



DELTA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Pre-Entry & Dog Record Deadlines

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- Dog Record books are due to the Delta Extension Office before 4:30 PM on Friday, July 17th.
- Shooting Sports members who are participating in the Delta County Fair shoot are required to bring their completed green practice sheets to the Delta County Fair shoot on July 16 & 18, 2026.

Pre-entry forms will be available in early June. Copies of these forms will be available at the Extension Office, and on the Delta County fair website.

IMPORTANT!

DATES AND DEADLINES!!

An important part of 4-H is being responsible. Members meeting deadlines is a part of this responsibility. Some important upcoming deadlines are listed below. *(Please remember: ALL deadlines are 4:30 PM on the due date. Mailed information must reach the office by the due date.)*

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- **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

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.

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.

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.

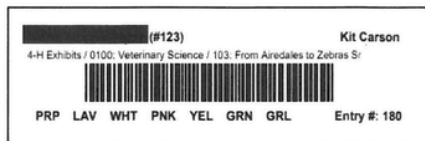
SIZE
Display boards for the state fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.

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)

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What Is your 4-H Age???

Do you know if you are a junior, intermediate or senior member? Do you even know what this means? If not, here is an explanation: the age you were on December 31, 2025 is the age that determines your 4-H age. A junior member is any member between the ages of 8 and 10 years old as of 12/31/25; an intermediate member is any member between the ages of 11 and 13 years old as of 12/31/25; a senior member is anyone who was 14 years or older as of 12/31/25. This means that if you turned 11 in March of 2026, you are still considered a junior member for your projects this year. That is your 4-H age!

- Junior member ~ ages of 8 - 10 as of 12/31/25
- Intermediate member ~11 - 13 as of 12/31/25
- Senior member ~ 14 years or older as of 12/31/25



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 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 early July. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.



Animals Need Cool, Clear Water!

By now you have probably noticed that the temperature is rising and it is getting hot outside. The key to making the summer more enjoyable for your animals is to provide cool shelter and cool 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 you animal. The second way is with cool water. Those that have attended MQA trainings have all heard us talk about a black bucket vs a silver bucket. In the summer a black bucket will heat up the water inside to a point that an animal will not drink it 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 also **clean**. Remember that if *you* would not take a drink out of it then it is time to clean it.

IMPORTANT HORSE

The highest level test that a member has taken and passed (both written **and** riding) as of June 26, 2026 is the level that member will be allowed to exhibit in at the 2026 Delta County Fair. Written levels tests **will not** be given between June 18, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

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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Delta County Fair - It's Not Just For Kids!

It's true that County Fair can be a lot of fun for kids, however we want to remind you that you don't have to be a kid to enter. We would love to see all of the adults in Delta County display their talents at the 2026 County Fair. It's FREE to enter the fair and it's also your opportunity to strut YOUR stuff!

DELTA COUNTY FAIR

PRE-ENTRY & RECORD BOOK

DUE DATES

All 2026 Delta County Fair pre-entries are due by 4:30 PM on June 26, 2026. (*Office is closed 6/19/26.*) This includes the following:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock pre-entries
- Open Class livestock pre-entries
- 4-H and FFA Exhibit Hall pre-entries
- 4-H Shooting Sports Event pre-entries



These entries **MUST** be signed by both the 4-H or FFA member and their leader or advisor. Unsigned entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. **Pre-entry forms will be available at the Delta County Extension Office in early June.**

Open class exhibit hall entries will be accepted Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at Heritage Hall on the Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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

- 4-H and FFA Livestock pre-entries
- Open Class livestock pre-entries
- 4-H and FFA Exhibit Hall pre-entries
- 4-H Shooting Sports Event pre-entries



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.

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.



The Great American Backyard Campout

June 27, 2026



You don't need to travel far to enjoy a fun campout. Just grab your family, some camping gear and head outside! Right into your own backyard. Camping out, cooking outdoors, and spending the night under the stars can make an unforgettable experience for everyone in the family - including your pets!



A recent study shows that being in nature makes human beings behave more humanely. In short, nature makes you nicer!



Delta County Invitational Shoot



June 20, 2026 ~ 8:00 AM
Eckert Range, Eckert CO

This event is designed to give 4-H members an opportunity to practice their skills in a fun, competitive setting. Participation in an event where members are discovering what it is like to be in an actual competition with members in their age groups from other counties is a great learning experience.



This activity is open to members from Delta, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Garfield, Gunnison, Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Montezuma, La Plata and San Miguel counties. It's a day filled with fun, competition, and making new friends!



Registrations are due by June 5th!



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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 shows through you can skip this step.) The 4-H Office is not responsible for items that are lost from record books.



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 their expenses. If necessary, the livestock office will be available for you to make your emergency phone calls, and the superintendent will assist as best they can, but any services rendered to your animal by any veterinarian will be your responsibility.



Delta County Fair Pre-Entry Info:

1. Pre-entry deadline is 4:30 PM on Friday June 26, 2026 to the Delta Extension Office at 525 Dodge Street, in Delta. *(Please be aware that the office will be closed June 19th for the federal Juneteenth holiday.)*
2. One exhibitor must be declared for all animals nominated in the **Family Nomination** process by the pre-entry deadline. Animals cannot be entered for more than one exhibitor. Any animals entered under more than one exhibitor at the time of the pre-entry deadline will be ineligible to show. *Pre-entries are final.*
3. A copy of the **BRAND INSPECTION** papers for all **BEEF BREEDING** animals must accompany the pre-entry forms when turned in to the CSU Extension Office.
4. All **OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK**, including poultry and rabbits, must pre-enter said classes by June 26, 2026 at 4:30 PM to the Delta County Extension Office.


FAMILY ANIMAL NOMINATIONS

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 double entered - one animal entered 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 initial nomination. Animals tagged in or nominated but not officially entered, will not be able to show.

DCF BUYER INVITATIONS

The Delta County Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee (JMLS) requires every 4-H and FFA member who exhibits a market livestock project to invite two businesses to attend the JMLS. These invitations must be documented on the specified form and returned to the Delta Extension Office. with the fair pre-entry forms, no later than 4:30PM on June 26, 2026. Additionally, the JMLS may also require that the exhibitor deliver sale information and invitation(s) to designated businesses. These businesses may be used to fill out the form mentioned above. Failure on the part of the 4-H/FFA member to return this form by the deadline will result in the JMLS collecting \$25 per invitation not contacted (up to \$50) from the 4-H/FFA member's sale check. These forms are available online and at the CSU Extension Office.



The Thing About Deadlines....

Deadlines. Due dates. They are a fact of life. Bills have deadlines, drivers licenses have deadlines (or expiration dates), even the IRS has a deadline for submitting your taxes. Now, an adult may not think that 4-H deadlines are as big a deal as the ones just listed, but look at it from a child's perspective. Meeting a deadline for a weigh-in, an activity registration, or animal nominations is a big deal to them. Pushing things to the last minute can be very stressful for a child who doesn't have any control over what, when, or how the information gets to the 4-H Office. But...what if things were turned in early??

- If you are running ahead of time you would have more time to find your leader(s) for their signature
- You and your family would know that the paperwork is in and taken care of
- You would no longer have to worry about getting things done
- Your leader won't have to keep contacting you
- There would be more time to do other things than worry about getting your information turned in

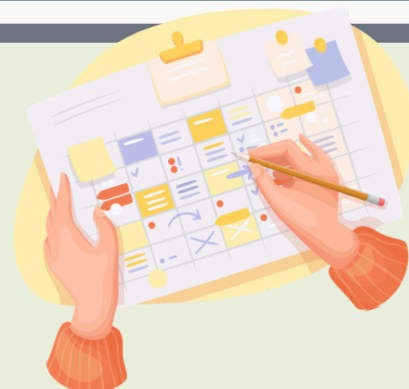
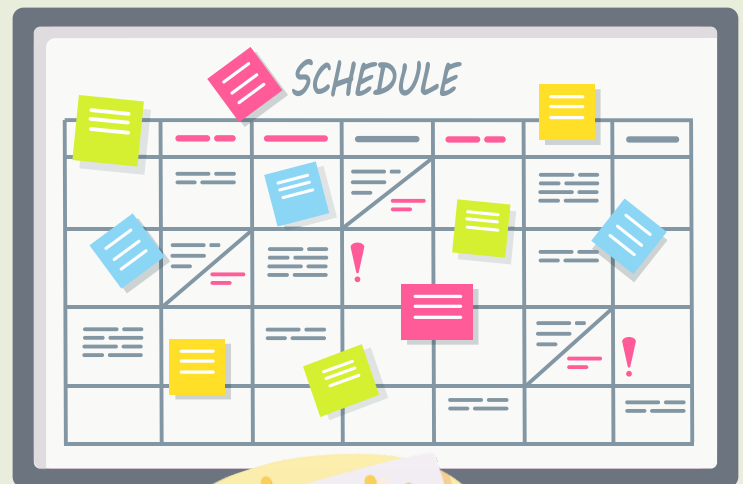
How much less stress would there be on you as an adult and your family as a whole? Less questions about when/if things are done. Nothing weighing on your nerves. Not having to ask if someone will let you/your child in late. Maybe even avoiding tears!

We are all busy. That is when pre-planning becomes critical. Meeting deadlines before the deadline date may even make the other things you have scheduled fit in more comfortably.

Grab a calendar (yep! an actual physical calendar) and place it in a location where everyone can see it. Now, take the time to write down upcoming activities and deadlines.

This way you will know of upcoming events, what the timeline is for these activities, and then you can figure out how to work in things with deadlines so they are done ahead of time and no one is waiting until the last minute.

Give it a try - for your child!



LET'S KEEP OUR FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN!

Please remember that when we as 4-H members, parents and leaders use the Fairgrounds we need to do a good job of cleaning up after ourselves and our animals. Leave areas 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!



Please be aware that the Delta County Extension Office will be CLOSED on Friday, June 19th for the federal Juneteenth holiday.

No Newsletter

There will be no Delta County 4-H Newsletter during the month of August. Due to preparation for our county fair, you will receive a newsletter at the beginning of July, and no newsletter in August. Delta County 4-H News will be back in September.



Delta County Fair
August 3 - 9
Saddle Up for the Centennial

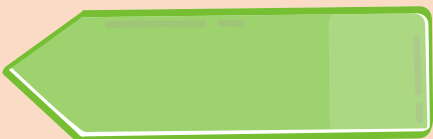


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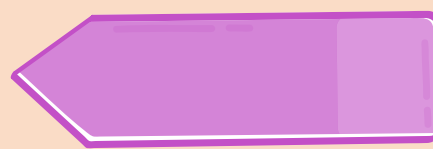
The Delta 4-H Office is open 7:30-11:30 and 12:30-4:30 Monday thru Friday. We are closed over the lunch hour.



Items that have due dates are due by 4:30 PM on the due date. Items that arrive late will not be accepted.



There is no drop box at the office, PLEASE do not drop items at the office by hanging them from a doorknob, setting them on a step, etc. Those items tend to disappear



We are not responsible for items that have been attached or dropped outside the office and are then lost or stolen.



Items that are found attached to or dropped outside the office will be returned to the owner and not accepted as turned in.

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



June 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|----------|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Delta Inv. Shoot registrations due 4:30PM | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Delta Council, 7PM | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14  Flag Day | 15 | 16 State Conference, Ft Collins 16-19 | 17 Last day to take Horse written levels tests in Delta County. | 18 | 19  Office Closed | 20 Delta Invitational Shoot, Eckert, 8AM |
| 21  HAPPY Father's DAY | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Delta 4-H/FFA fair pre-entries and buyer invitations due. Delta Open class livestock pre-entries due. 4:30 PM | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |  First day of summer is June 21st!  hello SUMMER | | | |
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SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCELLENT IDEA!



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Important Upcoming Dates!

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