, due to space limitations, only 2 market animals per exhibitor for goats, sheep, swine, and beef can be brought to and exhibited at Fair.
7. Exhibitors MUST have met all their individual county requirements in order to participate in the Colorado State Fair. This includes all of the county specific nomination procedures.

READ ON....



**FAMILY NOMINATION INFORMATION
ON THE NEXT PAGE!**

FAMILY ANIMAL NOMINATIONS

(LARGE ANIMALS ONLY)

Family nominations of Jr. Market Livestock will be accepted. At the time of nominations, all exhibitors may “family nominate” all animals according to the following guidelines:

1. The exhibitors must legally reside in the same household and are siblings, step-siblings, or legally adopted.
2. The exhibitors must all permanently reside in the same county.
3. The livestock must be in continuous care of the exhibitors residing in the same residence.
4. Livestock must not be sold or transferred out of the exhibitor’s custody at any time after the nomination process is complete.
5. The individual who will be showing the family nominated animal MUST be declared at the time of pre-entry. An animal can only be entered by one exhibitor, or the entry is considered invalid and the animal is not eligible to show.

At initial nominations, there will be no limit on the number of animals nominated. However, because of space limitations, only 2 market animals per exhibitor for goats, sheep, swine and beef and be brought to and exhibited at Fair.

Entry procedure:

- The Delta County Fair pre-entry deadline is **June 20, 2025**. Animals being entered must have an official nomination on file to be eligible.
- Siblings may nominate the same animal but may NOT pre-enter the same animal.
- At the time of pre-entry, the final exhibitor decision must be made. Animals found to be double entered (one animal in multiple exhibitors names) will be considered an invalid entry.
- The exhibitor entering the animal must have cared for the animal daily from the time of nomination.
- Animals nominated, but not officially entered, will not be eligible to show.



Delta County Bred & Fed Producer & Delta County Bred & Fed Youth Producer Program Information

Delta County Bred & Fed Producer Information

- ONE time registration - deltacountybredandfed.com
 - ~ Please update *only* if information has changed. Otherwise its a one and done
- Reasons to register:
 - ~ Listed in producer directory online and in printed version available in various Delta County locations

Delta County Fair Bred and Fed Classes

- Delta County Fair (DCF) exhibitors need to complete the yearly DCF affidavit to show at the DCF in bred and fed classes
- Registration complete on Fair entries
- Steers need brand papers (brand from Delta County)
- Sheep and goats need scrapie tag (scrapie tag from Delta County)
- Swine need ear notches

Delta County Bred and Fed Youth Producer Program

- Yearly enrollment through Delta County Bred & Fed (DCBF) website - deltacountybredandfed.com
- Declare enrollment in DCBF program on Fair entry forms
- Reasons for additional enrollment through DCBF website:
 - ~ Youth producer spotlight (required component)
 - ~ Information regarding what species for youth producer
 - ~ Eligibility to receive Youth Producer grants
 - ~ Option to compete in the Youth Producer class at the June Classic Jackpot
 - ~ Possible educational opportunities (new in 2025)



April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Delta 4-H Executive Council, 7PM	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22 MQA/PQA Class Montrose Fairgrounds 6:30 PM Earth Day 	23 MQA/PQA Class Delta Fairgrounds 6:30 PM Administrative Professionals Day	24 MQA/PQA Class Mesa Fairgrounds 6:30 PM	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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Important Upcoming Dates!

- Apr 14 - Delta Executive Council, Delta
- Apr 22 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Montrose County
- Apr 23 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Delta County
- Apr 24 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Mesa County
- May 1 - TRA Enrollment deadline. Last day to make project additions and deletions.
 All info is due by 4:30 PM on May 1st.
- May 1 - Horse and Dog ID's need to be uploaded into 4-HOnline by 4:30 PM
- May 2 - Delta Swine tag pick-up, 4-H office, 1-4 PM
- May 3 - Delta Sheep & Goat weigh-in/tag pick up, Delta Fairgrounds, 9-11 AM
- May 9 - All sheep/goat/swine nominations are due, 4:30 PM
- May 12 - Delta County 4-H Council, 7PM
- May 26 - Memorial Day, Offices Closed

All dates in this calendar are tentative and subject to change.