

DELTA COUNTY

4-H NEWS



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LIVESTOCK, HORSE, DOG, SHOOTING SPORTS & EXHIBIT HALL RECORD BOOK DUE DATE

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

4:30 pm

Delta County Extension Office

ALL Delta County livestock members (i.e. beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, ducks and rabbits), horse, dog and shooting sports members will be required to complete their record books and turn them in to the Delta Extension office by the above date. In addition, members with Exhibit Hall projects that DID NOT bring a display to the Delta County Fair must turn in their project record books by the above date as well.

Failure to complete a record book will make the member ineligible to re-enroll in that project next year. For example - If a member enrolled in the beef project this year but does not complete the record book for that project, the member will not be allowed to enroll in the beef project the following year.

PLEASE DO NOT attach or affix items to the front door, back door, or any other location at the Delta County Extension Office. (This includes, but is not limited to, record books.) The Delta County Extension Office is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or confiscated from any of these locations All record books found on the front/back of the building will be returned to the owner and WILL NOT be recorded as turned in.

Record Book Cover Requirement

ALL record books must be turned in enclosed and secure 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.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 4-10, 2026



What is 4-H week? It's a week that will rally, inspire and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 educators, 500,000 volunteers and 35 million alumni. Events in every county and state celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career.



Record Book Policy

All Delta County 4-H members with general projects (those that are displayed in the Exhibit Hall) who DID NOT bring an exhibit to the 2026 Delta County Fair are 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. The 70% completion requirement will apply to these books. In addition, general project 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.



County Council Meeting

The next Delta County 4-H Council meeting will be **Monday, September 21, 2026 at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta at 7:00 PM.**

- **IMPORTANT NOTE!** Elections of the 2026-27 Council officers will be held. Interested members are strongly encouraged to attend and express their interest in holding an office.

Delta County 4-H Council Elections



Leadership development is one of the most important skills that 4-H offers to every member. One of the reasons this skill is so critical is when there's a need for action, it's through leadership that the job gets done. Whether its an issue at school. in the community, at church, at home, or at work, the first step to getting the job done is through somebody taking the initiative to look for a way to get the problem solved. The people leading the effort are displaying leadership skills.

4-H members and leaders will have the opportunity to "Make the Best Better" by making themselves available to serve as council officers at the next council election. Elections will be held at the next 4-H Council meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. Qualifications for council officers and leader advisors are as follows:

- Members must have attended at least half of the year's council meeting (3 meetings)
- Members must have held a leadership position in their own club (including club officer and/or council representative) for at least a year
- Members must be willing to participate (when able) in county, district, and state 4-H activities
- Leaders interested in becoming leader advisors also need to have attended at least half of the year's council meetings (3 meetings)
- Adults must have been a leader in their club for at least a year
- Leaders must be willing to participate in county, district and state 4-H activities

The magic of 4-H is that you learn by doing - hands on. So, if you want to improve your leadership skills, go ahead, take the first step by running for a council office!

Upcoming Office Holidays



November 11 – Veteran's Day



Nov 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving



December 25 – Christmas



**WE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7TH!**

Thank you  *to Leaders and Parents*

We know that you are probably exhausted from the County Fair, back to school shopping, school registration, getting everyone to and from sports practices, and all the things you regularly have to do to keep everyone's lives on track. Because of this we feel it is a great time to say **THANK YOU** to all of the 4-H Parents, Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and Resource Leaders who have spent so much time making a difference in the lives of our Delta County kids. It may not seem like it right now, but you are critical in shaping the lives of youth and that has a huge impact on the future of our nation. (No wonder you're tired! 😊)

We appreciate all you do and are well aware that 4-H couldn't do it without you. Now, go ahead and take a bow – then head to your favorite chair or the couch and take a nap! You deserve it!



4-H Enrollment Contest



Stop by the Delta Extension Office and enter the Delta County 4-H Enrollment Contest. All you have to do is guess the number of items in the jar on the front counter and fill out an entry form. Place the entry form in the box and you could win a free enrollment in the Delta County 4-H Program for the 2026-2027 4-H year for yourself and a friend or family member!

4-H Enrollment Contest Rules:

- One entry, per person, per day is allowed.
- Entries must be made at the Delta Extension Office, 525 Dodge Street, in Delta.
- Entries may be mailed to the above address, but not more than one entry, per person, per day will be accepted.
- One prize of two 2026-2027 4-H enrollments (which includes two projects for each enrollment) will be awarded. **This is a \$100.00 value!**
- Winner will receive one 4-H enrollment for him/herself, and one for a friend or relative of his/her choosing.
- The winner and their friend/family member may enroll in more than two projects. If they elect to do so they must pay for the additional projects.
- Prize will be awarded to the entrant whose guess is closest to the actual number of items in the jar. Prizes are not transferable.
- In the event there is more than one correct guess, or more than one closest guess, and random drawing will be held to determine the winner.
- Entrants need not be present to win.
- Winner will be notified by mail. Contest ends September 25, 2026.



4-H Award Forms

The Delta County 4-H Achievement Award Special Nominations and award forms will be due October 2nd. Club Achievement Nomination Packets will be due September 25th. Completion of an award form will put you in the running for one of the following achievement awards. Achievement in: Animal Science; Communications Arts & Leisure Science; Family and Consumer Science; Mechanical Science, and Natural Resources.

Please note that the award forms are ONE project per form, however you can fill out forms for several different projects and turn them all in! Watch your email for more info!

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT PICK-UP DATE



Beginning on September 9, 2026 Delta County 4-H members who sent indoor exhibits to the Colorado State Fair will be able to pick up their exhibits, record books, and any ribbons at the Delta County 4-H Office.

All Colorado State Fair exhibits and awards need to be picked up by September 25, 2026 or they will be discarded.



We want to express our gratitude to all the individuals who so graciously contributed long hours of hard work to help our 4-H and FFA youth at the Delta County Fair.

The list of people who helped out is endless but it is sure to include: members of the Delta County Fairboard, Department Superintendents, 4-H Club and Project Leaders, FFA Advisors, Award Sponsors, Livestock Buyers, the Fairgrounds Maintenance Crew, the Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee and our TRA Extension Staff and Support Staff.

We thank all of you, and the many more we haven't named, for your time, caring, and support of our youth at the 2026 Delta County Fair.

4-H ENROLLMENT 2026-2027

A reminder that on October 1, 2026 Delta County 4-H will be taking a short break. During this time we will take time to celebrate our member's accomplishments, grade record books, and take a breather ourselves! We will begin taking enrollments for the new 2026-2027 4-H year on October 19, 2026.

Current research indicates that 4-H'ers are better equipped to contribute and lead, as compared to their peers. Results show that youth in 4-H:

- *Are more civically active and make more civic contributions to their communities*
- *Report better grades and are two times more likely to plan to go to college*
- *Are shown to have significantly lower drug, alcohol, and cigarette use than their peers.*

**HERE'S TO
A GREAT
SCHOOL
YEAR!**



4-H is about more than the
ribbons & awards
IT'S ABOUT the PEOPLE, the
Experiences, the life-long skills,
the memories, the **COUNTY FAIRS**
IT'S ABOUT being a **ROLE MODEL**
giving back, and **MAKING THE
BEST BETTER**



September

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Record Book Due Date, 4:30 PM	5
6	7 Labor Day, Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Delta Council meeting, BHRC ELECTIONS!	22 First Day of Autumn 	23	24	25 Club Achieve- ment Nomina- tions Due, 4:30	26
27	28	29	30			
Read! It increases your brain power!						

BECOME A 4-H COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

A new 4-H year is going to start soon which means your chance to become a Delta County 4-H Council Representative is coming soon! (Did you know that Club Presidents are automatically Council Representatives? Well, they are!)

Just what does a 4-H Council Representative do? They attend Council meetings and represent their club at these meeting. They have the ability to vote on important decisions that affect all of Delta County 4-H! Pretty cool. Sign up to be a Council Representative today and help your club have a voice.

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Important Upcoming Dates!

Sept 4 – Delta Livestock & Shootings Sports record books due, 4:30 PM
Sept 7 – Labor Day, Office Closed
Sept 13 – Grandparents Day
Sept 21 – Delta 4-H Council, 7:00 PM, Bill Heddles Rec Center, Elections
Oct 2 – Award Forms Due, 4:30 PM
Oct 4-10 – National 4-H Week
Nov 11 – Veteran's Day, Office Closed
Nov 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving holiday, Office Closed
Dec 25 – Christmas, Office Closed

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