

# DELTA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

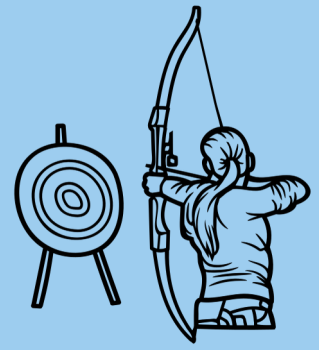


**Take a  
peek  
inside  
for the  
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info  
you  
need to  
know  
about  
the  
Delta  
County  
Fair!**

## 4-H Fair Schedule

- July 16 - Shooting Sports Event, 4-H Range, Eckert, 8AM (Archery, Muzzleloading, Shotgun)
- July 18 - Shooting Sports Event, 4-H Range, Eckert, 8AM (Western Heritage, Pistol, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle)
- July 30 - 4-H Horse Written Test, Heritage Hall, 7PM
- July 31 - 4-H Exhibit Hall Judging & Interviews, Heritage Hall, 9AM  
4-H Shooting Sports Premier Exhibitor Interviews, Heritage Hall, 9AM
- Aug 2 - 4-H English & Western Horse Show, Event Center, 8AM
- Aug 3 - Rabbit Check-in and Weigh-in, Small Animal Barn, 5-7PM
- Aug 4 - Swine Weigh-in, Livestock Barn, 7-9AM  
Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, Livestock Barn, 9-11AM  
Beef Weigh-in, Livestock Barn, 11AM-12PM  
Rabbit Show, Small Animal Barn, 3PM  
Dog Show, Event Center, 4PM  
Poultry Check-in and Weigh-in, Small Animal Barn, 5-7PM
- Aug 5 - Goat Show, Event Center, 9AM  
Sheep Show, Event Center, 3PM
- Aug 6 - Swine Show, Event Center, 8AM  
Poultry Show, Small Animal Barn, 1PM
- Aug 7 - Beef Show, Event Center, 10AM
- Aug 8 - Junior Market Livestock Sale, Event Center, 1PM
- Aug 9 - Barn Clean up & Exhibits Released, 8AM-12PM

# Delta County Fair Shoot



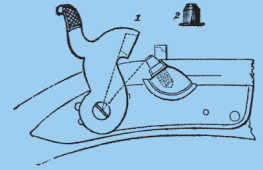
The 2026 Delta County Fair Shoot is scheduled for Thursday, July 16 and Saturday July 18, at the 4-H Shooting Range in Eckert. All shooting sports shooting events will be conducted this day. Shooting Sports members must bring their green practice sheets to this event.



July 16 - Archery, Muzzleloading, Shotgun

July 18 - Western Heritage, Pistol, .22 Caliber Rifle, Air Rifle

Shooting Sports project members will need to turn their record books in to the Delta 4-H office by 4:30 PM on September 4, 2026.



**DELTA COUNTY FAIR**  
*Fun for all ages!*

We have so many departments where you can display your creativity!

- Agriculture - Art
- Ceramics / Pottery - Crafts
- Fiber Arts - Flowers
- Horticulture
- Needlework / Quilts
- Pantry Store - Photography

Entries will be accepted at Heritage Hall on Tuesday, August 4th between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM



# CAMPING AT THE FAIR



## Wristbands Required

ALL persons camping on the Fairgrounds during the Delta County Fair are required to purchase a wristband.

During event times no one will be allowed to enter by vehicle through the back gate by Heritage Hall without a wristband on every person in the vehicle. Please remember on event nights to feed your animals early! Persons who want to feed their animals after event parking has started (usually 1 1/2 hours prior to the event) will be required to transport their feed by wheelbarrow or other non-motorized means.

Wristband prices are \$30 for everyone ages 6 and up.

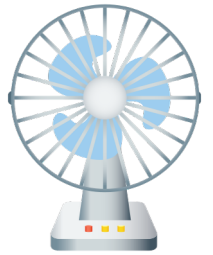
4-H/FFA families wishing to camp on the Delta County fairgrounds during the Delta County Fair may do so. Camper spaces by Heritage Hall and the park are reserved for Fairboard members only. Families that want to camp behind the Event Center or in the trees behind the beef tie outs by the river are welcome to do so. It is a first come, first served camping area. Please note that families camping at the fairgrounds MUST purchase a wristband for each family member above the age of 5 staying at the fairgrounds. Wristband prices are \$30 for everyone ages 5 and up.

Camping rules:

1. Camping either on or behind the fairgrounds is not free. Every person staying in a camper is required to purchase an all-inclusive wristband that will allow entrance into all events.
2. No open fires allowed, no alcohol allowed, no dogs allowed.
3. No generators allowed after 10:00 PM.
4. Please contact Ryan Bates at 970-874-2199 to obtain a camping pass. The pass must be displayed in a conspicuous place. Please contact Ryan with any questions.
5. Failure to obey these regulations could result in the camper(s) being asked to leave or have their vehicle/camper removed from the fairgrounds.

# ***Animals Need Cool Shelter & Clear Water!***

Our outdoor temperature is rising - which means your animal(s) need cool shelter and clear water. Any good shelter is one that provides shade and also air movement. Sometimes a simple \$10 fan from a store is all you need to make an environment more suitable for your animal. The other important item is cool water. Many of you may have heard about the difference between a black bucket and a silver bucket. In the summer, a black bucket will heat up the water to the point where an animal will not drink it - even when they need it most! A silver bucket is more acceptable because it reflects the sun and keeps the water cool. Again, make sure the water is clean. Take a look, if you would not take a drink out of it then it is time to clean it. These are a couple of easy ways to make the summer more enjoyable for your animals.



## **LET'S KEEP OUR FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN!**

It is extremely important that we leave the fairgrounds in good shape and, if possible, better than they were when we got there. If we all work together we can all keep our fairgrounds looking great!



**FOR A COMPLETE LISTING  
OF DELTA COUNTY FAIR  
RULES AND REGULATIONS,  
AS WELL AS CLASSES AND  
DEADLINES - PLEASE SEE  
THE 2026 DELTA COUNTY  
FAIRBOOK.**

# What Are Your Exhibit Requirements for Fair?

Wondering just what you are required to bring with your 4-H Exhibit Hall project to the Delta County Fair? Go to the following link and find your project:

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

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## DELTA COUNTY RECORD BOOK DUE DATE

Record books for the following members/projects are due by 4:30 PM on September 4, 2026:

- 4-H Livestock, Horse & Dog record books
- 4-H Exhibit Hall record books for projects that were not exhibited at Fair
- 4-H Shooting Sports record books

Members who have projects in the above listed categories that do not turn in a record book will not be allowed to enroll in that project next year.

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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 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 their record book(s) will not be allowed to participate in those project(s) the following 4-H year.

# NO NEWSLETTER!

There will be no Delta County 4-H Newsletter during the month of August. Delta County 4-H News will be back in September!



## It's Our Fair - Let's All Help Out!

There are a number of major tasks that need extra hands during the County Fair:

- Volunteers to help with the horse show are always needed.
- Monday - families will be allowed to start setting up livestock pens after 5:00 PM.
- Thursday - The pig show in and of itself always requires extra help.
- Friday - setting up the sale ring in the evening before the sale is a major task.

The Delta County Fair is one of the biggest and best community events of the year. One of the main reasons it brings so much satisfaction to our community is precisely because it's run by volunteers. Like all good things worth doing, it requires a lot of work. Everyone that brings projects to the fair are most likely aware of who the superintendents are for their particular events. We ask that you get in touch with your superintendent(s) to volunteer your time to help with whatever tasks need to be done. IT'S OUR FAIR, LET'S ALL HELP OUT!!!



# HOW TO GET YOUR FAIR SALE CHECK...



The Market Livestock Sale Committee is requiring both 4-H and FFA members who sell animals at the Delta County Fair to write thank-you notes to their buyers in order to receive payment for their animals. Here are the details:

- Members are required to write a thank-you note to their buyer(s) and provide an addressed and stamped envelope for each thank-you written.
- Members can deliver thank-you notes to the Delta Office. Please watch your email for information regarding an alternative drop off date in the North Fork.
- If you choose to mail your thank-you to the Extension Office, another stamped envelope must be enclosed for mailing to the buyer.
- Neither the Delta Extension Office nor the Delta County Fairboard sell postage. Be sure to have postage on your thank-you prior to turning it in.
- If your check needs to be replaced for any reason you will be charged \$50.
- ALL thank you's must be turned in by 4:30 PM on September 4, 2026.



## COUNTY FAIR INTERVIEW JUDGING DATE!

Members with 4-H general projects (the projects that are exhibited in HeritageHall during the County Fair) need to be aware of the day and date for Interview Judging. Interview Judging will be held Friday, July 31st 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 July. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.





# IMPORTANT FAIR DATES AND OTHER DATES & DEADLINES

An important part of 4-H is being responsible. Meeting set deadlines is a part of that responsibility. Some important deadlines are listed below:

- **July 16, 2026** - Delta County Fair Shoot, 8:00 AM, Eckert Range (shotgun, muzzleloading, air rifle)
- **July 18, 2026** - Delta County Fair Shoot, 8:00 AM, Eckert Range (archery, .22 pistol, .22 rifle, Western Heritage)
- **July 17, 2026** - Dog project record books due to Extension Office by 4:30 PM
- **July 31, 2026** - Interview judging for 4-H General Project Exhibits and Shooting Sports Premier Exhibitor Contest participants. Interviews begin at 9:00 AM at Heritage Hall on the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss
- **Aug 3 thru Aug 9, 2026** - Delta County Fair, Hotchkiss CO
- **Sept 4, 2026** - ALL 4-H livestock, horse, dog and shooting sports record books due by 4:30 PM at the Delta 4-H Office. 4-H general project record books for those members who DID NOT exhibit at the county fair are due at this date and time as well

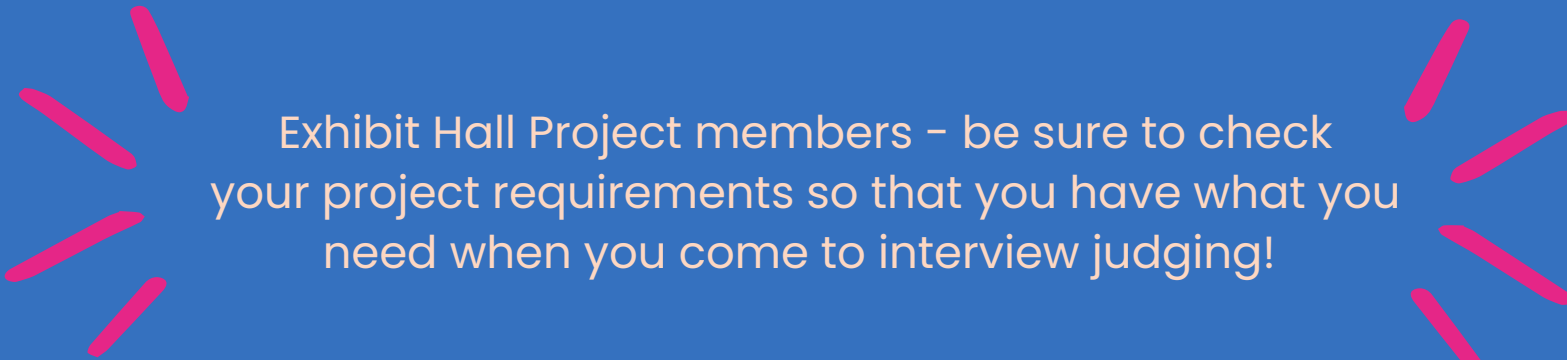


Exhibit Hall Project members - be sure to check your project requirements so that you have what you need when you come to interview judging!

# Hey Exhibit Hall Project Members!!!

Here are the specifications for those of you who will be exhibiting a display board!

## Display Board Guidelines for State Fair 4-H Exhibits

Display boards are a great way to share information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each display board. Make your board stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way. (4-H specialists/coordinators will print and attach a FairEntry display card to each exhibit.)



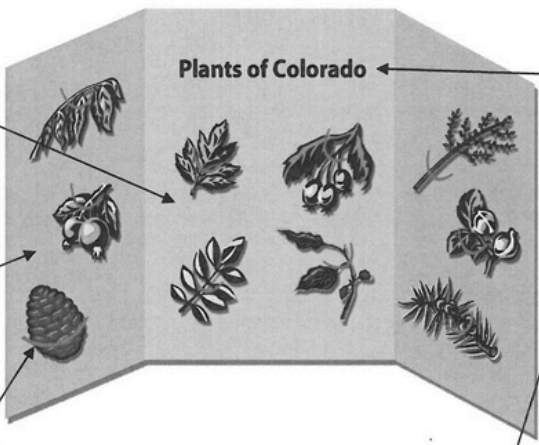
Follow these guidelines to create a display board for the state fair.

4'

**SHAPE**  
Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have one large surface, and two smaller side wings.

**SPACE**  
Your display should only discuss one main topic. This will help it look neat and uncrowded.

**ATTACHMENTS**  
Make sure pictures and objects are securely attached to the board. Use glue for pictures and paper, and consider wires, zip ties, or staples to attach bulkier items. **No sharp points please! Make sure they are taped over.** Do not attach items that are so heavy that your board can't stand or fold.



3'

**TEXT**  
Make sure that all the text on your display is easy to read. Use a large font for the title, and smaller fonts for the headings and body text. Text must be readable from 3-5 feet away. Use large bold letters. Dark letters on a light background works best.

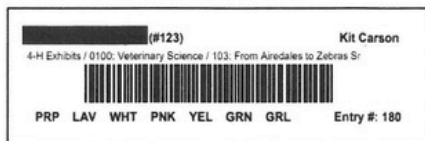
**SIZE**  
Display boards for the state fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.

### DISPLAY BOOKS

Your e-Record book should accompany your board. You may use 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. You may not use slider-type binders.

Please place a label printed from FairEntry with the following information in the upper right-hand corner of the front cover: Name, County, Project Area, Class, 4-H Age Division.

See example:



For more information go to this link for indoor projects:

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

# WEIGH-IN TRAFFIC

When bringing ALL animals to the fair, we will be following the same traffic pattern as in the past. You will go around behind the rodeo grounds, stop for a vet check, and then come along the Northwest side of the Event Center. Beef will be unloaded at the South end of the Event Center. Hogs, poultry, rabbits, and chickens will be unloaded by the alley between the Event Center and the old barn. Sheep and goats will be unloaded on the Northwest side of the old barn. ALL TRAILERS will then exit along the side of the old barn and go back to the trailer parking area behind the Event Center. When unloading, all trailers are expected to be pulled out of the designated traffic flow lanes. Each 4-H Club or FFA Chapter will be allowed to park one trailer for feed and supplies in the designated parking areas near the livestock barn.

**Please be aware that if you miss the assigned fair weigh-in time for your species you WILL NOT be allowed to weigh-in and therefore will not be able to show at the Delta County Fair.**



**VETERINARY  
SERVICES  
AT FAIR**

Attention 4-H and FFA members! In the event that you have an animal at the fair that requires the services of a veterinarian, you will need to contact him/her yourself and cover the expenses as needed. If necessary, the livestock office will be available for you to make your emergency phone call and the superintendents will assist as best they can, but any service rendered to your animal by your veterinarian will be your responsibility to cover.

# 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.



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER



Every animal that is sold at the Junior Market Livestock Sale (JMLS) is henceforth owned by the buyer. The buyer may opt to have the animal processed, put on the buy-back list, take the animal home, or give the animal back to the exhibitor. Any further sales or transactions involving the animal must occur off the fairgrounds after completion of the fair. NO animal sold at the JMLS can be exhibited again at ANY OTHER SHOW in the future. Any exhibitor found to be in breach of this rule will not be allowed to show livestock in the Delta County Fair the following year.

A list of all animals sold at the Delta County Junior Market Livestock Sale will be provided to the Colorado State Fair Livestock Office so that the state fair committee will know which animals will not be participating in the Colorado State Fair.

# DELTA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS HELMET POLICY



Delta County Fairgrounds (DCFG) has the following policy for riders ages 17 and under:

*Due to the unpredictability of equine behavior, and a concern for the health and well-being of children, the Board of Commissioners of Delta County has adopted a policy requiring the use of equine industry standard helmets or the signing of a notarized waiver of liability by the parent or guardian. This policy applies to individual riders and boarders, as well as all organizers, and promoters, of equine events. Organizers and promoters shall assure that all participants are in compliance with this policy. Contact the DCFG office for the Helmet Waiver of Liability. Riders age 17 and under who do not comply with this policy will lose their privilege to participate in any further activity at the Fairgrounds until the signed waiver is provided.*



## FFA ALUMNI CONCESSION

The Hotchkiss FFA Alumni concession stand will be open during the 4-H Horse show (Saturday & Sunday, August 1 & 2). The Concession Stand will be located by the Events Center and will open at 7:00 AM. They will offer burgers, hot dogs, cold drinks and lots of other good stuff, Be sure to stop by!





# July 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 July 4 <sup>th</sup> Observed Office Closed	4 
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12	13	14	15	16 Delta County Fair Shoot, Eckert Range, 8AM Archery, Muzzleloading, Shotgun	17	18 Delta County Fair Shoot, Eckert Range, 8AM Western Heritage, Pistol, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Delta 4-H Interview Judging for General Projects, Heritage Hall, 9AM	

# August 2026



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16	17 Colorado State Fair General Exhibit entries due to 4-H Office	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Colorado State Fair Aug 28- Sept 7 	29
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- Sept 7 – Labor Day, Offices Closed
- Sept 4 – Delta Record Books & Achievement Nominations Due
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All dates in this calendar are tentative and subject to change.