

March 2025



# DELTA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## DELTA COUNTY 4-H BEEF ROAST and SILENT AUCTION to benefit Delta County 4-H SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

12:00-3:00 PM

North Fork High School  
& Delta Middle School



## 2025 Beef Roast Club Ticket Sales Contest!

Club contest prizes are a club pizza party, \$75.00 and \$50.00 for the clubs who sell the most tickets! A pizza party will be sponsored by the Delta 4-H Office for the overall winning club! Join in the fun, sell tickets like crazy and let us feed your club some delicious pizza!

## 2025 Beef Roast Member Ticket Sales Contest!

Prizes for the member contest:

### Junior Division (ages 8-13)

1st place: \$100

2nd place: \$75

3rd place: \$50

### Senior Division (ages 14 and up)

1st place: \$100

2nd place: \$75

3rd place: \$50



# DELTA COUNTY 4-H

## BEEF ROAST

March 9, 2025

12:00-3:00 PM



Delta Middle School & North Fork High School

Adult tickets - \$15

Children - \$10  
12 & under

Join us for Beef and/or Pork, potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, vegetable, cheesecake, and a beverage.

Join us March  
9th for some  
delicious food!

For more info  
call the office -  
970.874.2195

**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>

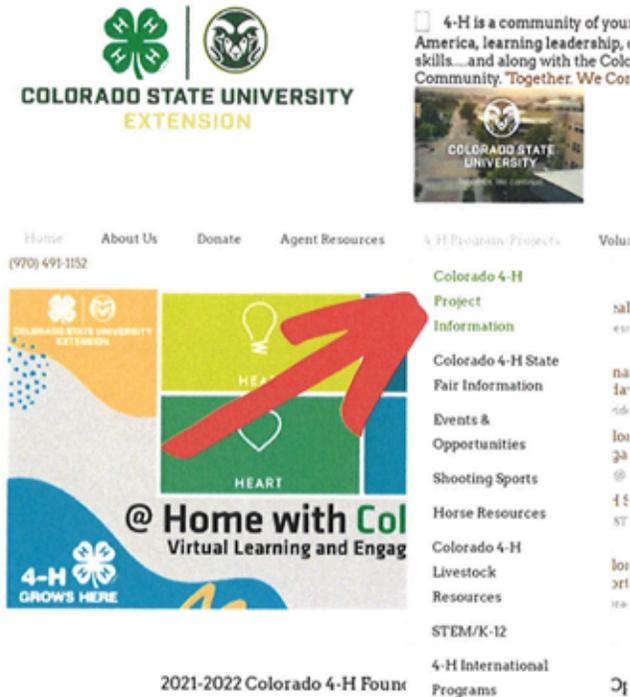
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## **Record Book Policy**

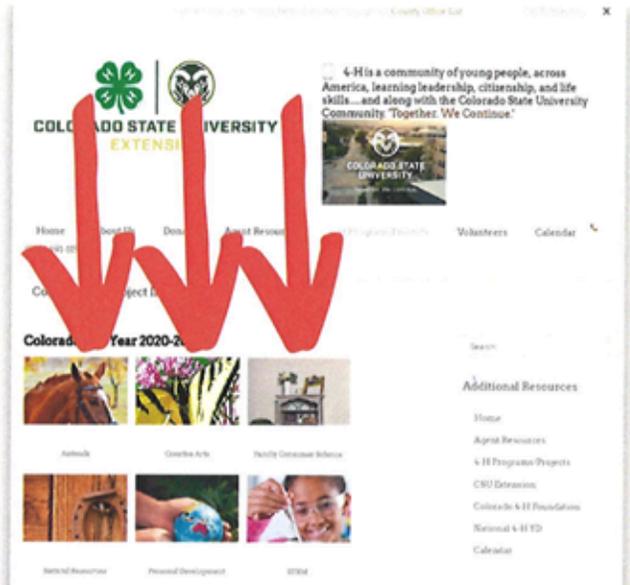
All Delta County 4-H members with general projects (those that are displayed in the Exhibit Hall) who do NOT bring an exhibit to the 2025 Delta County Fair will be required to turn their record books in in September on the same date that the livestock, horse, dog and shooting sports record books are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

# Record Books- Where to find them:

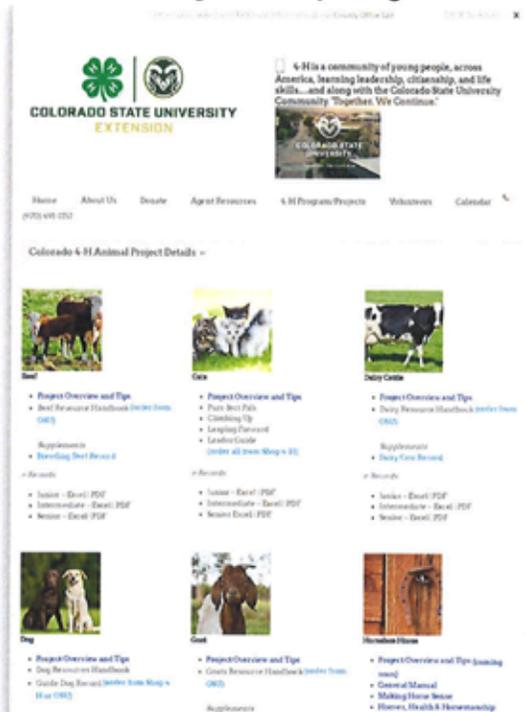
1. Go to Colorado 4-H Website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/>
2. Hover over the 4-H Programs/Projects Tab
3. Click on Colorado 4-H Project Information



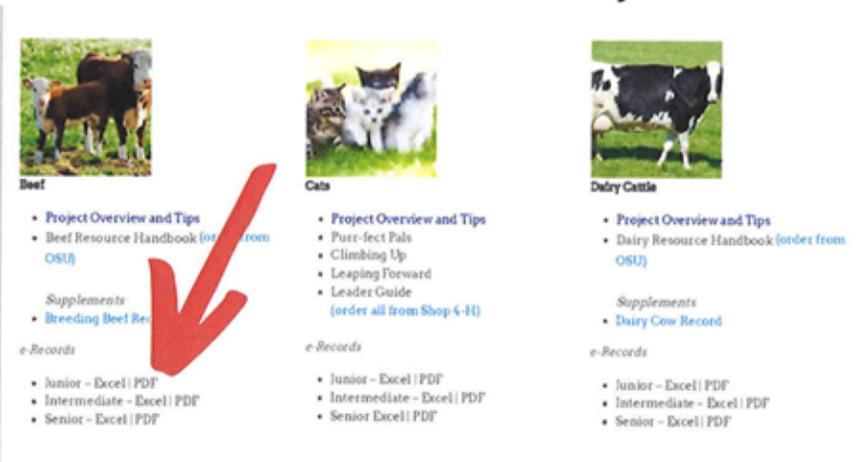
4. Select your project parent area



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.

# 2025 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.*



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



**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 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](http://www.colorado.gov/AG)

Or the USDA website:

[www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health)

or

[www.eradicatescrapie.org](http://www.eradicatescrapie.org)



# 2025 STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

Please see the dates below for the upcoming leader trainings. The disciplines offered at each training are also listed below. 4-H volunteers must be approved, enrolled and active in 4HOnline prior to registering for the trainings. Background checks are 2-4 weeks behind. DO NOT delay the volunteer enrollment or re-enrollment process. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** for any of the scheduled trainings. Volunteers must be present for the entire training to receive their certificate.

**Garfield County - March 28-30** (all disciplines)  
Registration opens: 2/14/25 Closes: 3/14/25



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## 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.

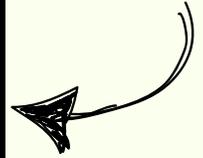
In summary, all 4-H members must attend the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training once as a Junior (13 and under) and once as a Senior (14 and over). You may attend training in another county if you cannot make the date scheduled in your county. **Be sure to sign in when you arrive**, this way we have 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.



# 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.

## DISTRICT 10 RETREAT

### THE POWER OF TEAMWORK

APRIL 5, 2025

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

FRIENDSHIP HALL, MONTROSE



**LUNCH PROVIDED**  
**Workshops**  
**Community Service**  
**Bounce Houses**  
**Games**



**Must pre-register to attend!**



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>: 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](http://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](http://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)



# March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 State Scholarships Close
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Delta County 4-H Beef Roast 12:00-3:00 NFHS & DMS 	10	11	12	14	14	15
16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18	19	20 Ag Day, Montrose 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Shooting Sports Leader Training, Garfield County, 28-30	29
30	31					

# Silent Auction



## at the 2025 Delta County 4-H Beef Roast

**(both locations!)**

This Silent Auction will benefit our local 4-H program! All proceeds will help us sponsor our members who want to attend workshops, trainings & events. Join us for a delicious meal and place your bid on some of our awesome items!

**Bidding starts at Noon on March 9th and ends at 3:00 PM that same day. Silent auction tables will be set up at both serving locations, North Fork High School and Delta Middle School. You need not be present to win.**

## Important Upcoming Dates!

- Mar 9 - Delta County 4-H Beef Roast, DMS & HHS, 12PM-3PM
- Mar 10 - Delta 4-H Council, 7PM
- Mar 28 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Garfield County, 28-30
- 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 - Enrollment and Project Add/Drop Deadline, 4:30 PM
- May 1 - Horse and Dog ID uploads due in 4-HOnline, 4:30 PM
- May 2 - Swine Tag Pickup, Delta 4-H Office, 1:00-4:00 PM
- May 3 - Sheep/Goat weigh-in/tag pick up, Delta Fairgrounds, 9-11 AM
- May 9 - Sheep/Goat/Swine nominations due, 4:30 PM

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

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