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Project Add/Drop Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is March 1, 2021. To add or drop a project, you will need to email Michelle at mlangston@co.weld.co.us with the member name, projects you want to drop or add. If you are adding an animal project, you will need to fill out the Animal Care and Housing Form and include the form in your email. The Animal Care and Housing form is located on the Project page at www.weld4h.org.

Adding CWF Group and/or a Judging Team

We thought once your account in 4-H Online was active, you would have the option to add a CWF Group and/or a Judging Team. At this time it is not possible. We have contacted the State 4-H Office & they are looking at this for us. When we know this option is open, we will email everyone.

Club Challenge

We are challenging clubs to a competition to generate new 4-H membership (does not include 2020 members that transfer to your club from another club). Cash awards of \$100 will be awarded to the club with the most new members and to the club with the highest percentage of new members. Members must be new to 4-H. To enter, send an email to Kim at ksterkel@co.weld.co.us by March 5, 2021.

2021 State Syllabus Information

The 2021 State Syllabus is now available. For specific project requirements, please look at the project syllabus. The syllabus can be located at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf> or you can find it in the Quick Links on the homepage of the Weld County 4-H website.

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Help Wanted!

Weld County Extension is looking for two summer interns to assist with 4-H Youth Development and Livestock opportunities. 4-H Youth Development intern would be working with Kim Eastwood and Teresa Johnson on Weld County 4-H events and the Livestock intern will work closely with Larry Hooker. For more information and full job description, please visit the Employment Opportunity at www.weldextension.com or contact Kim, Teresa or Larry. Applications are due to the Extension Office by March 1st and interviews will occur after that date.

Leader Tip

As a leader, you can help make the 4-H Club meeting be enjoyable and educational, giving members an opportunity to make friends and share ideas. Every meeting should include a balance of business, learning and recreation.

Group Building: Take 15 to 20 minutes to help the group develop a spirit of togetherness. Members can plan and lead games, music and sometimes recreational events to help everyone feel welcome and have fun. This is essential!

Group Discussion: Take 15-20 minutes for youth to learn and practice decision-making and leadership skills. It is not a forum for adults to dominate the discussion. It should be planned ahead by the officers working with the leader.

Program or Activities: 20-30 minutes. This program is informal and could be a guest speaker, demonstrations, project activities or judging.

Project training: Some clubs have a project meeting with a leader to get help and learn about their projects. Some larger clubs hold project meetings at a different time. This is in addition to the project time members spend working on their project at home with help from parents.

Ice Breaker Activity

Have all the members sit in a circle and perform a game of telephone. Have the first member come up with a short saying or sentence to then pass down the line to the rest of the group. At the end of the activity, discuss the important role that communication and listening has within the club and how this will help them through their 4-H projects.

Members/Leaders

4-H General/Natural and Family Consumer Science E-Record Tips for Record Books eRecord Books—Watch for tips in every newsletter!

4-H Club Community Service Project:

4-H community service is a requirement in Weld County in order for your record book to be considered complete. Every club plans at least one community service project annually and every member is required to participate in some way in order to be a member in good standing. You must be a member in good standing in order to exhibit at the County Fair.

Community service projects should be service learning projects. This means that 4-H members participate in planning, implementing and celebrating the community service project.

The community service project needs to reach beyond family and friends. Be sure to write down what your 4-H club community service project was and what you did, in order for your record book to be considered complete.

Your club leader reports your club community service activities to the 4-H Agent and also reports members who completed.

In addition to your required club community service project, we encourage 4-H members to do a project related community service. If you do, you should include this information in your record book as well.

Demonstrations

Have you done a demonstration yet? Remember, at least one demonstration is required to complete your 4-H year and remain a *member in good standing!*

It is very important to record your demonstrations in this section of the record book. We encourage 4-H members to do a project-related demonstration and would like to have one done for every project that a 4-H member enrolls in. We understand that this may not happen. ***If you do only one demonstration, make sure that you put it down in each of your project record books!*** The *requirement* is that a 4-H member does a demonstration. You will not be counted down for only doing one demonstration, but the judges may comment that they would have liked to have seen a project related demonstration.

Demonstrations are public presentations. Members are encouraged to practice in front of family and friends but are required to do at least one public presentation. Your club may have specific requirements for the type of demonstration that you are to do. Check with your leader, they can help you prepare your demonstration. Remember to write down the title of your demonstration and who was there.

Get your e-Record books at
www.Colorado4h.org

Youth Code of Conduct

Program participants are expected to abide by the stated rules for Colorado 4-H Youth Development activities and events including, but not limited to:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
5. Respect others property and privacy rights.
6. Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders and Extension Agents.
7. Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
8. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
9. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

4-H member in Good Standing: State Policy and County Policy

Participation in certain county, state, regional and national events is limited to those members who are in "good standing" with their local 4-H club and county. This includes:

- Abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Meeting deadlines
- Attending a MAJORITY of your 4-H club meetings
- Exhibiting at least one project taken during the club year
- Completing at least one record book
- Doing a DEMONSTRATION
- Participating in your 4-H club's community service project or activity.

You must meet all of these requirements in order to be eligible to show at the Weld County Fair and be a 4-H Member in Good Standing. You must include specific information about how you met these requirements in your record book in order for your record book to be considered complete. ***It is up to you to keep communication open with your Organizational Leader about all the requirements; if they do not know that you completed a requirement or feel you did not participate as required, then they reserve the right to mark you as Not in Good Standing.***

Scholarships

Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The 2021 Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship application form will be available on the Colorado 4-H Foundation website: www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml.

2021 Scholarship Application Procedure

- All application materials will be submitted using the electronic universal application form.
- No letters of reference, transcripts or signature pages are required. Students will supply the names of three people we may contact for references. Needed transcripts will be requested directly from the High Schools.
- All applications will be evaluated for the Holthaus, Murdoch's and Smith scholarships.

Helpful Hints:

- Fill out and submit only one electronic 4-H scholarship application form.
- Review the requirements for the CADA, Kimberling, Portouw and Sandstead scholarships. If you meet the requirements, highlight the boxes on the electronic application form.
- Questions, please contact the Colorado 4-H Foundation at 970-491-1537.

Applications are due by April 30, 2020. Winners are selected by the Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship

The Weld County Fair is a member of the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS). CAFS is offering a scholarship to any active 4-H or FFA member who has participated in the Weld County Fair.

4-H or FFA members who are eligible to apply for this scholarship must be high school seniors or a graduate with a minimum of a "B" average in both their junior or senior year. This scholarship can be used at any creditable post-secondary school. The application deadline is **March 20, 2021**. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/>.

Agfinity Scholarships

Agfinity is offering \$25,000 in scholarship funds to students in 2021. In total, they will be awarding up to three \$5,000 and ten \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing higher education. **Submissions are due on March 14, 2021**. For scholarship information and application visit Agfinity.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicants must be or will be attending an accredited four-year college or an accredited two-year technical school or community college pursuing higher education.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Membership to Cooperative is not required. Children of active Agfinity members, employees, and directors are eligible to receive an Agfinity Scholarship.

Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Scholarship

The Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Inc. (NCMGB), formerly known as the Weld County Meat Goat Breeders, will be awarding one or more \$500 scholarships, depending on availability of funds. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors or undergraduates furthering their education at a college, university, or trade school in the 2021-2022 academic year. These are the qualifications to be eligible to apply:

- Current or past member of a Weld County or Larimer County 4-H or FFA program.
- At some point in your 4-H or FFA career, prior to January 1, 2021, you purchased a market or breeding goat from a NCMGB member, and received a copy of our organization's "Market Goat Application" form, bill of sale, or proof of transfer, signifying your purchase from a member of our organization. You are also eligible if you raised the animal yourselves as a NCMGB member.
- Have not previously received a scholarship from our organization

The application postmark deadline is March 30, 2021.

Please send an email to jwrboer@wigginstel.com to request an application form and further information.

Weld County Livestock Association Scholarship

The Weld County Livestock Association will be awarding \$1,500 college scholarships and the \$1,500 Gene Inloes scholarship this year to graduating high school seniors and college freshman. Students who are Weld County residents and are from an agricultural background or pursuing an agricultural career are invited to apply. Applicants may be attending accredited college, junior college, or trade school in the fall of 2021 as a freshmen or sophomore. Applications and requirements can be found at <https://www.weldcountylivestock.com/scholarships>.

Deadline for application is **April 1, 2021**. Winners will be announced May 1, 2021.

Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years.

This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a postsecondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc.

Applicants will need to submit three letters of recommendation. One from their Extension 4-H Agent, one from their County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or Coach and one from a non-relative adult. Each applicant will also need to provide an essay on what they have done in 4-H, why they are applying and what they plan to do in the future.

Don and Margaret Marr will select a committee to determine the recipient. Please send all required materials listed above to Margaret Marr at 7108 Highway 34, Yuma, Colorado 80759.

All required materials are due no later than **April 1, 2021**.

Weld County Farm Bureau

Weld County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce their scholarship program for 2021. The program was established to support the future of agriculture by recognizing and rewarding **three deserving high school seniors & two deserving college students** with a scholarship of \$1000.

These three seniors and two college students must plan to continue their education in an agriculture related field of study on one senior may plan on an agriculture related vo-tech field of study. Applicants must be Weld County residents. The applicants whose parents, grandparents, or legal guardians are current members of Weld County Farm Bureau will have precedence.

Application is posted in the tabs section of the homepage at www.weld4h.org and must be postmarked by **April 2, 2021**.

Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship

The Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship is for graduating High School Seniors or Home School Seniors or a Second Chance Adult with a GED wanting to further their education in the related Ag fields. Total award of \$2,500.00 to be divided between the total number of semesters needed to complete the program. Ag related fields may include: all areas of Livestock Animals, Agronomy, Horticulture, Nutrition of Animals, Vet/Vet Tech, Ag Mechanics, Welding, Ag Business. For more information and a scholarship application please go to <http://www.livestockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html>. Deadline for application is **April 5, 2021**.

Weld County CattleWomen

The Weld County CattleWomen are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a college junior, senior or a student studying for an advanced degree in the fall of 2021. The student needs to be a Weld County, Colorado resident, be attending a college or trade school with a minimum GPA of 2.5. The student must be planning to attend a school full time for the 2021-222 school year, in a bachelors or graduate level program.

To apply the applicant must submit:

1. Cover Sheet with name, address, and email. If address listed is not in Weld County describe how you qualify (parents address, etc)
2. Two letters of reference
3. A brief statement including the following: work history, community involvement, college activities, future goals. A 1 page essay on "How I could positively influence the beef industry with my chosen major.?"
4. Copy of college transcript.

Send completed application to Sallie Miller, 48335 CR 83, Briggsdale, CO 80611 or smiller@wigginstel.com.

Applications are due by April 15, 2021. Winners will be announced by May 15, 2021.

2020 Scholarship Recipients

If you received a scholarship greater than \$500 make sure you resubmit your proof of registration for your second semester payment. We will not automatically pay out the remainder of the scholarship without that. If you need that form, please contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Weld County Bright Futures Scholarship

The Bright Futures program was designed with one objective in mind—strengthening the vitality of the Weld County community through its workforce. The program is funded by taxpayers for qualifying Weld County residents who have graduated from high school, GED recipients and honorably discharged U.S. Veterans, after 2016. Qualified and accepted recipients receive financial assistance for pursuing post-secondary education or training from a Title IV accredited higher education institution or certified training program. **There are no restrictions concerning program selection.** Whether a student wants to train to be a chef, a mechanic, an electrician or wants to pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's degree, they can utilize the Bright Futures grant program to pursue their dream. Please visit the link to www.brightfuturesco.com for more information. Application is due **May 15, 2021**.

FREE CODING CAMP



Open to 4th-6th graders

We are lost in space and need help repairing our ship through programming, circuitry, and engineering. No experience necessary and all materials supplied! Each 'little astronaut' will need to log in a virtual zoom class for 1 hour twice a week. Kits with electronic components will need to be picked up prior and returned after the program is completed.

Limited space available.
To sign up please contact: ppulis@weldgov.com

30 Days Lost In Space
Day 19: The Surface

CROSS MODELS Inventr.io

CODING
bread boards

ELECTRONICS
ARDUINO

Wednesdays and Fridays from 4pm-5pm beginning Feb 3rd for 16 sessions.

Limited space available
4-H membership NOT required

Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

Members/Leaders

Dog ID Forms

All Dog ID Forms must be filled out by May 1st through 4-H Online this year. There will be step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Dog ID Form coming soon and will be posted at www.weld4h.org/projects.

Dog Project

The Key Leaders are:

- Showmanship: Judy Rayburn
- Obedience/Rally: Emily Bink

The dog project will be offering practices weekly that will focus either on Obedience/Rally or Showmanship. Members need to sign up for practices at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA928A5FCC07-4hdog>.

Currently practices are only scheduled through mid-April and more information on dates past that will be released as we get closer to that time. The Dog Packet is also available online at www.weld4h.org.

.22 Pistol Changes

We are opening up .22 Pistol to Intermediate members, 11–13, this year! This means youth 11–18 will be able to participate in the project for 2020-2021. Intermediate members must have at least 1 year of Air Pistol experience to be eligible to participate. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Key Leader, Cory Holcomb.

Shooting Sports – Decorative Class

There is a new class this year for all Shooting Sports disciplines at fair, Decorative Class. This class is for any Stand-Alone item that is NOT useful in the actual discipline. These would include but are not limited to paintings, antlers, shotgun shell pictures, household items, etc. If you are doing a Stand-Alone project, I encourage you to do something that is useful within your project such as a quiver, stand, targets, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

Attention Shooting Sports Project Members

Shooting Sports project members should receive a packet in early March that includes practice dates and all other project information needed for the Shooting Sports project. You can also find this informational Shooting Sports Packet on our website at: www.weld4h.org/projects/4h_gnre/shooting_sports.

Mandatory Safety Day

The Weld County 4-H Shooting Sports Council is holding Mandatory Safety Days. FIRST year members and FIRST time/new discipline (example if you have shot .22 in the past but want to try archery you have to come to one of these classes) are **REQUIRED** to attend Safety Day.

- February 27th – 4-H Building Island Grove Park
- March 20th – Keenesburg, Southeast Weld Fairgrounds

To sign up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aa8a92fa4fe3-weld>. For questions or more information, please contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Hunter Education Card Required

As a reminder, all members enrolled in a Shooting Sports project must hold a Hunters Education Card. Don't have yours? Don't worry, you many sign up for a class to obtain your card by contacting the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 970-472-4300 for information and hunter education class schedules.

Shooting Sports Certification Workshop -TENTATIVE

Interested in being a part of the growing Weld County Shooting Sports program? Then mark your calendars because there are only 4 Leader and Jr. Leader Shooting Sports Certification workshops in the state. You can register for this workshop through 4-H Online, registration will be close one week prior to the start of the training and **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Discipline classes are capped so register early!

You must be an enrolled leader to be able to attend one of these Certification Workshops. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor and you are not an enrolled leader, there is still time to go through the leader process. **You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 4 weeks before the training registration deadline.** To start your leader application, login to your 4-H Online family account and add yourself as an adult.

Please contact the Weld County Extension office for more information or visit <http://colorado4h.org/ss/>

There are only 5 shooting sports certification workshops in the state including:

- ◆ Morgan County (Ft. Morgan), March 5 – March 7, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery. **Registration is currently open and closes February 19th.**
- ◆ Larimer County (Loveland), March 12 – March 14, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery. **Registration opens January 15th and closes February 26th.**
- ◆ Pueblo County (Pueblo), March 19 - March 21, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage. **Registration opens January 22nd and closes March 5th.**
- ◆ Garfield County (Rifle), March 26 – March 28, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage. **Registration opens January 29th and closes March 12th.**
- ◆ TBD, April 9 – April 11, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery. **Registration dates to be determined.**

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted to meet current Colorado State Government, CSU and or County restrictions and requirements. Additional trainings may be added to the schedule tentatively, should circumstances allow.

Members & Leaders

2021 Junior Jam

The 2021 Junior Jam has been postponed to a date to be determined. Please watch your e-mail for information on this as we look to reschedule it into the summer.

Cake Decorating Workshop

There will be a cake decorating workshop on Sunday, March 21st and June 6th in the Exhibition Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley. Units 1-10 will be from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come join us for this fun learning experience. Class times are subject to change.

Members in Unit 1 will need to bring a baked 8", 9" or 10" round or square cake. The cake can have a crumb coat on it. You will need to bring frosting for your cake and edible items to decorate with, a cake spatula, and a tall cup for hot water. You will learn how to bake a level cake, frost and smooth the frosting on your cake, and use edible items to decorate your cake.

Members in Unit 2 will need to bring a baked 8", 9" or 10" round or square cake. Members in Unit 3 will need to bring a two layered baked 8", 9" or 10" round or square cake. Unit 4 will need to bring a character cake. Unit 5 will need to bring 4-12 cupcakes or cookies. Unit 6 will need to bring a baked cake to cut up and a knife. Units 2-10 may bring a frosted cake. You will need to bring frosting and all of your tips needed for the unit. You will learn how to use different tips specific for your unit.

Please call the Extension Office to RSVP by March 12th for the March 21st class at 970-400-2076. For questions, please contact Michelle.

Youth Executive Council

Howdy Weld county 4-Hers! This has been a very busy month.

In February the Youth Executive Council had our Officer training where we had many kids who attended. All officers had a station for everyone to attend, where they got to learn about each position and have fun! After the stations we held a mock meeting where our representing officers for the mock meeting, did a wonderful job following along. The YEC also helped out with the Clover bud camp. Where they got to make fun crafts, play games, and make friends!

Want to keep posted on what we do, or what we're about? Our next YEC meeting will be held March 1st. If you have an interest in joining Youth Executive Council, the only requirements are to show up and attend a meeting and be 14 years or older. Even if you are not sure you want to join, we still welcome visitors!

Laura Stevens and Paige Strickland
- The YEC Reporters

District II Meetings - Location To Be Determined

All District II Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Berthoud Room at the McKee Building at The Ranch in Loveland.

March 17, 2021

May 19, 2021



CLVERBUDS

Are invited to
Join the Youth Executive Council
for an Icecream party @ 7pm
on April 6 at the Extension Office
for more info contact Teresa 970-400-2070

Weld County 4-H Hearts & Hands Backpacks

Benefiting
"A Women's Place"

Sponsored by Weld County Youth Executive Council

- Challenge to all Clubs
- Follow the link below to register
- Choose 2 backpacks (more if you can!)
- Provide all essential items listed and
- Select from comfort items
- Complete 2 backpacks for 2 different persons

4-H Clubs helping families
take the next step.

Return backpacks to Extension Office by April 5th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4EA4AE2BA6FF2-hearts>
Questions? Teresa Johnson 400-2070 tjohnson@co.weld.co.us

Members & Leaders

4-H SPEECH CONTEST MARCH 27, 2021

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://form.jotform.com/80605893833161>

Cloverbuds Juniors Intermediates Seniors

IMPROMTU

PREPARED

DEMONSTRATION

INTERPRETIVE READING

TEAM DEMONSTRATION

HORSE DEMONSTRATION

Jan 1pm, speaking times assigned
Registration Packet & Rules go to:

www.weld4h.org (look under activities)

Registration Deadline: March 19, 2021



For more info contact: Teresa Johnson 970-400-2070
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us



SAVE THE DATE! June 5, 2021



Camp Cloverbud

Watch Facebook &
Newsletter



for more info!



tjohnson@co.weld.co.us

4-H Day @ the Weld Food Bank

Sign up as a club or as an individual.

You **MUST** pre-register for this
community service project
with Teresa Johnson.

RSVP by
3/8



Limited number of volunteer spots available

Monday, March 15, 2021

For full details

contact tjohnson@co.weld.co.us
970-400-2070

MEMBERS MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD,
OR BRING AN ADULT WITH THEM TO WORK.

Come dressed to work! Closed Toed Shoes!

WILD WEST November 20, 2021 3pm-9pm MARDI GRAS

CONTESTS MAY INCLUDE
SWING DANCE
FAMOUS COWBOY DUOS
EATING CONTEST
STICK HORSE RACE

CLUB BASKET CHALLENGE
SILENT AUCTION
TRAEGER GRILL RAFFLE
FUN BOOTHS
PRIZES FOOD



DON'T FORGET THE BARN DANCE
9:30-MIDNIGHT

@ THE 4-H BUILDING

HEAD 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT

WE EXPECT YOU & ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

EXHIBITION BUILDING, ISLAND GROVE GREELEY



THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR:



Colorado State University Extension,
U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating.
Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

For More Information: Teresa Johnson 970-302-9040

Horse/Livestock/Small Animal E-Record Tips

4-H Livestock/Horse Record Books

In this issue, we'll review the Animal Purchase and Feed Expense pages of the Livestock/Horse record book. (Check the February newsletter for other tips on filling out your record book!) You can download your e-record book and supplemental pages at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>.

ANIMAL PURCHASE

In the Animal Purchase record you should enter the cost of all project animals that you purchased during the project year. Any project animals that you have on-hand at the start of the project year should be listed in your beginning inventory, not in this record. Even if you don't actually buy and pay for your animal (i.e. gift from family member, catch-it animal, etc.) you should list its value in order to have an accurate picture of what your project is costing.

See below for an example of how this record should be filled out. It is preferable that you use a name or tag number of the animal so that it can be consistently tracked through out your record book. Multiple animals purchased the same day from the same seller can be listed together on one line.

As with other parts of the book that allow for multiple project listings, allocate your total cost to the proper project column. If you have multiple projects, be consistent and keep your projects listed in the same order on all pages. Even if you only have one project, you should carry the totals over into a project column.

					Project: Mkt. Beef	Project: Dairy	Project: Mkt. Swine	Project: Horse
Date	Animal	Seller	Weight	Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$
1/2/21	Steer #101	Mr. Smith	700	\$700.00	\$700.00			
3/15/21	Pigs #3 & #4	XYZ Show Pigs	150	\$300.00			\$300	
4/25/21	Horse - Lightning	Mr. Jones	1000	\$750.00				\$750

You can make as many copies of this page as needed for your record. Be sure to total all columns prior to turning in your record book.

FEED EXPENSE RECORD

As the title implies, this page is used to record all feed related expenses. Examples of feed items include: grass hay, alfalfa hay, silage, grain, salt & mineral blocks, protein supplements, pasture rental, etc. Items should be listed in order by the date they were purchased. Use pounds when listing the amount of feed purchased (i.e. 2000 lbs instead of 1 ton; 700 lbs instead of 7 bales, etc.), and the total cost of the feed. Then, you should allocate that feed purchase, if appropriate, to your different projects using the four project columns, as shown in the example below. (Note: even if you only have one project, you should carry the totals over into a project column.)

Even if you don't actually buy and pay for your feed (maybe it's supplied by your parents or grandparents) you should list the amount of feed and its value in order to have an accurate picture of what your project is costing.

					Project: Mkt. Beef		Project: Brdg. Beef		Project: Mkt. Swine		Project	
Date	Item	Paid to:	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$
1/2/21	Alfalfa	Farm Store	1000	\$100.00	100	\$10.00	400	\$40.00				
1/15/21	Grain	XYZ Feeds	500	\$70.00	400	\$56.00	100	\$14.00				
2/1/21	Swine Ration	XYZ Feeds	500	\$75.00					500	\$75.00		

You can make as many copies of this page as needed for your record. Be sure to total all columns prior to turning in your record book.

2021 Weld County Goat Extravaganza

No matter what breed of goats you might have, there is sure to be something for you at the 2021 Weld County Goat Extravaganza, April 23-25, 2021. Activities will take place in the Livestock and Exhibition Buildings at Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. Stay tuned for details, go to our website, www.wcgoate.com or call Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have questions.

2021 Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza

Dairy project members - don't miss the 19th Anniversary Extravaganza, June 13-15, 2021 at Island Grove Park, Greeley. Stay tuned - more information will soon be available.

Colorado State Fair Market Animal Information

Please see the important information regarding nominating market beef, goat, sheep and swine for the Colorado State Fair.

- Beginning with 2021 nominations, the Colorado State Fair will be using a hybrid identification procedure of retinal scans and DNA. It is the Fair's plan to eliminate retinal scans and utilize only DNA by 2025.
- Each exhibitor nominating animals for the Colorado State Fair will complete one (1) form per species. Retinal scans may be attached to the beef, goat and lamb nomination forms; hog ear notches must be marked on the hog form. Weld County Extension Office will attach the retinal scans for beef, goat and lamb nominations.
- Hog exhibitors will be required to submit DNA samples for all hogs that may be entered and shown at the Colorado State Fair. Any beef, goat or lamb nominations that does not have retinal scans attached will be required to submit DNA.
- It is required that all market hogs shown at the 2021 Colorado State Fair, have proper ear notches, have an official recorded County / FFA ear tag and have submitted DNA within the required time limit. DNA envelopes may be requested no earlier than June 1st and must be submitted to the Colorado State Fair no later than July 1st. Late DNA samples WILL NOT be accepted.
- **One market hog ear notch change will be allowed per animal. Extension agents or FFA Advisors should submit any ear notch changes in writing to the Colorado State Fair – changes to ear notches will not be accepted via email or phone directly from exhibitors or parents. Incorrect ear notches may result in disqualification from showing at the Colorado State Fair. Pictures of ear notches are not acceptable.**
- Family nominations **WILL NOT** be accepted. Brand inspection and registration papers must be solely in the exhibitor's name. The date of nomination will be considered date of ownership. Exhibitors MUST have their owned their animal by:
 - ⇒ Beef – April 1st
 - ⇒ Goats, Hogs and Lambs – June 1st
- The Colorado State Fair will be held August 27 - September 6. The tentative 2021 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: www.coloradostatefair.com. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

Meat Quality Assurance

Weld County 4-H and FFA members enrolling in any market and/or breeding livestock or small animal projects for the first time regardless of age, must attend a Colorado Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program. 4-H and FFA members will be required to attend a Face to Face Colorado MQA program a minimum of twice during the course of their career – once as a junior (8-13 years old, age as of December 31st) and once again within one year after becoming a senior (14-18 years old, age as of December 31st) member. The virtual MQA training last year was valid for one year only.

Our next MQA classes will be held:

- Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 am - Noon
- Sunday, March 28th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 29th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Only Weld County 4-H & FFA members will be allowed to attend this training, registration is REQUIRED and will be handled by phone or email.

Beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday,

March 4th, contact Michelle at 970-400-2076 or mlangston@co.weld.co.us to register. Please include the member's name, 4-H age, club and a contact phone number. **You must register by 5:00 pm on March 19, 2021.** There will be one form you need to fill out and email back to Michelle or print and bring with you. You will receive an email with the form on March 22nd.

We will have hourly sessions that allow 10 family units to attend each hour. Each session will be 50 minutes in length with the last 10 minutes to be used to sanitize tables, chairs, etc. for the next session. Masks will be required (bring your own or we will have some there for you). There will be 10 stations and some table-top displays that will contain the MQA information, we will also have tables and chairs spread-out to use when taking the test if needed.

We have to limit the number of individuals in the building. Because of this, we are only allowing 1 parent to be with the member(s) who registered for the training.

Remember, only one family unit/person per table or station at any one time. You must achieve 80% on your exams before leaving. If you do not complete the exam within the 50-minute session, let us know and we will try to accommodate you. Please begin registration as soon as possible so you will get your desired date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry at 970-400-2093 or lhooker@co.weld.co.us or Michelle at 970-400-2076 or mlangston@co.weld.co.us.

If you do not attend the March MQA training, there will be a virtual MQA training offered later this spring. However, the virtual MQA training is only valid for one year.

Livestock/Horse/Small Animals

DATES for Market Lamb, Market Goat & Market Swine ID Days

Due to COVID, we are having Monday & Tuesday for Greeley Sheep & Goat ID.

- Please fill out all paperwork before entering the barn.
- We added Monday to assist with social distancing, we will only have one line of vehicles in the livestock barn at a time. We hope that you will utilize both days so Tuesday will not be jammed with people.
- All animals will remain on their vehicle/trailer to be tagged and retinal scanned unless the retinal scanner asks you to unload and go to a separate pen.
- A scale will be available to weigh if you need to use it.

Market Lambs and Goats

- Monday, May 3, 4-6 p.m., Island Grove Park, Greeley
- Tuesday, May 4, 4-6 p.m., Island Grove Park, Greeley
- Wednesday, May 5, 4-6 p.m. Briggsdale School FFA Shop
- Thursday, May 6, 4-6 p.m., Southeast Weld County Fairgrounds, Keenesburg

Market Swine

- All market swine exhibitors must pick up their ear tags and paperwork from the Extension Office and tag their own animals prior to the deadline. It is also a requirement that 3 photos be taken of each nominated pigs and attached to the nomination form. Mail in or hand deliver the nomination information and photos to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on Thursday May 6, 2021, **there are no exceptions!** Detailed information is on the paperwork you pick up. Ear tags are available for pick up.

Cost is \$4/animal. Cash or check payable to Weld County Fair.

4-H Livestock, Small Animal, Horse and Dog Manuals

Each household will receive one manual to be shared by siblings for the projects they are enrolled in. If a family wishes to purchase additional manuals they are welcome to do so at the Extension Office. The manuals are for all livestock, small animals, horse and dog projects.

Check It Out

We have a number of horse & livestock sale and program flyers in the Extension Office. They are posted on the display board for you to look at or online. To see what state wide shows we have been notified about, go to www.weld4h.org, click on Youth Opportunities, then click on Shooting Sports, Dog, Horse and Livestock Shows, Jackpots and Contests.

Youth Loan Program

American AgCredit's AgYouth Program provides interest-free loan funds for qualifying beef, sheep, goat, swine, and dairy projects to 4-H and FFA members. For information, please contact MacKenzie Stoaks at American AgCredit in Greeley at 970-330-4071 or agyouth@agloan.com.

4-H Animal Care and Housing Form

All 4-H members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects form on file at the Extension Office. This form will be provided in two ways:

1. **4-H online for those that have their animals at their place of residence and the 4-H Website** www.weld4h.org/projects/ for those that have their animals some place other than their residence. **If your animal project is housed at your place of residence you can fill out this form while filling out your paperwork during the enrollment process online.**
2. **If your animal project is not housed at your place of residence then you will need to go to our 4-H Website, print the Animal Care and Housing form and fill out both sides of that form. This gives us additional information about your specific situation and helps with the approval process. Please give us detailed information or we will send them back for you to adjust your comments.**

Talk to your club leader or contact Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have any questions.

FFA Animal Care and Housing Form

All FFA members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado FFA Livestock Projects form on file at the Weld County Fair Office.

1. FFA Members who want to show at the 2021 Weld County Fair must fill out and turn in an Animal Care and Housing Form by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021 to Weld County Fair to be eligible to show at the 2021 Weld County Fair. These forms will not be accepted via email. You can download the FFA Animal Care and Housing Form at http://weldcountyfair.com/entries_events/fair_book_entry_forms.

Talk to your FFA Advisor or contact Jenette at 970-400-2069 if you have any questions.

Premises ID

Premises identification will provide quick and accurate traceability of livestock and locations in the event of an animal health concern, which will help maintain the health of all Colorado livestock. For this program, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is managed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

For the 2020 – 2021 project year, 4-H members with livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit) are strongly encouraged to obtain a Premises ID. It is required to exhibit at the Weld County Fair and Colorado State Fair. It is also required for other livestock shows.

If you don't have a Premises ID, you can obtain one by calling the Colorado Animal ID coordinator at 303-869-9130 or go online to Colorado Location Identification (LID) Registration Form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddeepTTKz5dI51dcJPrZEtz4OXiam0XFbcO6wJkXKUqM88jaQ/viewform>

Horse ID Forms

All Horse ID Forms must be filled out by May 1st through 4-H Online this year. There will be step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Horse ID Form coming soon and will be posted at www.weld4h.org/projects.



4-H Horse Levels Workshop Saturday, March 13 10:30am-3:00pm

4-H Building, Island Grove
please RSVP by 3/8

Come join us for a fun day filled with interactive stations designed to help you with studying for your next Levels Test. From Novice to Seniors, there will be something for everyone! Also a great opportunity for Horseless Horse Project members to find an idea for their next project. Go through all of the stations or just one, it is up to you!

Written tests will be offered at 11am, 1:30pm & 3:00pm. You may sign up to take a maximum of 2 tests on this date.

Be sure to get signed up so that we will have the correct number of tests and administrators available!

No Cost. Registration Required.

Watch for email from
Signup Genius to pre-register or
contact Teresa Johnson
970-302-9040
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us

Identification Form for Rabbit Project Members

Rabbit project members in 4-H and FFA who plan to show meat pens at the 2021 Weld County Fair will need to identify their does that are used to kindle the litters of meat pen rabbits. This form, titled **DOE IDENTIFICATION FOR RABBIT MEAT PENS** must be completed and filed with the Extension Office by May 1, 2021.

If you are anticipating showing a meat pen of rabbits at the County Fair, please contact the Extension Office and request this form, or you can download a copy at www.weldcountyfair.com and then click on Fair Book Divisions and Entry Forms, then Livestock/Animal Divisions or go to www.weld4h.org and then click on projects.

Enrolling in Poultry

If you are registering for poultry you need to register for everything that you are going to show. Example: Ducks, Geese, Pigeons, Turkeys market or breeding, Market chickens. If you are going to show all these at fair than you need to sign up for all of them. If you are going to do the egg production then you will sign up for the breeding. If you are just showing your chickens than you will sign up for show birds.

2020 Poultry Meeting Schedule

- March 18th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg, Market Birds
- April 15th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg., Showmanship
- May 20th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg, Record Books
- June 17th at Pheasant Run Park in Greeley, Preparing for Fair

Poultry Bands available at Extension Office

Weld County Extension Office has four (4) sizes of poultry bands available for sale. Bands cost \$0.50 each.

Royalty Corner

Hello everyone my name is Ella Niccoli one of your Weld County Fair 2021 Attendants and I am here to update you on the current activities of the royalty court. In February we were able to be a part of Camp Cloverbud where we had a full day of making fun crafts and experiments with the Cloverbuds of Weld County. The crafts included tie-dye coasters, spray paint custom t-shirts, and many other fun crafts that the Cloverbuds loved. We also got to participate in Beef Id day where we handed out paperwork to the youth that are involved in the Beef project and are showing at the 2021 Weld County Fair this year. We cannot wait to continue on with our rein with more activities in March 2021!

Ella Niccoli

Your 2020-2021 Weld County Fair Attendant

Celebrating 103 Years

Mark your calendars for the 103rd celebration of the Weld County Fair! Our pre-fair will begin on July 24th with our official fair kicking off mid-week and wrapping up with the Junior Livestock Sale on Monday, August 2nd. Visit www.weldcountyfair.com for a tentative schedule!

2021 Weld County Fair Judges

All 2021 Livestock, Horse, Rabbit, and Poultry Judges will be officially announced in the April Newsletter and then posted to the Weld County Fair Website.

Courtesy Notice: Muck Your Pens

As members of the Weld County community, we are asking our youth to please muck out the pens they use prior to departure on Sunday, August 1st, evening. In efforts to maintain an overall professional presentation, it would be greatly appreciated for all livestock participants to be team members as we come to the conclusion of the Fair. Thank you in advance!

2021 Camping Reservations

Camper spaces are limited, so please call Nancy. Reservations can be made through Nancy by telephone at 970-400-2085 or email ngogreve@co.weld.co.us. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Reservations will close June 25th or when full.

As a reminder, camper check-in will be Sunday, July 25th and Monday, July 26th (Interview Judging day for non-livestock projects). Check out will be after 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 1st, though campers may stay through the morning of the 2nd. Campers will not be allowed to come in and out. Additional information will be mailed out to campers in July and can be found at www.weldcountyfair.com.

WCF Junior Livestock Sale Youth Ambassador Application

The Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale Committee would like to invite all 4-H members to apply to be a Youth Ambassador. The Youth Ambassador Program was founded 10 years ago to afford 4-H & FFA members the opportunities to assist and be first-hand involved with the processes and inner workings of the Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale. This program strives to develop our ambassadors into elite leaders that are willing to go above and beyond, "to make the best, better!"

As an ambassador, our members are required to be leaders of moral character and value and to play an active role in the production of our sale. They are provided with opportunities to grow and develop their leadership, communication and relationship building skills, all the while gaining confidence, responsibility and problem-solving skills. This leadership program is not limited to livestock exhibitors but is designed to build leadership skills for all young people.

The requirements for the Youth Ambassador program are:

1. Be a 4-H member in good standing or current FFA member.
2. Complete the application-located on the Weld County Fair website under the Junior Livestock Sale link; turn completed application into the Weld County Extension Office or email it to Becky Wiedeman at sbarseven@gmail.com no later than **April 1, 2021**.
3. Be available to assist in representing the Junior Livestock Sale in an informative setting.
4. Be available to assist with various aspects of the Junior Livestock Sale during fair week.
5. Attend and fulfill assigned duties on the day of the Junior Livestock Sale.
6. Attend and assist with the follow-up sale meeting, (approximately 1-2 weeks following sale day).
7. Have fun, learn, grow and develop into our future leaders!

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Wiedeman at 970-214-1331. You can find this application at www.weldcountyfair.com.

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Master Calendar

March	
1	Last day to enroll in 4-H
1	Project Add/Drop Deadline
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship due by 5 pm in EO
1	Dairy Heifer Replacement Application due to EO
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
4	MQA registration opens at 8 am
5	Club Challenge due to Kim
5-7	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Morgan County (Brush)
12-14	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Larimer County (Loveland)
13	Horse Levels Workshop, 4-H
15	4-H Day at Weld Food Bank
16	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO
17	District II Meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD
18	Poultry Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
19	MQA registration closes at 5 pm
19-21	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Pueblo County (Pueblo)
20	Shooting Sports Safety Day, Keenesburg
21	Cake Decorating Workshop, 2-5 pm, EB
26-28	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Garfield County (Rifle)
27	Speech Arts Contest
27	Meat Quality Assurance, 9 am-Noon, Greeley
28	Meat Quality Assurance, 1-5 pm, Greeley
29	Meat Quality Assurance, 4-7 pm, Greeley

April	
1	Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale Youth Ambassador Application due
6	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
6	Cloverbud Ice Cream Party, 7 pm, EB
6	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
7	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
9-11	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Location TBD
15	Poultry Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
23-25	Weld County Goat Extravaganza, LB, 4-H, EB

May	
1	Animal Care and Housing Forms due
1	Doe Identifications for Rabbit Meet Pens due
1	Horse ID due through 4-H Online
1	Dog ID due through 4-H Online
3	Market Goat and Lamb ID Day, 4-6 pm, LB
4	Market Goat and Lamb ID Day, 4-6 pm, LB
4	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
4	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
5	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
5	Market Goat and Lamb ID Day, 4-6 pm, Briggsdale
6	Market Goat and Lamb ID Day, 4-6 pm, Keenesburg
6	Market Swine ID Paperwork due to EO by 5 pm or drop paperwork off at above ID Days
18	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO
19	District II Meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD

Due to the many events scheduled at Island Grove and through our 4-H program, locations, dates, & times are subject to change. Please CHECK THE WEBSITE (www.weld4h.org) regularly for the most up to date & accurate information!

Guide to Location Codes

Island Grove Park is 525 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley
 EO = Extension Office, Island Grove Park
 BH = Bunkhouse, Island Grove Park

4-H = 4-H Building, Island Grove Park
 EB = Exhibition Building, Island Grove Park
 LB = Livestock Barn, Island Grove Park