

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## Thank You!

Meier Feedlot, Marc Hollenbaugh, Livestock Sale Committee, Evan Brent and Asha Thompson for helping with Beef Weigh-In.



## Welcome

### Tiffany Stewart- New Administrative Assistant

I have spent most of my entire life as a resident of Lincoln County, growing up in Karval and residing in Hugo since 2013. Growing up, I participated in 4-H for 10 years and I was fortunate enough to be one of the very first members of the Karval FFA club when it was established in 2000. While residing in Karval, I was also the Assistant Fire Chief for the Karval Volunteer Fire District and an EMT. I am a mom of three amazing boys and wife to an awesome husband. My husband and I own a small plumbing business here in Lincoln County and in our down time, we run a Cornhole club that offers both large and small tournaments all year round. I'm looking forward to joining the awesome team at the Lincoln County Extension Office as the new Administrative Assistant and working with families, vol-



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## HPAI/H5N1 & BIOSECURITY BASICS REMINDERS FOR ALL

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and the H5N1 strain continue to infect birds and other mammals including cattle across the U.S. As we enter into spring and wild animals begin migration or increase movement, it's important to beware of current diseases and their ability to spread in and among species including humans. USDA-APHIS, state departments of agriculture, and regulatory health authorities including the CDC and veterinarians are continuing to work on providing up-to-date information and resources as the strains evolve or new outbreaks or species infection occurs. While we cannot stop viruses or diseases from occurring in general; we can take some steps with our own livestock and properties to reduce the likelihood of contraction. The best way to do this is through the development, implementation, and on-going timely review of a biosecurity plan.

**What is a biosecurity plan and who should have one?** A biosecurity plan is simply a planned action-guide to reduce the likelihood of your livestock contracting diseases. Everyone with livestock whether for personal enjoyment or business income should have a biosecurity plan.

**Who should know?** Everyone on the operation or property should be aware of the biosecurity plan and protocols. Have a conversation with vendors to let them know about the plan to educate their employees. There should also be signage for visitors including delivery drivers and friends.

**Getting Started:** Work with your local veterinarian to conduct an operation assessment and develop a plan of action. Review the plan at least annually and make everyone aware of changes. \*The resource section has great links for biosecurity plan templates. Put a copy of the plan in more than one location and don't forget to include disaster related protocols as well.

- Add signs and fencing as necessary to the property to limit access to animal areas.
- Educate employees and family members on the biosecurity plan and procedures.
- Provide essential PPE (personal protective equipment) and sanitizing stations.

### **General Biosecurity Reminders for :**

- Separate each species different pens; as one may be more susceptible to a disease than another.
- Regularly clean and disinfect (waterers, pens, feeders, equipment, etc.) with a 5-10% Bleach solution or other disinfectant according to label directions.
- Quarantine new arrivals of animals for 21 days and keep younger animals separated from older animals.
- Reduce open feed and water sources to discourage the presence of wild birds/ animals on the property.
- Wear different boots and gloves (or use disposable ones) when moving from pen to pen for daily chores and health checks; especially during disease outbreak periods or for jackpotting/show animals.
- Regularly monitor animals for health and wellness and contact your veterinarian for any sick animals.

**Resources:** Farm Animal Risk Mitigation-Farm PPE @ [farmppe.netlify.app/](http://farmppe.netlify.app/)

APHIS Information @ [aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-livestock](http://aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-livestock)

Colorado Dept. of Ag. HPAI Information & Reportable Diseases @ [cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases) & [ag.colorado.gov/animal-health/reportable-diseases/avian-influenza](http://ag.colorado.gov/animal-health/reportable-diseases/avian-influenza)

Center for Disease Control Information @ [cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/inhumans.html](http://cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/inhumans.html)

# 4-H SPEECH/JAMBOREE/DEMONSTRATION & CREATIVE COOKS CONTEST

Date: May 9

Start: 9:00am-Schedule will be released after registrations are completed.

Location: Lincoln County Fairgrounds

Registrations (with speech topic, demonstration title, and music copies) are by [Due April 24](mailto:christine.schinzel@colostate.edu) to [christine.schinzel@colostate.edu](mailto:christine.schinzel@colostate.edu).

\*Registration forms are available on the extension website under forms ->"county & state" @ [lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/).

\*Youth will need to notify by the deadline if a projector or computer is needed for their presentation. Youth must bring all musical or cooking and setup items.

\*Reminder youth who received a Livestock Scholarship must complete a demonstration as part of their scholarship requirements.

## JUST TO GET YOU THINKIN...

*"People who know little are usually great talkers, while men who know much say little." -Jean Rousseau*

*Q "Did you hear about the goats that got in trouble for playing pranks on Aprils Fools?"*

*A "It turned out to be a couple of kids."*

## LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lincoln County 4-H Foundation offers scholarship opportunities as follows to 4-H members:

-Project Scholarship (funds to help offset general 4-H project expenses)- Due May 1

-Reimbursement Scholarship (funds for attending a 4-H event/camp)

Learn more and download the applications by going to the Lincoln County Extension website @ [lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/) under the tab "4-H Foundation app".

# 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/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/). A reminder that forms can be mailed, emailed, 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](mailto:lincoln.extension@colostate.edu)

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

-Colorado 4-H Website @ [co4h.colostate.edu](http://co4h.colostate.edu) & 4H Online @ [v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in](http://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in)

- ◆ **4-H Project List & Manual Ordering Information** is available @ [co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/](http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/).
- ◆ **Shooting Sports-** The first spring practice is (Saturday) April 19 at the Limon Gun Range starting at 7:45am. Individual discipline start times will be emailed out to participants. Please make sure you are purchasing ammunition well ahead of each scheduled shoot to ensure enough rounds. Watch for emails the week of shoots for any changes including weather cancellations.
- ◆ **Livestock Judging Practices** will be Tuesday nights @ 5:30pm in April. Contact Ronny (402-641-7428) to learn more.
- ◆ **Dog Project Practices-** Contact Raejean (970-946-4130) for dates and location. Bring your dog, dog leash, and vaccination paperwork. Plan on being outdoors.
- ◆ **Lincoln County 4-H Foundation Project & 4-H Event Reimbursement** forms are available to 4-H members for some reimbursement or support of 4-H camps, workshops, and general project supplies. The project reimbursement application is due May 1. Go to the Lincoln County 4-H/Extension website and click under "Foundation" to download the forms and requirements at [lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/).
- ◆ **All Horse & Dog ID's** are due in 4H Online by May 1. Only newly purchased horses ID's and brand inspection paperwork may be sent to the office from May 2-July 1.
- ◆ **Sheep/Swine/Goat Nominations** for 4-H will be entered through 4H Online (Animals Section). Families will need to pick up tags from the office and tag and take pictures and upload information no later than May 5. FFA members will utilize the paper form. Tags and taggers (to borrow) are now available. Please plan in advance if you need to borrow a tagger.
- ◆ **Speech/Jamboree/Demonstration & Creative Cooks Contests** will be May 9 at the fairgrounds starting at 9:00am. Registration (with speech topic, demonstration title, and music copies) are due to by April 24. The registration forms are on the extension website under "county & state" @ [lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/).
- ◆ **State Fair Sheep, Goat, & Swine Nominations-**Members interested in taking these species to state fair will need to notify the office to receive a state fair nomination form and turn it back in no later than June 1. DNA packets must be ordered @ [coloradostatefair.com/livestock/](http://coloradostatefair.com/livestock/) and shipped back by the state submission deadlines. Refer to the Colorado State fair for all policies and complete entry deadline information.

## INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ♦ **Fair Related**-> Livestock and general project entries will be due July 1. The fairbook for '25 will be updated this spring online and hard copies will be available early summer.
- ♦ **Poultry & Rabbit Nominations** for 4-H will be entered through 4H Online (Animals section). Families will need to pick up leg bands from the office (once notified of availability) and upload nomination information no later than July 1. FFA members will utilize the paper form. Additional information is listed in the "Fair Updates" section and leg band availability will be forthcoming.

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/](http://livesmartcolorado.colostate.edu/).
- ♦ **CSU Extension Horticulture Blog** @ [cshort.blogspot.com/](http://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/).
- ♦ **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/](http://foodsmartcolorado.colostate.edu/food-safety/cottage-retail-foods/).
- ♦ **Various Livestock Shows** national listing of flyers available @ [showman.app/shows#/](http://showman.app/shows#/) or [showringmaster.com](http://showringmaster.com).
- ♦ **Listing of Livestock Shows-General** @ [drive.google.com/drive/folders/131-cPnFYKu8RiG9siMHZsLYZX3ahkxua](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/131-cPnFYKu8RiG9siMHZsLYZX3ahkxua)
- ♦ **Denver Foundation Grants and Scholarship** opportunities available @ [denverfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/](http://denverfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/).
- ♦ **Various Livestock Shows** national listing flyers available @ [showman.app/shows#/](http://showman.app/shows#/).
- ♦ **Colorado Junior Swine Association Shows** and information available @ [cjsaswine.com/](http://cjsaswine.com/).
- ♦ **Colorado Stock Horse Association Open Shows** .More information available @ [coloradostockhorse.com](http://coloradostockhorse.com).
- ♦ **Club Lambs & Goats** for sale-Contact Raejean @ 970-946-4130 for more information or *Sandy Beach Livestock* Facebook Page.
- ♦ **TNT Club Lambs** for sale- Call John @ 719-342-0126 for more information.
- ♦ **Brush Livestock Exchange Scholarship** application is due April 4. Learn more @ [live-stockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html](http://live-stockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html).
- ♦ **Civilian Marksmanship Program Scholarship** is due April 4. Learn more @ [thecmp.org/communications/cmp-scholarship-program/?dom=foxnews&src=syn](http://thecmp.org/communications/cmp-scholarship-program/?dom=foxnews&src=syn).
- ♦ **WinField United Careers in Agriculture Scholarship** is due in April. Application information available through a general search @ [learnmore.scholarsapply.org/winfield/](http://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/winfield/).
- ♦ **Beef Blow N Go Show** is in Calhan on April 6. Learn more @ [eventbrite.com/e/2025-el-paso-county-beef-blow-n-go-show-tickets-1114095101439](http://eventbrite.com/e/2025-el-paso-county-beef-blow-n-go-show-tickets-1114095101439).

## INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ◆ **GROWMARK Agricultural Scholarship** application is due April 11. Learn more @ [growmark.com/news-center/2025-growmark-foundation-scholarship-applications-now-open](http://growmark.com/news-center/2025-growmark-foundation-scholarship-applications-now-open).
- ◆ **Lincoln County Stockmen's Association Scholarship** is due April 11. For more information contact James Bledsoe @ 719-740-1911.
- ◆ **4-H Leathercraft Youth Workshop & Leader Training** is April 12 in Castle Rock. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Register in 4H Online. Contact Kay Orton 970-216-9839 or [kayorton@hotmail.com](mailto:kayorton@hotmail.com) for additional information.
- ◆ **Colorado Arabian Horse Club CAHC No Frills Show & 4-H Extravaganza** is April 13 in Denver CO. Learn more @ [coloradoarabianhorseclub.org](http://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org).
- ◆ **Colvin Scholarship Fund** applications are due April 14. Learn more @ [CertifiedAngusBeef.com/en/brand/colvin-scholarship](http://CertifiedAngusBeef.com/en/brand/colvin-scholarship).
- ◆ **American Herford Association Spring Scholarships** are due April 15. Information and application @ [Hereford.org/youth/scholarship-opportunities](http://Hereford.org/youth/scholarship-opportunities).
- ◆ **Big R Producing Partners Program**-Livestock 4-H/FFA members can apply for monetary project assistance till April 15. Contact Big R to learn more.
- ◆ **Heather Hays Stinnett Memorial Scholarship** application is open till April 15. Learn more @ [coloradocattlegirls.org/colorado-cattlegirls-legacy-scholarships/](http://coloradocattlegirls.org/colorado-cattlegirls-legacy-scholarships/).
- ◆ **National Dairy Shrine Scholarships** for all applications are due April 15. Application information available @ [dairyshrine.org/youth/#scholar](http://dairyshrine.org/youth/#scholar).
- ◆ **National Junior Swine Association Select Scholarships** application is due April 15. Information available @ [nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa-scholarships.php](http://nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa-scholarships.php).
- ◆ **Colorado Association of Fairs & Shows Scholarship** is due April 18. Learn more @ [coloradofairs.org/p/convention/scholarship](http://coloradofairs.org/p/convention/scholarship).
- ◆ **Statewide 4-H Horse Clinic & Tack Swap** is April 25-27 in Pueblo, CO. Register in 4H Online.
- ◆ **Weld County Goat (Dairy/Meat) Extravaganza** show and seminars is April 25-27 at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley, CO. For information & registration go to [weld.gov/Government/Departments/CSU-Extension/Weld-County-Goat-Extravaganza](http://weld.gov/Government/Departments/CSU-Extension/Weld-County-Goat-Extravaganza).
- ◆ **Colorado Boer Goat Association Shows**-Multiple Dates. Learn more @ [colorado-boer-goat-association.mailchimpsites.com/shows-events](http://colorado-boer-goat-association.mailchimpsites.com/shows-events).
- ◆ **Spring Gather Open Ranch Horse Show** is April 26-27 in Grand Junction, CO. Contact Tom Sharpe to learn more @ 970-261-3528 or [hooftracks@outlook.com](mailto:hooftracks@outlook.com).
- ◆ **NCGA Corn Ambassador Program** -Learn more @ [ncga.com/stay-informed/scholarships/profile/ncga-research-ambassador-program](http://ncga.com/stay-informed/scholarships/profile/ncga-research-ambassador-program).
- ◆ **American Charolais Association Scholarship** application is due April 30. Information is available at [charolaisusa.com/jr-membership.php](http://charolaisusa.com/jr-membership.php).
- ◆ **Angus Foundation Scholarships** are due May 1. For information go to [angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships/njaa-scholarships](http://angus.org/foundation/apply-for-scholarships/njaa-scholarships).
- ◆ **Maine-Anjou Scholarship** application is due May 1. Information available @ [maine-anjou.org/junior/scholarship.php](http://maine-anjou.org/junior/scholarship.php).

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- ◆ **National Junior Swine Association Scholarships** applications are due May 1. Information is available @ [nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa-scholarships.php](http://nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa-scholarships.php).
- ◆ **Little American Royal Livestock & Horse Show** is May 2-3 in Kersey, CO. Learn more @ [showman.app](http://showman.app) or [facebook.com/p/Little-American-Royal-Livestock-and-Horse-Show-100068885834731/](https://facebook.com/p/Little-American-Royal-Livestock-and-Horse-Show-100068885834731/).
- ◆ **El Paso County Rabbit and Cavy Rally** is May 3 in Calhan. Contact Samantha Taylor at [rabit\\_luver\\_5@hotmail.com](mailto:rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com) for questions.
- ◆ **Weld County 4-H Poudre River Dog Show** is May 3 in Greeley, CO. Register @ [us.openforms.com/Form/24963970-2c3a-4da9-8848-550dea379738](https://us.openforms.com/Form/24963970-2c3a-4da9-8848-550dea379738).
- ◆ **Open Horse Show-Pueblo County 4-H Trailblazers Club** is May 4 in Pueblo, CO. Register @ contact Amy for questions and registration link 720-470-2379 or [trailblazerspueblo4h@gmail.com](mailto:trailblazerspueblo4h@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Arapahoe County 4-H Spring Dog Fun Match** is May 10 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Register @ [forms.office.com/4/d3z2enf2TA](https://forms.office.com/4/d3z2enf2TA). Contact Debbie for questions at 303-261-7037 or [debbie.cuvelier@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie.cuvelier@yahoo.com).
- ◆ **CCC Classic Spring Livestock Show** is May 10 in Colby, KS. Learn more on their [Facebook](#) page or [ShowRingMaster.com](http://ShowRingMaster.com).
- ◆ **Ring of Success Lamb & Goat Show** is May 10-11 in Calhan, Co. Learn more @ [ringofsuccesslivestockshow.com/shows-events](http://ringofsuccesslivestockshow.com/shows-events).
- ◆ **AMSJS Cindy Climer and Jim King Memorial Scholarship** Application is due May 15th. Information @ [milkingshorthorn.com/juniors/#junior-awards](http://milkingshorthorn.com/juniors/#junior-awards).
- ◆ **National Dairy Promotion and Research Board Scholarship** applications are open due May 15. Application is available @ [usdairy.com/about-us/dmi/scholarship](http://usdairy.com/about-us/dmi/scholarship).
- ◆ **Red & White Dairy Cattle Association Scholarship** application is due May 15. Information available @ [redandwhitecattle.com/juniors](http://redandwhitecattle.com/juniors).
- ◆ **Rendezvous on the Range-Swine Show** in Calhan, CO is May 17. Learn more @ [ringofsuccesslivestockshow.com/shows-events](http://ringofsuccesslivestockshow.com/shows-events).
- ◆ **Youth Llama & Alpaca Clinic** is May 17 in Westcliffe, CO. Contact Brianna to learn more and register @ [brianna0215@yahoo.com](mailto:brianna0215@yahoo.com).
- ◆ **Colorado Section Society of Range Management Scholarships** are due May 30. For information go to [cssrm.org/scholarships.html](http://cssrm.org/scholarships.html).
- ◆ **El Paso County Dog Show** is May 31 in Calhan, CO. Register @ [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqasb\\_1Yteu89973libSzT60mVqGSX44Y41JOpXSgWdl6AQ/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqasb_1Yteu89973libSzT60mVqGSX44Y41JOpXSgWdl6AQ/viewform?usp=dialog). For questions contact [rboynton15@hotmail.com](mailto:rboynton15@hotmail.com).

# Fair: Sheep/Goat/Swine Tagging & Nominations

There will not be an in-person weigh-in or tagging this year. Families will need to pick up tags from the office. Taggers will be available to borrow if needed by members. Families will need to coordinate pick up of tags and taggers in advance to ensure availability of equipment and deadline completion. *\*Mini sheep must be declared at nomination. \*Animals that are not nominated/tagged by the stated deadlines will not be eligible for participation at the county fair. See the Tagging Information Sheet for placement of county tags.*

**FFA members** (Showing animals in FFA, other than beef this year). You will need to pick up tags from the office, same as 4-H. You will still need to complete manual nomination forms and submit with pictures per the form by the stated deadlines to [coopext\\_lincoln@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:coopext_lincoln@mail.colostate.edu). The form is available on the Extension website @ [lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/) under tab "fair related".

**4-H Members- Sheep/Swine/Goat Nominations** will be entered through 4H Online (Animals Section). Families must tag animals and take pictures and upload information no later than May 5 in 4H Online.

## Getting Started:

Login to 4H Online Account

Click on the member you wish to add an animal ID to

On Left side of page is listing of selections, select "Animals"

Click "Add an Animal"

Click "Add new Animal"

Then proceed to answer questions on all pages until the animal ID is completed.

This process should be repeated for all animals the member is nominating/tagging in.

*-(Registration paperwork, bill of sales, county specific forms, pig ear notches, and premise ID are not required).* -All other fields should be completed. This includes providing a picture of the animal's head so that the tag is clearly visible and two side pictures of the animal. A beginning weight should be entered by exhibitors from when they purchased the animal.

There are pdf guides for 4H Online that help with species entries @ [co4h.colostate.edu/4honline/](http://co4h.colostate.edu/4honline/) (Select "Family Resources" Tab) and click on the specific animal if needed. Other animals may be generic in entry, but the basic process is the same.

## Tagging Information (Sheep/Goat/Swine)

### Ear Tag Placement -Required

-It's important to try and not place ear tags too close to the inner side of the ear to avoid increased infection and pinching or rubbing.

-Also avoid the outer edge of the ear to help reduce snagging or tearing of the ear and tag which could increase the chances for infection and higher levels of ear tissue damage as well.

-The middle third of the ear is recommended best for tagging. Also avoid the veins in the ear to reduce bleeding and infection.

*\*\*Federal ID Tags (i.e. Scrapie's tags) may not be removed for any reason. Place the ear tag in another location.*

**Pigs-Tag Number should be on the outside of the ear, Button on the inside**

**Goats- Tag Number should be on the outside of the ear, Button on the inside**

**Sheep- Tag Number should be on the inside of the ear, Button on the outside**

### Tagging Tips:

-Always check equipment for proper function and ensure applicator pins are not bent, and that the tagger can appropriately close all the way to secure the tag and button.

-Ensure that the button is fully inserted onto the pins and the tag under the guard (depending on tagger type) before trying to tag the animal.

-Have someone help you restrain the animal's head/body to reduce movement and "misses" when tagging. For swine it may work best to put them between panels or block in a corner.

-Be sure to get as close to the location of the ear for tagging and then quickly and fully squeeze the handles to ensure the tag and button interlock correctly and then release the tagger.

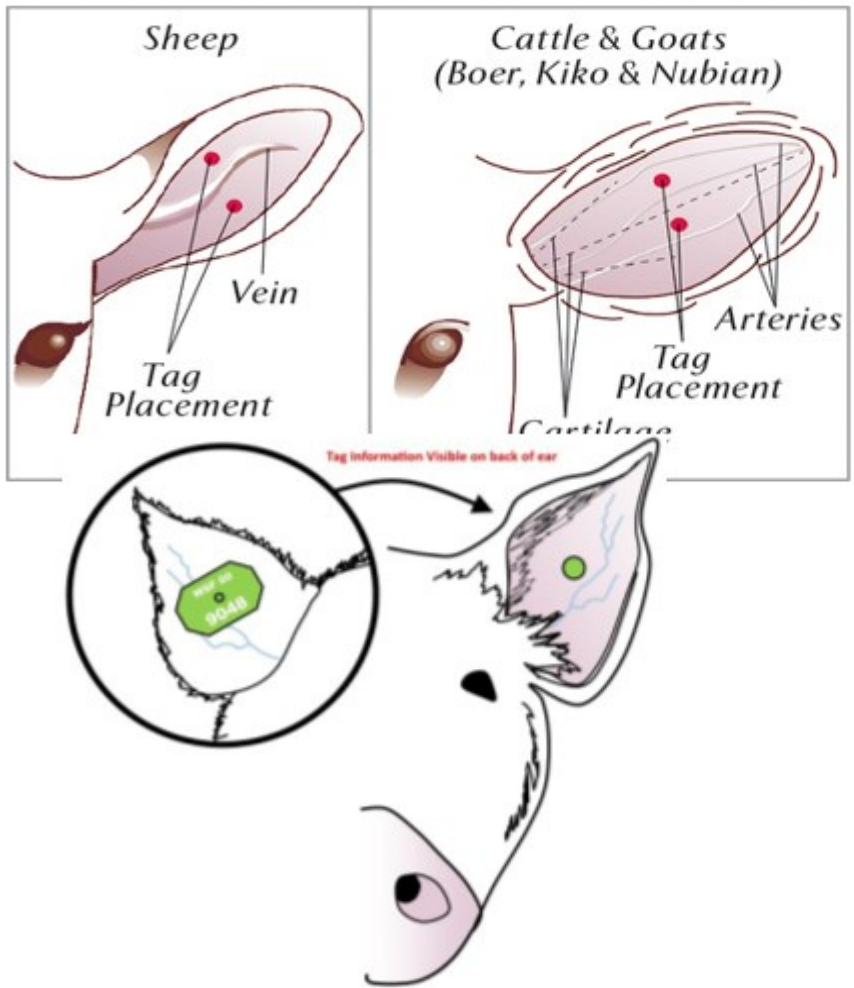
-You may need to move the tag slightly on the button to re-position the tag once you have tagged the animal.

### Disinfectant Recommendations & Infection Awareness:

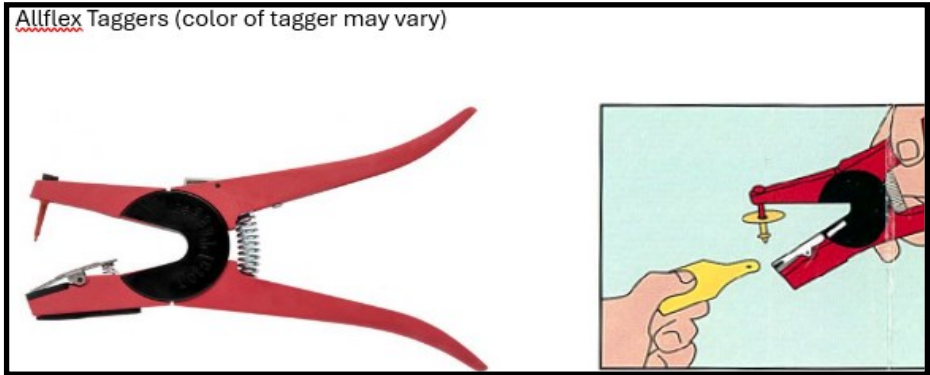
-Consider wiping the tag area on the ear with alcohol or another disinfectant solution prior to applying the tag.

-After tagging, applying Iodine around the tagging area can help prevent infection or help with irritation. **\*\*If the ear becomes highly infected (including showing pus) and the animal exhibits other symptoms of illness including fever, going off feed, etc. then contact your veterinarian for clinic treatment of the area. Symptoms may include, but are not limited to redness, swelling, pus coming out of the tag area, rotten smell, general irritation of the animal or increased head scratching or shaking.**

-Fly spray may need to be utilized as well until the skin has healed.



**SWINE EAR TAGGING**



# ACTIVITY PAGE:

## Homemade Slime:

This activity is great for kids of all ages and doesn't require much in the way of supplies. \*Youth be sure to check with parents before working on the activity.

*Also don't forget to wash your hands before and after making or playing with the slime. If you have allergies be sure to check the ingredients before you begin.*

*Measurement Tips:*

*Tablespoon= tbsp.*

*Teaspoon= tsp.*

## Supplies:

- Liquid glue
- Baking soda
- Contact lens solution
- Food coloring (different colors)
- Disposable or glass bowls
- Newspaper or old tablecloth to catch spills and prevent stains
- It might be a good idea to wear an old shirt or apron over your clothes to prevent splashing on nice clothes.

Directions:

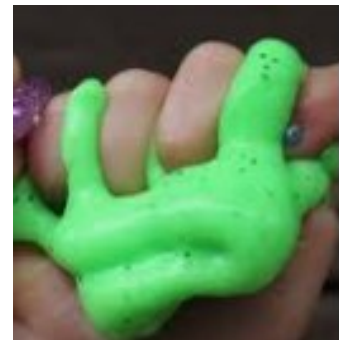
- Pour 5oz liquid glue into a small bowl
  - Add 1 tbsp. baking soda into the bowl
  - Add 2 tsp. saline/contact lens solution to the bowl
  - Knead/mix the slime with your hands until hard
- \*The slime is now ready to play with.
- \*\*Repeat the recipe for additional colors of slime
- \*\*\*You could also add in glitter to your slime.

Store your slime in a ziploc bag to keep it moist to play with again. Be sure to throw it out if it molds or starts to smell.

## Monthly Reader

### *"The Flower Thief"*

By Alice Hemming



# FIREARM STORAGE-COLORADO LAW UPDATE

All families, in particular shooting sports members who transport firearms to and from the range for events, should be aware that Colorado has a new law regarding the storage of firearms in unattended vehicles.

Per information sent out from our state 4-H office– the below information summarizes the changes, but also lists the link to the full law. Please be aware of all requirements.

**Colorado House Bill 24-1348**, which became law effective January 1, 2025. The law implements new storage requirements for firearms left in unattended vehicles in Colorado.

The text of the law can be found at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1348>, in addition to the following summary of its requirements:

*“The act prohibits knowingly leaving a handgun in an unattended vehicle unless the handgun is stored in a locked hard-sided container that is placed out of plain view and the container is in a locked vehicle, the locked trunk of the locked vehicle, or a locked recreational vehicle.*

*The act prohibits knowingly leaving a firearm that is not a handgun in an unattended vehicle unless the firearm is stored in a locked hard-sided or soft-sided container that is placed out of plain view and the container is in a locked vehicle, the locked trunk of the locked vehicle, or a locked recreational vehicle. A firearm that is not a handgun that is stored in a soft-sided container must have a locking device installed on the firearm while stored in the soft-sided container.*

*A person who is considered to have a disability who stores a firearm in a locked soft-sided container does not violate the requirement to store a firearm in a hard-sided container. The act includes exceptions from the storage requirement for storing antique firearms, storing a firearm that is a not a handgun in a vehicle being used for farm or ranch operations, a person who lives in a vehicle or in a recreational vehicle, peace officers and active members of the armed forces, and certain activities related to lawful hunting.*

*Unsafe storage of a firearm in a vehicle is a civil infraction.”*



# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> -Poultry/ Rabbit Livestock Scholarship due for 2025  -Livestock Judge Practice @ 5:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Livestock Judge Practice @ 5:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Livestock Judge Practice @ 5:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Shooting Sports Practice 1 7:45am @ Limon Range
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Livestock Judge Practice @ 5:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Speech, Demonstra- tion, Jambo- ree, Creative Cooks Reg- istration Due	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Livestock Judge Practice @ 5:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1 -</b> Horse & Dog ID's Due	<b>May 5-</b> Market- Sheep, Swine, Goat ID's Due	

## HEAD-> Pesticide Applicators Guide to EPA & Endangered Species Act Changes

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates many areas including pesticide use in regards to endangered species to ensure adequate protection. Individuals or commercial applicators who apply chemicals including insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides must ensure that they comply with all regulations when using products. Compliance awareness is important for operators, but also for the general public as well to understand the processes in place and the implications of federal regulations good and bad. To explore or learn more about the changes go to [ag.colorado.gov/plants/pesticides/pesticide-applicators-guide-to-epa-endangered-species-act-changes](http://ag.colorado.gov/plants/pesticides/pesticide-applicators-guide-to-epa-endangered-species-act-changes)

## HANDS-> Agriculture Operations-Free PPE

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is partnering with the Department of Public Health to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to commercial dairy or poultry operations for their workers. This program is to support on-going efforts during the Avian Influenza/H5N1 disease outbreaks to encourage worker safety and reduce exposure to potentially zoonotic diseases. Learning about the different operations that the Department of Agriculture helps producers with can be a great way to explore more about the intersection of government and local producers. Learn more @ [ag.colorado.gov/](http://ag.colorado.gov/).

## HEART-> PURPLE UP

April is Month of the Military Child. A time to recognize that military kids “serve too” and face many challenges and embrace sacrifices so that their parents can proudly serve and protect all of us. We have over 45,000 military connected youth in Colorado alone. Purple Up is day set aside on April 15 for us to recognize and support military youth by wearing purple. Learn more @ [dodea.edu/month-military-child](http://dodea.edu/month-military-child).

## HEALTH-> Spring Weather-Layers

Spring weather often brings us some warm days and it’s easy to forget that the weather can change quickly in Colorado. During the spring and all months in particular we see a higher level of variability in the weather from the morning to afternoon to evening. While it may start out as a nice day, it can quickly turn windy and/or colder. Oftentimes short-term spring storms (rain/snow) will often blow in and out in the same 24 hour period. As we enter into spring, remember to dress in layers. This means wearing a short sleeve shirt or base layer and then adding a sweater or light jacket. You should also carry around a heavy coat, hat, and gloves in your vehicle or backpack. Don’t forget your shoes as well. This means it might be a good idea to wait on wearing sandals or have a backup pair of closed toed shoes for when weather changes throughout the day.

