

4-H NEWSLETTER

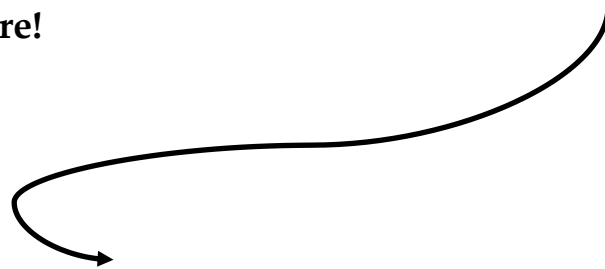
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Don't forget to check out the Lincoln County Extension/4-H Facebook page for additional events and resources for 4-H and other opportunities!

Our County website can connect you to the newsletter, blog, calendar, resources, State Extension & 4-H websites, 4-H forms links and more!



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The Extension Office/4-H are on Facebook @

[Lincoln County Colorado Extension](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCountyColoradoExtension)

***Visit the page for additional events and resources for all.**



Lincoln County Extension/4-H Website

@

lincoln.extension.colostate.edu

WELCOME 4-H MEMBERS & GENERAL REMINDERS

We want to welcome our new and returning 4-H members and families! The following are some tips and reminders for the 4-H year.

- ◆ Each member must complete a demonstration, community service project, and complete at least one 4-H project each year to meet minimum county 4-H requirements. Projects (general and livestock) may be publicly exhibited at the county fair; but this is not required for project completion. Some projects have additional requirements, costs, and/or meetings. Contact your club leader for additional individual club requirements as well.
- ◆ 4-H information, events, and updates will come out through the newsletter and email (information goes to the primary email listed in 4H Online). *Please make sure that emails are not getting stuck in your “spam or junk” folders. Additional information will be posted about other events as well on the [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#) Facebook page. Plan accordingly so that important deadlines or requirements at the club and county level are not missed.
- ◆ All events subject to change or cancellation due to public health concerns, weather, cost, lack of attendance or closure due to maximum attendance, lack of volunteers, etc.. 4H Online is coordinated through the state and thus many additional events will show up in the registration section in 4H Online than may be applicable to our county members.
- ◆ Start on your projects and record books before school is out, so that you may ask questions and get help to complete your projects on time. Check out the Colorado 4-H website to learn more about the projects offered, what they entail, where to order manuals from and the general project record books at: co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/. General project score sheets can be found for review at: co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/score-sheets/. Livestock record books utilize a county book (not the state livestock record books) that can be found at: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-projects-record-books/.
- ◆ All deadlines and forms are due on the day stated or previous Friday if date is a holiday or weekend by 4:00pm (close of business). Items faxed, mailed, or dropped in the backdoor after that date/time are considered late. When there is an error in the day of the week and date please reach out for clarification in advance and use the earlier date as the deadline if unsure.
- ◆ State (only) deadline is May 1 to enter ID's in 4H Online for dog, horse and cat projects. County deadlines for entries into 4H online will be early summer.
- ◆ Check the newsletter and fair website for fair related entry due dates and information.

County Extension/4-H & Lincoln County Fair Website: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/

Facebook Page: [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#)

Colorado 4-H Website: co4h.colostate.edu/

County 4-H “Forms/Applications” Link: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/

County 4-H Policy, Guidelines & Deadlines Information: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-policy-guidelines/

WELCOME 4-H MEMBERS & GENERAL REMINDERS

Deadlines: ****Note Changes**

****March 1 (Date Change)-**

Project add/drop

March 1-Hunter's safety must be completed for all members enrolled in shooting sports that will be participating in live fire activities.

March 2-Market Beef Tagging (Mandatory) & Weigh-In

April 1-Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) Training Requirements- 1x-As a new member or first year taking a livestock project.

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 10.

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 14. *FFA members must attend their first livestock project year when showing in FFA.

****May 4-** Market Sheep/Goat/Swine) Tagging & Weigh-In

July 1- Market Poultry must have leg bands attached and a nomination form submitted (bands available at the office). **Market Rabbits** must be tattooed and a nomination form submitted.

Other Fair Related-Check the new fairbook in the spring for information, entry and deadline requirements.

Project Books/Manuals & Updated Information: Families will need to order project books/manuals directly from the supplier. Go to Colorado 4-H @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/ and then click on "publication order form" to see where to download or order.

*Check for updated publications including for your project. Not all projects require a manual.

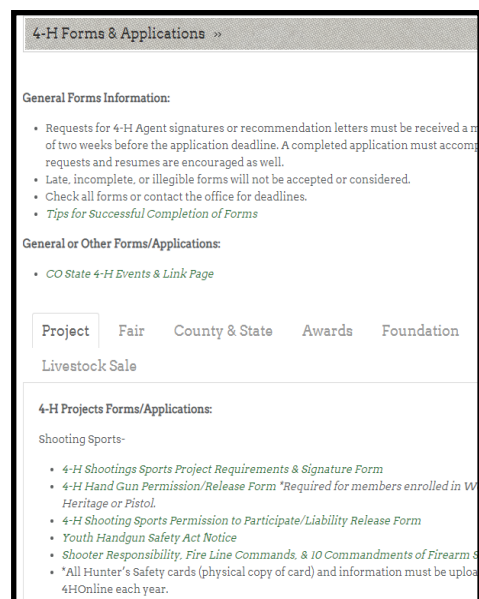
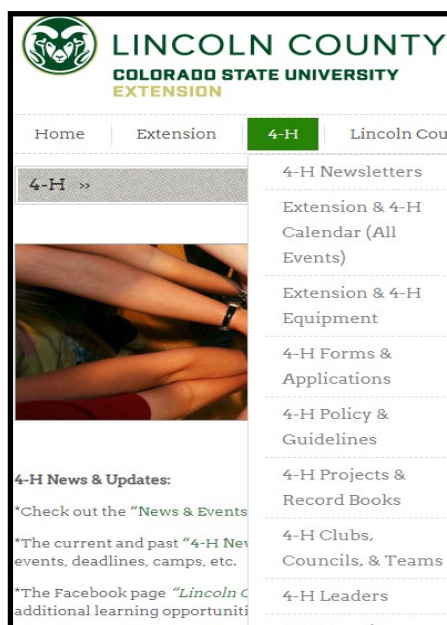
Utilize the general project score sheets @ co4h.colostate.edu/state-fair-information/score-sheets/ to determine if a manual is required for the project. Examples of manuals are available for browsing at the office.

Other Deadlines/ Project Requirements:

*Refer to the fair book for project requirements to show at the county fair. Download a record book and score sheet for completion requirements as well.

*Watch for information in the newsletter, Facebook page, or web calendar for additional dates and information as the year progresses.

Forms & Applications are available on the extension website. *****Make sure to download all forms (regardless of type) and save to your computer or device before you begin entering information; otherwise the information may be lost.**



FAIR RELATED: BEEF EXHIBITORS

(BRAND INSPECTION MANDATORY CHANGES)

**Exhibitors must read through and comply with updated requirements for participation at weigh-in, fair, and general ownership regarding brand inspections on beef cattle. This is not optional for paperwork to be done at a later date. Please schedule time well in advance of beef weigh-in to ensure you have proper ownership papers on your beef animals and can bring them to weigh-in. Contact the brand inspector for more information. This includes purchased & home-raised (family).*

Beef Weigh-In -March 2 (8:00-10:00am) @ Meier Feedlot (48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon, CO)-located part-way between Limon and Hugo across the railroad tracks on the west side of the highway. Brand/Ownership papers are required to be brought to weigh-in. You must designate which animal belongs to which kid including family animals at the time of weigh-in, please be prepared.



ATTENTION

ALL LINCOLN COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

As of 2024, all beef that will be in the market show and sold at the Lincoln County Fair will be required to have a brand inspection (which is a legal bill of sale) in the exhibitor's name. There will be no more "home raised" animals cleared unless the exhibitor is the legal owner of the brand that the animal is wearing. If the animal does not have a brand it must still have a brand inspection in the exhibitors name. As I love to see local ranch raised calves in the show that are wearing a family brand, we must do a change of ownership (brand inspection) from the person selling (gifting) the animal to the exhibitor. Reference Colorado State Statute C.R.S. 35-53-105 (1)-(3) - Failure to Obtain Brand Inspection Prior to Shipment. Please bring your brand inspection with you to weigh in each year. I will mark a new tag number on your certificate. Each August at the fair when you consign your animal to sell, I will need to collect your certificate so please also bring your brand inspection paperwork. If you do not have a brand inspection done by the time the livestock sale starts the money will be held until you get the brand inspection done. Reference Colorado State Statute C.R.S. 35-54-105 (1) - Sale of Livestock Without a Bill of Sale.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 719-924-3548 or 719-440-1387. Again this will be a requirement starting in the year 2024.

Thank you and I wish you the best of luck with your animals!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marc Hollenbaugh'.

Marc Hollenbaugh, Brand Inspector - Limon District

FAIR RELATED: UPDATES (Cont.)

From the Lincoln County Livestock Sale Committee “To keep Lincoln County’s state identification method standard across all species, we will be implementing county wide tags for all market livestock exhibited at the Lincoln County Fair. To accommodate this and the desire for our youth to be able to participate in the rate of gain class for swine, sheep, goats, and beef, we will be hosting a county weigh in date on Saturday, May 4th from 8AM to 11AM for sheep, goat, and swine. If a family does not wish to participate in the rate of gain class, they will still be responsible for attending the weigh-in to get the county identification tags in their animals. We know that there will be conflicts with other events, so please utilize your 4-H family to get your show animals tagged. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Baylie or John Thompson.”

◆ Market Sheep/Goat/Swine (2024 Change for Weigh-in & Tagging)

-All Sheep, goats, and swine will be required to get tagged on Saturday, May 4th (8:00-11:00am) & weighed (if participating in the rate of gain contests). This replaces the nomination process and forms utilized the past couple of years. Animals do not have to get off the trailer to be weighed, but they do have to be tagged that day to be eligible for entry at fair.

- ◆ Rate of Gain Contests will be available for (Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine) in 2024. Members must have their animal weighed in at the respective Tagging/Weigh-In date and submit class entry on their fair entry form to be eligible for the contests.
- ◆ Sheep (Market Class Addition)->Miniature Sheep (Weight range 60-99 lbs.). Declare at Tagging.

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT INFORMATION:

Shooting Sports Forms Required (Due January 31): Forms are available online at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h/shooting-sports/.

1) 4-H Shootings Sports Project Requirements & Signature Form

2) 4-H Shooting Sports Permission to Participate/Liability Release Form

*The requirements for minimum project completion and requirements to attend the state shoot are both outlined on the “4-H Shooting Sports Project Requirements & Signature” form. *Shooting disciplines offered will be subject to certified instructor availability. All participants are required to provide their own ammunition/arrows and safety equipment at shoots.

Shooting Sports Fees Due: \$35/per shooting sports discipline enrolled in is due by January 31 (ex. enrollment in shotgun and rifle would equal a fee total of \$70). This is in addition the member enrollment fee. A Late Fee of \$10.00 applies after January 31. Fees are payable to the Extension Office.

Safety Meetings- *New project members must attend both safety meetings their first year. Returning members only need to attend one safety meeting. *Members may not add the shooting project once the 1st safety meeting has passed to participate in range activities.

(Dates: February 20th @ 6:30pm & February 27th @ 6:30pm @ Lincoln County Fairgrounds.)

Hunter’s Safety Certification Due March 1: This must be completed by this date to participate in live fire range activities throughout the year. CPW is offering a class in February in Limon. Check out the Colorado Parks and Wildlife site for more information and other class availability at:

cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx.

Practice Shoots and Scored Shoots- All shoots will be held at the Limon gun range. Practice and scored shoots will be scheduled for the late spring and summer.

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING MEET & GREET

Date: February 19 @ 6:00pm

Location: Lincoln County Extension Office

*This will be an opportunity for members to meet the livestock Judging coach-Ronny Pope. Members will be able to learn more about livestock judging in general, go over contest opportunities, costs, participation requirements, and ask questions.

4-H DOG PROJECT MEETING & HELP

4-H Dog Project Meeting is February 22 at 5:00pm at the fairgrounds. Contact Raejean Palko (text or email) (970) 946-4130 or raejean.palko@eastcoloradosbdc.com to RSVP by February 16 for the meeting. ****Do Not bring your dog to the first meeting****

Bring to the Meeting: Dog leash , last year's record book (if you have them), dog's shot records, and a 2024 record book. You can download the county specific record book from our county extension page at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-projects-record-books/.

DISTRICT & STATE OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES:









District, South Central District, or State Officer Interest- Senior (Driving-Age) Members who may be interested in running for a District, South Central District, or State Office need to contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu or emily.baylie@colostate.edu by the end of February to get more information and complete the application process. *All offices require extensive travel and time commitment as well as event travel and registration expenses.

STATE CONFERENCE CONTESTS AVAILABLE:

The State 4-H Conference will be June 18-20 in Fort Collins at CSU campus. There are many workshops and contests available to senior age members. Senior age members if you have an interest in competing in a contest at State Conference please contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu or emily.baylie@colostate.edu to learn more about contest requirements and participation. *There is a cost to enter contests as well as general registration and travel costs. *Some contests require team members for competition. Volunteers are also needed to coach contestants in contests.

- Family & Consumer Science (Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-thon)
- Livestock (Quiz Bowl & Judging)
- Speaking Contests (Prepared & Impromptu)
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Horse (Demonstration, Quiz Bowl, Judging, & Hippology)

MARKET LIVESTOCK REFERENCE CHART

<u>Species</u>	<u>Ideal Birth Date</u>	<u>When to Acquire</u>	<u>Suggest beginning weight/age</u>	<u>Minimum Weight at Fair</u>	<u>Maximum Weight at Fair</u>
Beef 	Winter/ Spring of previous year	Fall to January	650-850 lbs. Miniatures 300- 400 lbs.	1000 lbs. Miniatures 500 lbs.	1550 lbs. Miniatures 999 lbs.
Swine 	After January 1 st of current year	March to April	70-100 lbs.	230 lbs.	300 lbs.
Lamb 	After January 1 st of current year	March to April	50-90 lbs. Miniatures 30-50 lbs.	100 lbs. Miniatures 60 lbs.	175 lbs. Miniatures 99 lbs.
Goat 	After December 1 st of previous year	March to April	30-65 lbs.	50 lbs.	125 lbs.
Turkey 	Hatched March 15 th -May 15 th	March 15 th to May 15 th	3 days old	Hens 13 lbs. Toms 20 lbs.	Hens 30 lbs. Toms 43 lbs.
Geese 	Hatched March 15 th -May 15 th	March 15 th to May 15 th	3 days old	Pen of two 14 lbs.	Pen of two 28 lbs.
Duck 	Hatched April 15 th -May 15 th	April 15 th -May 15 th	3 days old	Pen of two 12 lbs.	Pen of two 18 lbs.
Chicken	Hatched May 15 th -June 20 th	May 15 th -June 20 th	3 days old	Pen of three Fryer 9 lbs. Boilers 18 lbs.	Pen of three Fryer 18 lbs. Boilers 30 lbs.
Rabbit 	April 22 nd - May 1 st	May 22 nd - June 5 th	30 days old	Pen of three Fryer 9 lbs.	Pen of three Fryer 17 lbs.

4-H FOUNDATION REIMBURSEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Lincoln County 4-H Foundation offers a "Reimbursement Scholarship" to 4-H members for some reimbursement or support of (4-H camps, workshops, and general project supplies).

Go to the Lincoln County 4-H/Extension website and click under "Foundation" to download the form and requirements at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/.

STATE FAIR: GENERAL INFORMATION & SHOWING

The Colorado State Fair is August 22– September 2 in Pueblo, Colorado. The state fair provides a number of opportunities for 4-H and FFA members as well as the general public. Opportunities and general events include, but are not limited to: Horse, Livestock, & Small Animal Shows; Concerts & Other Specialty Events; Various Contests; Rodeos; Home & Garden Show; and Vendors.

**If you plan on exhibiting 4-H/FFA animals at the state fair, be sure to read through their site regarding nominations, DNA requirements, and entries information. Plan well in advance to receive and send DNA kits and obtain form signatures. This also includes securing a Colorado Premise ID Number as well.*

-Beef Nomination Forms are due to the office for signature no later than April 1.

-Sheep, Goat, & Swine Nomination Forms are due to the office for signature no later than June 1.

*Plan accordingly to receive forms on the correct paper.

*4-H members may have the opportunity to exhibit indoor general projects at the state fair by qualifying at the local county fair . Contact the office for more information.

Learn more & find resources and deadline information @ coloradostatefair.com/.

MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE (MQA)

Meat Quality Assurance Training for 4-H/FFA members consists of walk-through learning stations and a test. The training is required for all members who are enrolled in livestock projects.

Lincoln County 4-H & FFA Members will be required to complete MQA as follows:

1x-First year taking a livestock project

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 10

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 14. *FFA members must attend as well their first livestock project year when showing in FFA.

Lincoln County MQA Date: April 1-> 4-7:00pm @ Lincoln County Fairgrounds

**If you cannot make the county date you will need to contact the office in advance for a listing of other county trainings that you may attend to complete your requirement. We need to notify other counties before you show up at their MQA training. Dates for other MQA trainings start as early as March in our part of the state.*

***Senior age members-If you would have an interest in helping with the MQA event and tear-down to earn community service, please contact christine.schinzel@colstate.edu.**

INFORMATION & EVENTS

County: *Reminder to check your email and monitor our Facebook page for updates on 4-H activities and events. **Forms, fees, and registrations are due to the office by (day stated) or (previous Friday) if the day is a weekend or holiday. County related forms and applications are available on the 4-H Forms & Applications page at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/. A reminder that forms can be mailed, emailed, faxed, or dropped through the back door slot. The extension office cannot take credit cards for payment purposes.*

-Lincoln County Extension/4-H Website @ lincoln.extension@colostate.edu

-Facebook @ [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#)

-Colorado 4-H Website @ co4h.colostate.edu & 4H Online @ v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

- ◆ **Livestock Scholarship Donor Opportunity**- Each year the Livestock Sale Committee provides scholarships to interested 4-H/FFA youth participating in beef, sheep, swine, and goat projects through an application process. If you or your business would have an interest in supporting one of these scholarships financially; then please contact the sale committee or office.
- ◆ **Shooting Sports-Safety Meetings** will be held on February 20 and 27 at 6:30pm @ the fairgrounds. February 20-6:00pm-Will be a general bow maintenance/cleaning session. February 27-6:00pm-Will be a general firearm maintenance/cleaning session. First year members must attend both safety meetings. All members interested in taking shooting sports need to obtain their Hunter's Safety Card before the March 1 add/drop project deadline. ***For more information about Hunter's Safety go to cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx.*
- ◆ **District, South Central District, or State Officer Interest**- Senior (Driving-Age) Members who may be interested in running for a District, South Central District, or State Office need to contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu or emily.baylie@colostate.edu by the end of February to get more information and complete the application process. All offices require extensive travel and time commitment as well as travel and registration expenses.
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- ◆ **4-H Livestock Judging Meet/Greet** is February 19 at 6:00pm at the extension office to learn more about livestock judging and go over events and information for the year.
- ◆ **4-H Dog Project Meeting** is February 22 at 5:00pm at the fairgrounds. Contact Raejean Palko (text or email) (970) 946-4130 or raejean.palko@eastcoloradosbdc.com to RSVP by February 16. Additional information in newsletter article.

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- ◆ **Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)** registration is open to members 15+ in 4Honline. Registration closes February 16. Cost is \$3,550. The County foundation offers a scholarship for one eligible member to attend each year. Other members may attend at their own expense.
- ◆ **South Central District Retreat Camp** for 4-H age members (14+) is scheduled for March 15-17 in Divide, CO. Registration will open in 4H Online in early February. Additional details TBD. If you have an interest in attending camp or chaperoning youth, please contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu or emily.baylie@colostate.edu for more information.
- ◆ **Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA)** for 4-H/FFA members for Lincoln County is *April 1* starting at 4:00pm at the fairgrounds. Contact the office for a listing of other county available locations if you cannot make this date. **Livestock Members are required to take MQA their first livestock project year, at 4-H age 10, and at 4-H age 14. FFA members must take MQA the first year they are enrolled in FFA with a livestock project.*

***Senior age members-If you would have an interest in helping with the MQA event and tear-down to earn community service, please contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu.**

- ◆ **Lincoln County 4-H Foundation Reimbursement Scholarship** form is available to 4-Hmembers for some reimbursement or support of 4-H camps, workshops, and general project supplies. Go to the Lincoln County 4-H/Extension website and click under “Foundation” to download the form and requirements at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/.
- ◆ **4-H Project List is available @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/.** “Natural Resources” will again be piloting this year for interested members. Project Add-Drop deadline is March 1.
- ◆ **4-H Project Manual Ordering Information @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/.**
- ◆ **State 4-H Conference Contests Participation-If you have an interest in participating in a state contest (see article in newsletter for areas), then please contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu or emily.baylie@colostate.edu for more information.** Some contests require teams.
- ◆ **Lincoln County 4-H Foundation Scholarship** application for seniors is due April 1. Applications is under “4-H Forms & Application” section on the extension website.

Other: ***** Verify with listed contacts pertaining to their individual event to find out specific information and guidelines, event cancellation procedures, registration requirements, etc.**

- ◆ **Additional Events-Facebook-** Many events/notices/resources in and out of 4-H are also posted on the [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#) Facebook page as they become available. Be sure to check the page for additional opportunities and information for both youth and adults.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Live Smart Blog (Family & Consumer) @ livesmartcolorado.colostate.edu/.**

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- ◆ **CSU Extension Horticulture Blog** @ cshort.blogspot.com/.
- ◆ **Lincoln County-Noxious Weed Management Pocket Guide** is available @ [Lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/agriculture-natural-resources/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/agriculture-natural-resources/).
- ◆ **Various Livestock Shows** national listing flyers available @ showman.app/shows#/.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Cottage Foods Safety Trainings** are held throughout the year. Learn more and register for a training @ foodsmartcolorado.colostate.edu/food-safety/cottage-retail-foods/.
- ◆ **CSU College Connection Webinar Series** will take place with different colleges once a month. Learn more about degrees, scholarships, and student organizations. Email csu_online_studentsupport@mail.colostate.edu for registration and schedule information.
- ◆ **The Denver Foundation** houses multiple scholarship opportunities for high school and college applicants @ denverfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/. Check their website for opportunities and corresponding deadlines.
- ◆ **National Holstein Women's Scholarship** application is due early February and is available @ nhwsoscholarship.com/scholarship-application/.
- ◆ **High Plains No-Till Conference** is February 6-7 in Burlington, CO. Learn more @ highplainsnotill.com/.
- ◆ **Ag Day Essay** contest entries are due February 9. Learn more @ agday.org/essay-contest.
- ◆ **El Pomar Internship** application is due February 9. Learn more @ elpomar.org/programs/internship/.
- ◆ **Colorado Livestock Association-Marshall Frasier Beef Symposium** will be held February 13 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Learn more @ coloradolivestock.org/.
- ◆ **Stalwart Agfinity Scholarship** application information is available @ agfinityinc.com/about-us/community-support/.
- ◆ **Farm Credit of Southern Colorado Scholarships** application is due February 15. Learn more @ aglending.com/scholarships/. **Internships** are also available.
- ◆ **Dairy Calf and Heifer Association Scholarship** is due February 24. Information available @ calfandheifer.org/scholarship/.
- ◆ **Feed Tomorrow Institute of Food Technologies Scholarships** close February 26. Information is available @ ift.org/Community/Students/Scholarships.aspx.
- ◆ **Colorado Ag Forum** is February 29. Learn more @ coloradoagforum.com/.
- ◆ **American Agri-Women Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarships** are due March 1. Learn more @ americanagriwomen.org/scholarships/.

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- ◆ **Colorado 4-H State Scholarships** application is due March 1. Learn more @ co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/.
- ◆ **National Ayrshire Youth Scholarship** is due March 1. Learn more @ usayrshire.com/youth.html.
- ◆ **National Junior Swine Association Scholarships** applications are due March 1. Information is available @ nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa-scholarships.php.
- ◆ **Agriculture Future of America Scholarship** is due March 6. Learn more @ agfuture.org/scholarships.
- ◆ **Bare Root Trees** are available to order from the Extension Office until March 15.
- ◆ **Sullivan Show Supply Scholarship** is due March 15. Learn more @ sullivansupply.com/.
- ◆ **Trans Ova Genetics Scholarships** are due March 15. Learn more @ transova.com/youth#scholarships.
- ◆ **Turf and Ornamental Communications Association Scholarship** is due March 15. Information and application is available at toca.org/toca-scholarship-2/.
- ◆ **Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship** is due April 1. Learn more @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/ & select link.
- ◆ **National Farmers Union Foundation Scholarships** are due April 1. Learn more @ nfu.org/scholarships.
- ◆ **Beef Blow N Go Show** is in Calhan on April 6. Learn more @ docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0XKm2fDPqbV9dY8eUqxML97X7j04DXpZOGmVAIMXszhmQew/viewform.
- ◆ **WinField United Careers in Agriculture Scholarship** is due in April. Application information available through a general search @ learnmore.scholarsapply.org/winfield/.

JUST TO GET YOU THINKIN...

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”

- Dr. Seuss

ACTIVITY PAGE: DO I KNOW THE BASICS?

When something goes wrong; what you know about yourself, others, and your surroundings can help emergency personnel assist you more quickly and more effectively. To help stay safe; work with your parents to see if you know some of the basics and go through some tips to be prepared.

What I need to know when I call 9-1-1:

- Try to stay calm and speak loud and clear.
- Give them your full name.
- Give them a physical address of your location or descriptors of your location (i.e. street signs, colors, buildings, etc.) as best you can.
- Try to give as much information as you can about what's going on.
- Answer all question they have as best you can and don't hang-up or leave until they tell you to.

*If you are lost or need help while out in public:

- Go to a nearby store or business if out on the street or road.
- Look for emergency signal signs or emblems on the street or in buildings for directions.
- Go to the front desk or cash register of a store.
- Look for security or emergency personnel in establishments.

What's my first and last name?

How old am I?

What is my physical home address?

What are my parents or guardians first and last names?

What are my parents or guardians phone numbers?

Who else should we call and what's their phone number if my parents are not available?

Do I have any allergies, medical or sensory conditions? Do I know my blood type?

Is there anything else important that emergency people may need to know about me:

Tips to Help be Prepared:

- Put a child identification and parent contact card in backpacks and luggage bags.
- Practice reciting important personal identification information with your parents and siblings.
- When out and about learn to read traffic signs and begin recognizing identifying marks (such as landscapes and buildings). Also learn what hazard and safety symbols mean as well.
- Practice finding locations using addresses with written and electronic directions. Learn where to look for help if you are lost or don't know where you are going.
- Know how to find your home and a secondary "Safe" location (ex. Grandma's house or your friend John's house). *Know how to dial 9-1-1 (if you are lost or hurt or someone needs help).

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Events & Information available @ Lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/events/

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4-H Enrollment Closes -Small Animal Scholarships Due	2	3
4 County Council 12PM @ Extension Office	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Livestock Sale Committee Mtg @ Extension Office	14	15	16 CWF applications due -RSVP Due Dog Mtg.	17
18	19 Holiday -Livestock Judging Meet/Greet 6:00pm @ Extension Office	20 Shooting Sports -Bow Cleaning Session 6:00pm & -Safety Mtg.1 6:30pm@ Fairgrounds	21	22 4-H Dog Project Meeting 5:00pm @ Fairgrounds	23	24
25	26	27 Shooting Sports -Firearm Cleaning Session 6:00pm & -Safety Mtg.2 6:30pm@ Fairgrounds	28	29	March 1 -Hunter's Safety Certifications Due- Shooting Sports -4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline	March 2 Beef Weigh-In 8:00am Meier Feedlot - 48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon

HEAD-> Your Local Dashboard

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides access to states and counties to allow producers to access information. This information can be searched at the state and/or county level to be more relevant to your local operation. Data information includes cattle and commodity prices, weather data, historical data, and USDA events coming up. It also provides contact information for your local service centers and state offices. This is a great chance to explore data and resources on the farmers.gov website and also sign up for updates.

HEART-> Beef Sticks for Backpacks

Beef Sticks for Backpacks produces and distributes high quality beef sticks to the Colorado backpack program. This program helps provide food to children facing food insecurities particularly on the weekends. Colorado State University makes the sticks in their Global Food Innovation Center. A beef stick provides 8 grams of protein and are non-perishable, making them a great food source. Over 20,000 sticks are distributed each week in Colorado. You can help by providing donations and spreading the word @ beefsticks.org/.



HEALTH-> Help When Needed

HANDS-> Livestock Handling Video Resource

The Colorado Livestock Association and Colorado BQA was able to work with grant funding to produce a couple of videos for livestock producers regarding cattle handling, loading demonstrations, and mobility and fitness assessments. The videos are great visual resource for producers of all experience levels to learn something new or refresh procedures. Viewing of the videos is available @ coloradolivestock.org/safety/. The videos are available in Spanish or English and are great safety training videos for operations to provide to employees.

-Mental Health Screening Tool @ mhascreening.org or Text for help-> 741-741

-988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline @ 1-800-273-8255 or Text -> 988

-Domestic Violence Hotline @ thehotline.org or 1-800-799-7233

-Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline @ childhelp.org or call/text @ 1-800-422-4453

-Trevor Project Hotline @ thetrevorproject.org/get-help or 1-866-488-7386

-Drug-Free Kids Helpline @ 1-855-378-4373

-Safe 2 Tell @ safe2tell.org/ or 1-877-542-7233

-Caregiver Help Desk @ 1-855-227-3640