

# DELTA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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You may ask yourself: "What are 4-H members?" We say - "THAT is an excellent question!" Here is the answer:

4-H members are brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, cousins, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, classmates and friends. 4-H members are budding scientists, seamstresses, leather workers, gardeners, welders, dog trainers, cake decorators, cultural explorers, bakers, bug collectors, and animal lovers - just to mention a few. They are athletes, scholars, entrepreneurs, musicians, and artists. They are young people who are active in their communities and schools through leadership and community service. 4-H members are kids who live on farms or ranches, in small towns, suburbs and big cities. To be honest - 4-H members are so many different things we can list only a few! In the end we are proud to say that, in a nutshell, 4-H members are the future. They are the pride of today and the hope of tomorrow.

Sound good? How about joining in the fun?  
It can't hurt to take some time to connect  
with the future - join 4-H today!





# 4-H BEEF ROAST TICKET SALES REQUIREMENT!



The Delta County 4-H Beef Roast will be held on March 8th. This event is a tradition in Delta County and we are excited to offer it. People throughout the county look forward to this meal with much anticipation. In addition, the community interaction with our 4-H members and families is critical to the success of our 4-H program.

Part of the success of this event lies with our 4-H members selling tickets to this event. It is the only fundraiser that Delta County 4-H holds and, because of this, it is a requirement of the program that our members sell tickets. This is not a new requirement. The 4-H program is designed to instill a sense of responsibility and team building. Ticket sales to this event are the responsibility of our 4-H members. The entire “team” needs to work together. **ALL** Delta County 4-H members **MUST** sell a minimum of **5 tickets** for this event.

The proceeds from this event are used for the following events and activities - as you can see, the sales of tickets benefit the majority of people that participate in the Delta County 4-H Program:

- Helping members pay to participate in trips held both in Delta County and throughout the state (i.e. State Conference, Leadership Development Conference, Youth Fest, TRA Exchange Trip and many more).
- Cloverbud Camp
- Livestock Field Days
- Meat Quality Assurance Trainings
- Achievement Awards
- District 10 Retreat
- Leadership Development for both members and leaders
- Club Organizational Leader Dinner
- Shooting Sports meetings and events

Members can be rewarded for selling tickets! There are a couple of contests (listed on the following page) that members who sell tickets are automatically a part of. Please give these articles a peek!

The Delta County 4-H Program looks forward to a great Beef Roast in March. We thank you in advance for your ticket sales. For more information on how to get your tickets, please contact us at 970-874-2195.



## 2026 Beef Roast Club

### Ticket Sales Contest!

Club contest prizes are 1st place: a club pizza party, 2nd place: \$75.00 and 3rd place: \$50.00 for the clubs who sell the most tickets! Join in the fun, sell tickets like crazy and let us feed your club some delicious pizza!

## 2026 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

## Club Organizational Leaders: Have YOU Enrolled??

Don't forget! All club organizational and co-organizational leaders need to enroll/re-enroll ASAP. This will keep you in the loop for emails and other information both you and your club during the upcoming 4-H year.



## ~ **BEEF ROAST INFORMATION** ~

**ATTENTION 4-H CLUBS AND CLUB MEMBERS**

**All checks for the purchase of Beef Roast tickets need to be made payable to the:**

**Delta County 4-H Council**

**Please DO NOT accept checks made out to your club, your family, or the Delta Extension Fund.**

# Enrollment is Open!

## Important Things to Know:



- Home website address - [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
- Easy interface with mobile phones
- Beginning this 4-H year the late fee for re-enrollments is **\$50.00**. This means that you must have enrolled online and have your fees paid to the Delta 4-H office by 4:30 PM on Monday, January 30, 2026
- Enrollment fees are: \$50 for the first two projects, \$5 for each additional project and \$30 for Cloverbuds (no late fee for Cloverbuds)
- We do not accept credit cards. We do take cash or checks made payable to: Delta Extension Fund
- When enrolling - once you get to the payment screen - don't forget to click **NEXT** until you get to the **SUBMIT** button. Then click submit! You will make your payment at the Delta 4-H Office, however we can't enroll you without you actually submitting your enrollment.
- Enrollment fee invoices may not reflect actual cost if taking more than 2 projects. Call the Extension office for the exact total
- Please know that you are not actively enrolled in the Delta County 4-H Program until you have registered online and paid your fees. Our office hours are 7:30-11:30 and 12:30-4:30, Monday through Friday or you can mail payment to: CSU Extension, 525 Dodge Street, Delta CO 81416. Late fee for returning members (after January 30th) is \$50.00
- May 1st is enrollment deadline and is also the last day to change any projects
- If you are planning on changing clubs - please contact your new club leader to let them know that you are interested in moving to their club. Let your prior club leader know you plan to switch clubs as well





# Delta County 4-H

## New Families

# JOIN TODAY!

### New Families

Look over the list of clubs. Contact the club leader to make sure you can enroll in their club before enrolling. You also need to decide which projects your child is interested in participating in.

### New Families

Before you start to enroll online read the How to Enroll information sheet carefully.

### New Families

Helpful Hint: throughout the enrollment process, look for the **BLUE BUTTONS** (*NEXT AND FINISH*) to proceed, and then the **GREEN BUTTON** (*SUBMIT*) to complete and submit your online enrollment. You cannot pay online, however you must go through the *Next, Finish, Submit* part of the process to submit your enrollment.

### New Families

After you have enrolled online, and paid your enrollment fees at the office, you will receive a follow up email confirming your enrollment.

### Look for these buttons:

**NEXT**

**FINISH**

**SUBMIT**

Enrollment ends  
May 1, 2026

Payment for enrollment is  
cash or check only. Checks  
made payable to:  
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deadline is January  
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\$50.00 late fee.

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If you are in shooting sports,  
please upload a copy of your hunter  
safety card!

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# LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

## ALL SPECIES – ONE BOOK!

Again 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 way of filling out livestock record books will be for all 4-H'ers in the Tri River Area. Please watch your emails and future newsletters for the details on the correct way to do this and upcoming trainings.

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)



# Save the Date!



## Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

- March 13-15, 2026: Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion) \*Orion training - Please watch for information in the coming months.
- March 20-22, 2026: Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- March 27-29, 2026: Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage)

Reminder: All volunteers must be enrolled and approved before they can register for the training.

Registration information will be available in January

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.



# COLORADO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN!

[co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/](http://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/)



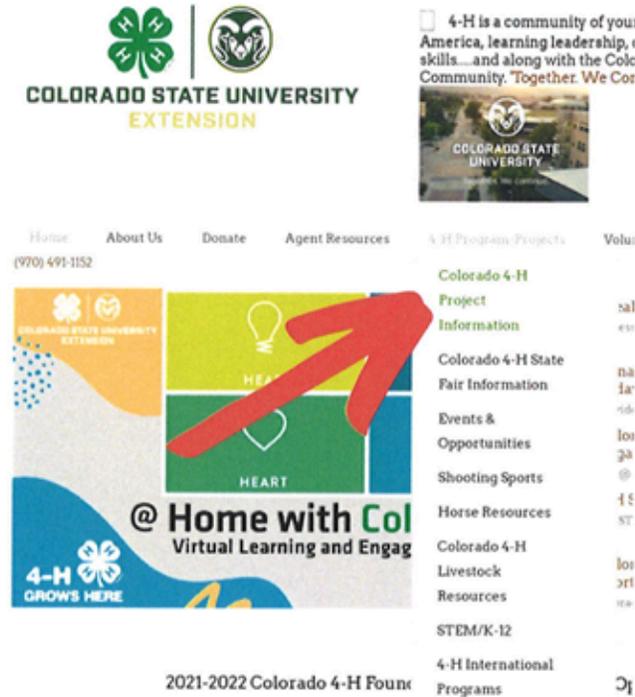
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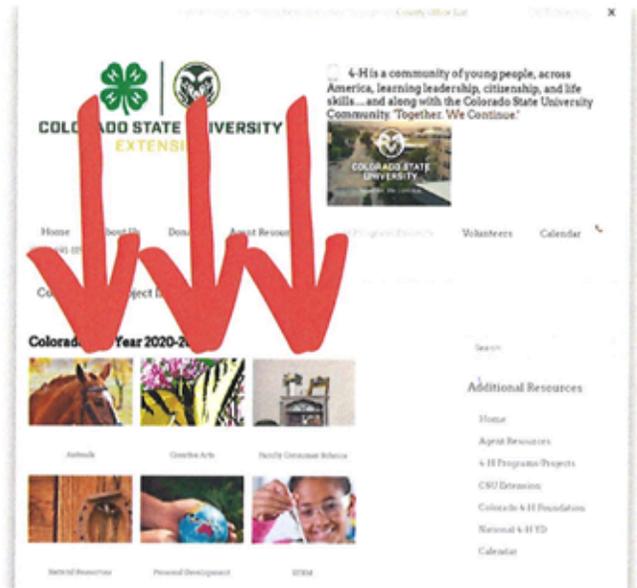
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# Record Books- Where to find them:

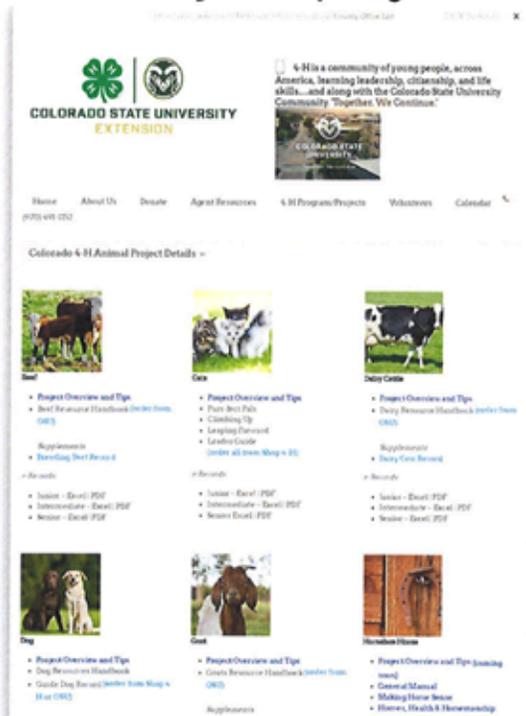
1. Go to Colorado 4-H Website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/>
2. Hover over the 4-H Programs/Projects Tab
3. Click on Colorado 4-H Project Information



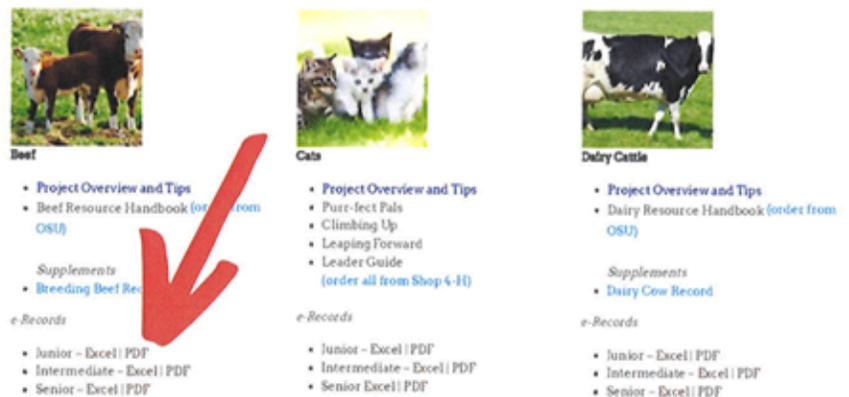
4. Select your project parent area



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.

Hey you!  
Get a  
moovve on!



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Beef enrollments will not be  
accepted after this date!

**All 4-H beef project enrollments  
(both breeding and market)  
must be entered into 4-HOnline  
and enrollment fees paid to the  
Delta County 4-H Office by  
Friday, January 30th at 4:30 PM**

## CHANGING CLUBS?

If you are planning to transfer to another club, please do the following:

1. Call your current Organizational Leader to let them know you will be transferring clubs.
2. Contact your new Organizational Leader and make sure they are aware that you are going to join their club.
3. Call the Extension Office at 970-874-2195 and let us know of the change.

## ENROLLMENT PAYMENT

## FACTS

Please note that the Delta County 4-H Office cannot accept credit cards. This means all payments for enrollments must be made with either cash or check. All checks should be made payable to:

Delta Extension Fund

Thank you!

# REMINDER

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You will make your payment at the Delta 4-H Office, however we can't enroll you without you actually submitting your enrollment.



## Market Animal Uploads

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

### **Market Beef -**

4:30 PM - February 13, 2026

### **Market Sheep, Goats and Swine -**

4:30 PM - May 8, 2026

Please remember that nomination information uploads include your brand inspections (for beef), 4 photos of your animal (member must be included in one photo), and the new Animal Care and Housing Form.

Checks for enrollments must be made out to:

### **Delta Extension Fund**

Be sure to double check all checks for enrollment fees to make sure they are made out correctly.

## Market Beef



***They ain't got a thing if they ain't got that bling!***

### TAG-IN DATE

Feb 7 - 1:00-3:00 PM,  
Delta County Fairgrounds

### TAG CHECK OUT DATE

Feb 7 - 1:00-3:00 PM,  
Delta County Fairgrounds

More critical information on the next page of this newsletter!

# 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 26, 2026. 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.





# 2026 Calving Clinic

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the Pioneer Room at Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fair Grounds

The 2026 Calving Season Clinic is ideal for cow-calf producers, ranch managers, and anyone involved in calving operations who wants to strengthen their knowledge, improve outcomes, and prepare for a successful calving season.



9:00am to 3:00pm

Cost is \$25 with Lunch Provided

Register Here

### For More INFO:

Delta CSU Extension Office 970-874-2195

Montrose CSU Extension Office 970-249-3935



[www.eventbrite.com/2026-calving-clinic-tickets](https://www.eventbrite.com/2026-calving-clinic-tickets)



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# 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.



## Meat Quality Assurance Information

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, 2025), will be required to attend the training.
- Everyone enrolled in a 4-H livestock project must sign the Tri River Area 4-H Commitment to Excellence.

In summary, all 4-H members must attend the Wholesome Meat 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 a record of your attendance. Attendance at a MQA Class will fulfill swine members Pork Quality Assurance Training requirements. Below is a list of dates for these trainings:

- April 21 – Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Mesa County Fairgrounds
- April 22 – Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds
- April 23 – Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Montrose County Fairgrounds

# 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)





**DELTA COUNTY BRED & FED  
YOUTH PRODUCER  
PROGRAM 2026**

Supporting future Delta County livestock producers by awarding grants to Sheep, Goat, Beef and Swine youth producers to assist in the advancement and growth of their herds.

Register at [deltacountybredandfed.com](http://deltacountybredandfed.com)

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES MAY 15TH!**



## Delta County Ag Day

Presented by Delta Cattlewomen and  
Delta County Bred & Fed, Inc.



Celebrate Delta County Ag Day with a free burger from Delta Cattlewomen and dessert from the DCBF Youth Producer Program. Donations are welcome and appreciated.



**March 28, 2026**

**Sisson's Feed & Ranch**

639 Main Street, Delta, CO 81416

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM or until the food is gone.**



# February 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Delta County Beef weigh-in and tag hand out, Delta Fairgrounds, 1-3 PM
8	9 Delta 4-H Council, 7PM	10	11	12	13 Delta Beef upload deadline, 4:30 PM	14  Happy Valentine's Day
15	16  Office Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						



## Who Can Join 4-H?

4-H is for boys and girls who are between the ages of 8 and 18 as of December 31, 2025. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is a non-competitive program offered to children ages 5-7, as of December 31, 2025.

The 4-H program is open to everyone regardless of race, religion, color, gender or place of residence.



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## Important Upcoming Dates!

- Jan 30 - Re-enrollment deadline to avoid \$50 late fee. 4:30PM
- Feb 7 - Delta beef weigh/tag-in and tag hand out, 1-3 PM, Delta County Fairgrounds
- Feb 13 - Beef Upload Info deadline, 4:30 PM
- Feb 16 - Presidents Day, Office Closed
- Mar 8 - Delta County 4-H Beef Roast, DMS & NFHS, 12PM-3PM
- Mar 9 - Delta 4-H Council, 7PM
- Mar 27 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Garfield County, 27-29
- Apr 13 - 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

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



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