



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 8, 2026

12:00-3:00 PM

North Fork High School
& Delta Middle School



2026 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!

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



DELTA COUNTY 4-H

BEEF ROAST

March 8, 2026

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
8th for some
delicious food!*

*For more info
call the office -
970.874.2195*

2026 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 27-29 (all disciplines)

Registration opens: 2/13/26 Closes: 3/13/26



Beyond Ready

YouthFest
\$115 per person
Ages 11-13

2026

A WHIRLWIND OF POSSIBILITIES

Harnessing Our Potential

March 27-29, 2026
**Colorado State Fairgrounds,
Pueblo, Colorado**

COLORADO YOUTH FEST

Registration now open in
4-HOnline!

- 4-H Youth Participants
(ages 11-13) - \$115
- 4-H Youth Counselors
(ages 14+) - \$60
- 4-H Volunteers - \$115

Hurry! Space is limited!
Deadline - March 18th

No refunds will be given
after the March 18th
deadline.



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

2025 Horse & Dog Identification Due Date

The due date for BOTH Horse Identifications and Dog Identifications is May 1, 2026. 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, 2026.

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 2026 Delta County Fair.

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, 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 20** - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Mesa County Fairgrounds
- **April 21** - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds
- **April 22** - Meat Quality Assurance Class, **6:00 PM**, Montrose County Fairgrounds

 Updated dates
and times!

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 2026 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 2026 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.

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

Or the USDA website:

www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health

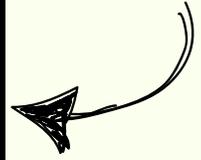
or

www.eradicatescrapie.org





**See
These
Ears??**



**They
need
some
bling!!**

**Ear tag hand out for
Swine**
will be held
**Saturday,
May 2nd from
9:00 - 11:00 AM at
the Delta County
Fairgrounds**

Sheep & Goat
weigh-in/tag pick up will
be at the Livestock
Office on the
Fairgrounds on May 2nd
from 9:00-11:00 AM.

**Cost is
\$7.00 per tag.**

**Nomination
deadline for
all 3 species is
4:30 PM
on May 8, 2026.**



ATTENTION SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS!

ALL market swine must
be **ear notched AND
tagged** by May 8,
2026. 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.

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 8, 2026

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.



MANDATORY SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBER MEETING



There will be a MANDATORY meeting for ALL shooting sports project members on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta.



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 19, 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.



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)



March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Delta County 4-H Beef Roast 12:00-3:00 NFHS & DMS Daylight Saving Time 	9	10	11 Mandatory Shooting Sports Member Meeting, 6:30 PM, Bill Heddles Rec Center	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Shooting Sports Leader Training, Garfield County, 27-29	28
29	30	31				

Silent Auction



at the 2026 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 as well as scholarships for our high school seniors. Join us for a delicious meal and place your bid on some of our awesome items!

Bidding starts at Noon on March 8th 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 8 - Delta County 4-H Beef Roast, DMS & HHS, 12PM-3PM
- Mar 11 - Mandatory Shooting Sports member meeting, 6:30 PM
- Mar 27 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, Garfield County, 27-29
- Apr 13 - Delta Council, Delta. 6:30 PM
- Apr 20 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Mesa County
- Apr 21 - MQA Workshop, 6:30 PM, Delta County
- Apr 22 - MQA Workshop, 6:00 PM, Montrose 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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