

Otero County 4-H Newsletter

May 2025



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4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
Alamogordo 4-H	6pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Tuesday	May 13th
Cloudcroft 4-H*	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School	Last Thursday	May 22nd
Heritage 4-H**	7pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	No May Meeting
Mescalero 4-H	5pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	May 4th
Mustang 4-H	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	May 27th
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	May 6th

*Cloudcroft 4-H meeting moved from May 29th to May 22nd.

**Heritage 4-H will not have a May meeting.

Got Something to Share?

We'd love to include your updates, events, or stories in our next newsletter! Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Hannah Wood at hdw@nmsu.edu by the **20th of each month** to be considered for the following month's edition. Please note that all submissions are subject to review and may be edited for length, clarity, and appropriateness. Don't miss the chance to share your news with our 4-H community!



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Calendar - May 2025

DATE	TIME	County Happenings
May 15	6:30pm	May County Council Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom
May 29	5pm-7pm	Small Animal Tag Day @ Otero County Fairgrounds (lamb, goat, swine)
June 6		Otero County County 4-H Contest
June 14	8am-10am	Small Animal Tag Day @ Otero County Fairgrounds (lamb, goat, swine)
August 16		Otero County 4-H Achievement Day
DATE	TIME	County Project Dates
May 1	6pm	Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn
May 4	1pm	Rifle Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club
May 6	4pm	Horticulture Practice @ Extension Office
May 8	4pm	Consumer Decision Making & FCS Skill-a-thon Practice @ Extension Office
May 8	6pm	Archery County Contest @ Livestock Barn
May 13	4pm	Livestock Skill-A-Thon Practice @ Extension Office
May 15	5pm	Speech / Demonstration Practice @ Extension Office
May 16	4:30pm	Entomology Practice @ Extension Office
May 18	11am	Novice/Junior Rifle County Contest @ Roadrunner Trap Club
May 20	4pm	Horticulture Practice @ Extension Office
May 22	4pm	Wildlife Practice @ Extension Office
May 25	1pm	Rifle Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club
May 27	4pm	Livestock Skill-A-Thon Practice @ Extension Office
May 29	3pm	Wildlife Practice @ Extension Office
May 29	6pm	Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn
May 30	4pm	Entomology Practice @ Extension Office
June 2	4pm	Consumer Decision Making & FCS Skill-a-thon Practice @ Extension Office
DATE		NM State Happenings
May 1-4		NM State Shooting Sports Championship @ Raton
May 17-18		Small Animal School @ Bernalillo
June 4-6		Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School @ Capitan
June 15		NM State Fair DNA and Nomination Deadline
June 17-19		Southeastern District Contest @ Clovis/Portales
July 7-10		NM State 4-H Conference @ Las Cruces NMSU
September 6-14		NM State Fair @ ABQ
September 24-28		Southern NM State Fair @ Las Cruces SNMF
September 29 - October 4		Eastern NM State Fair @ Roswell ENMF

Upcoming Deadlines	Date Due
4-H Horse Certificate Form Due to the Extension Office	May 1st
NM 4-H Horse School Registration Deadline	May 16th
Otero County 4-H Member of the Month Monthly Submission Deadline	May 20th
Otero County State and District Registration Deadline	June 10th
NM State Fair DNA and Nomination Deadline	June 15th

May 4-H County Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for:
Thursday, May 15th, 6:30pm at the
Extension Office

Everyone is welcome to attend, but
be sure to send your club delegates!

The Otero County
Extension Office will
be **CLOSED** May 26th,
2025 for Memorial Day.



4-H Age Group for the 2024 - 2025 4-H Year



	Cloverbud*	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade as of January 1, 2025	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2025	5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; and 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade; 9 year olds; 10 year olds; 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

The current 4-H program year is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Rodeo age requirements vary slightly from other 4-H programs and can be found in the [NM 4-H Rodeo Rule Book](#) on the NM 4-H Website. *While the [4-H Cloverbuds program](#) is a component of the overall 4-H Youth Development program and 4-H Cloverbuds members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to programs and policies.



4-H Good Standing Requirements



Members, parents, and leaders, do you know what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? If not, please take a moment to look now. Don't wait until before the fair (or other event/activity) when you may not have enough time to meet the requirements.

Remember! A 4-H member in good standing is one who has met the following requirements:

- Enrolls in a 4-H Club by February 1, 2025.
- Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2024, and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members to attend at least 50% of club meetings. Be sure to check with your 4-H club leader for the minimum number of meetings you are required to attend to be in "good standing".
- Follows the NM 4-H Conduct and Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adults.

Enrollment Changes and Meeting Attendance

Please contact the Extension Office, (575) 437-0231, if you would like to make a change to your 4-H enrollment. This includes changing to a different club, adding/dropping 4-H projects, updates to your contact information, etc. **4-H members will only receive credit for attending 4-H meetings via the club they're enrolled in through Zsuites.** 4-H youth enrolled in multiple 4-H clubs must meet the attendance requirements of all clubs they are enrolled in to be considered in good standing.



NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship

The NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship provides financial assistance to any Novice, Junior, or Senior 4-H members participating in a state 4-H event (examples: Senior Leadership Retreat or Youth Get-Away). The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for the state 4-H event. In addition, the scholarship also provides \$250 of the team fees for Senior 4-H members serving as a State 4-H Officer or Ambassador. A complete description of the scholarship criteria and an application form can be obtained from the NM 4-H website. A list of scholarship application deadline dates is also included on the website.



4-H Volunteer Leader Enrollment Reminder

This is a friendly reminder for adult volunteers interested in serving as 4-H volunteer leaders with Otero County 4-H, the following requirements for enrollment must be met:

- Complete volunteer background check/screening process. Forms (2) may be downloaded from the Otero County Extension Service website. Submit completed forms and \$10 to the Otero County Extension Office.
- Complete and submit an adult enrollment form and adult liability form to the Otero County Extension Office.
- Complete the annual NM Working with Minors course found on ZSuites. Contact the Extension Office, 575-437-0231 or otero@nmsu.edu, for a detailed set of instructions for completing this online training course. Once you have completed the training, an email will be sent to you stating that you have completed the NM Working with Minors course. In addition, the Otero County Extension Service will be able to access your completion date of the NM Working with Minors training via Zsuite.

Please make completion of the above requirements a priority as adult volunteers may not engage in 4-H activities nor register for events until they have met the requirements. Also, adult volunteers must submit a new background check/screening process every five years.

All 4-H enrollments (Youth & Adult) require a liability waiver to be filled out and signed by hand (wet signature).

No typed signatures will be accepted!

Otero County 4-H Members of the Month

**May
2025**

Cloudcroft 4-H



Lorelei McNatt

Tularosa 4-H



Marina Bridge

Heritage 4-H



Lelan Quick

Alamogordo 4-H



Jacob Martin

Mustang 4-H



Mescalero 4-H



How to Nominate:

4-H members may nominate themselves or others (from any Otero County 4-H club) for Member of the Month. To nominate, please submit the following information by the 20th of each month:

- The name of the 4-H member you are nominating
- A recent photo of the nominee
- A brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project

Nominations can be sent directly to your 4-H Agent Hannah Wood at hdw@nmsu.edu

YGA 2025 REPORT



The 2025 Youth Get Away Camp was held April 11th through the 13th at Glorieta Adventure Camp in Glorieta, New Mexico. This year, Otero County had 7 youth attend with the assistance of 6 adult chaperones. The workshops had a lot of fun and engaging activities where youth were able to learn more about 4-H projects and contest, as well as get a chance to make some of their own creations! The dances and meal times provided ample socialization time, with many kids making friends from across the state of New Mexico. All of the campers enjoyed the experience and learned a lot!

One member of our county served as a Counselor in Training at this year's YGA, and won the title of best male CIT at camp! We could not be more proud of our group of kids.



Shooting Sports Reminder:

Junior and Novice County Contest registration for rifle and archery has been sent out. **Registration forms are due back to Extension Office or to Hannah by May 5th, 2025!**

Be ready to shoot at the listed contest start time. If you intend to attend District Contest for a shooting sports discipline, please mark it on your paper.



.22 Rifle County Contest
May 18, 2025 – 11am @ RRTC/4-H Range

Archery County Contest
May 8, 2025 – 6:00pm @ Otero Co. Fairgrounds

Contact the Extension Office prior to May 5th for assistance with registration!

4-H Project Materials

In 4-H, there are numerous projects available to members. Projects include animal science, gardening, photography, foods, clothing, public speaking, creative arts, Cloverbuds and more. A complete list of projects is available on the [NM 4-H website](#). Project materials are available for each 4-H project which include manuals and record forms. Members receive materials by enrolling in the project and requesting materials from the Otero County Extension Service. Leaders may also request project materials to facilitate 4-H project meetings.

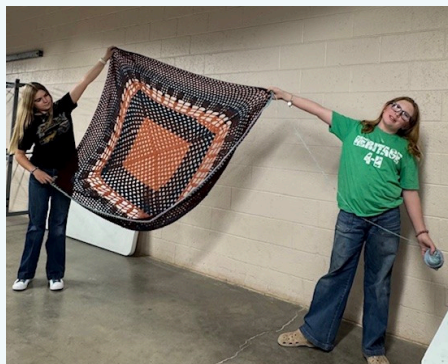
Many of the 4-H project materials are available as a digital file (free of charge). In Otero County, the first three printed project materials are provided free of charge to 4-H members and any additional projects cost \$4.00 each. If you would like to request digital or printed project materials, please call (575-437- 0231) or email (otero@nmsu.edu) the Otero County Extension Service. There is no deadline for adding a project to your enrollment during the 4-H program year.

2025 Indoor Project Revisions

Everyone should have received an email from Kelly on March 27th with indoor project revision information. The following projects have been updated:

Uniquely New Mexico - New Mexico Roundup - Braiding - Scrapbooking - Hobby Crafts (Legos) - Let's Make A T-Shirt - Breads - Pastries & Pies - Understanding Preschool Children

If you would like a copy of the newly revised projects, please contact the Otero County Extension Office (575)437-0231.



Tularosa 4-H Club Reminder:

Tularosa 4-H Club will be participating in a fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd at the Tularosa Duck Races. Members are asked to donate drinks and drop them off at A2Z School before May 3rd. Members are also asked to support the event by selling drinks or helping with the duck races on May 3rd. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to your club leader, Amber.

Alamogordo 4-H Update:

The Alamogordo 4-H Club held its monthly meeting to discuss upcoming activities, with a focus on choosing a new community service project. Members shared ideas and, after thoughtful discussion and a group vote, the club decided to support the local zoo. We're excited to contribute to this important community resource and look forward to planning how we can best assist.

Heritage 4-H Update:

Heritage 4-H had a fun April meeting. Brinley talked about her rabbits and Abby talked about crocheting. We also got to try many new FCS contests!

-Charli Ramsey, Heritage 4-H Secretary



Prepare Your Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits



The exhibit classes for indoor 4-H project exhibits have been updated and are now available from the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). The date for the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day (viewing of exhibits and awards) will be **August 16th, 2025**. Details regarding entry of exhibits, viewing schedule, and awards presentation will be announced in future newsletters.

There are several updates to the exhibit classes and a complete list of updates can be downloaded from the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). As you prepare your 4-H exhibits for the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day, be sure to follow the standards outlined in your 4-H project books and the *Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits Rules and Class Descriptions*. 4-H members entering indoor 4-H project exhibits at the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day are eligible to win many awards.

Indoor Project Areas:

Beef Dairy Cattle Goat Dog Care and Training Cats Horse Rodeo Poultry
Rabbit Sheep Swine Veterinary Science Small Pets

Plant & Soil Science Gardening (Flower) Gardening (Landscape) Gardening
(Produce) Range Plant management

Forestry Entomology Beekeeping Wildlife Shooting Sports Sport Fishing

Electricity Small Engines Welding Rocketry Wood Science Robotics Computer

Welcome to NM 4-H Health & Safety Citizenship Leadership Speaking
Clowning Digital Story Telling New Mexico Flavor Uniquely New Mexico New
Mexico Roundup

Leathercraft Braiding Embroidery Cross-Stitch Needlepoint Crochet Macrame
Knitting 4-H Weaving Ceramics Photography Scrapbooking Duded Up Denim
Jewelry Making Origami

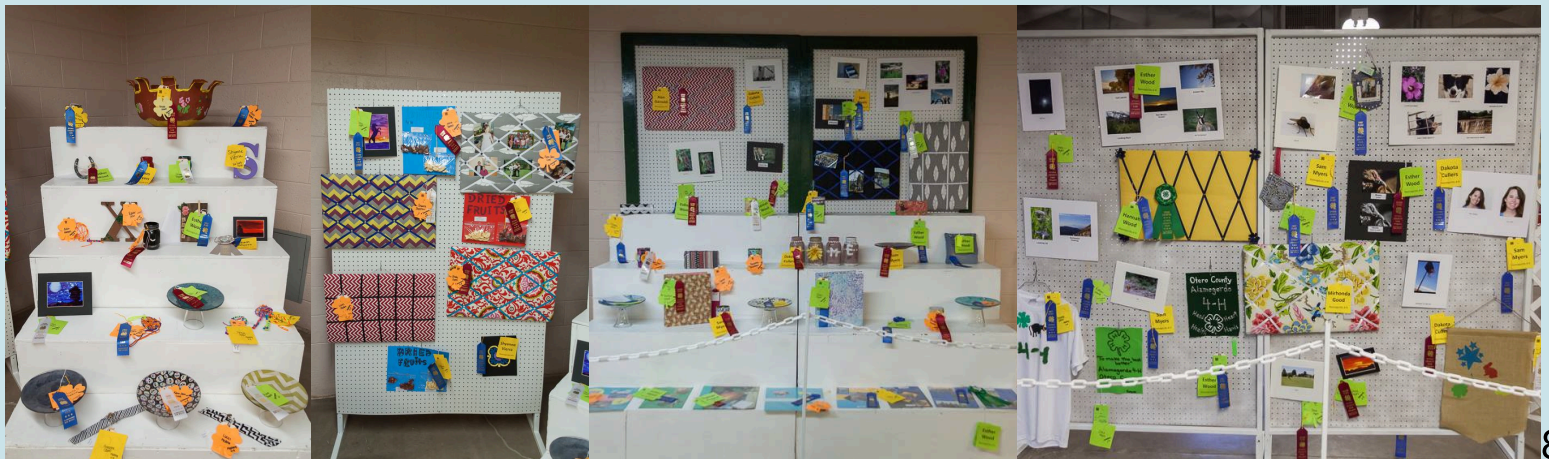
Sewing Mix & Match Let's Make A T-Shirt Sew and go Creative Touches Senior
Clothing Const. Fashion Magic Serger Sewing Quilting Foods & Nutrition
Baking Dairy Food Food Preservation

Housing & Interior Design Helpful, Handy Home How 2's Consumer Education
Understanding Pre-K Children Generation Celebration Babysitting Basics
CLOVERBUDS

**Reach out to the Otero
County Extension
Office if you want to
talk about projects or
indoor exhibits! We
would love to help you
get things figured out!**

**Remember that
exhibits have rules and
standards they need to
meet for each project.**

Past Indoor Entries:



4-H Contest Areas

Below is a list of contests 4-H members can participate in. To find the rules, guidelines, and resource materials, see the following websites:

- [Southeast District Contests \(Novice/Juniors\)](#)
- [State 4-H Conference \(Seniors\)](#)

If you have questions regarding contests or need additional assistance preparing for a 4-H contests, call Kelly or Hannah, 575-437-0231, at the Otero County Extension Office.

- Agronomy
- Clothing/Fashion Revue
- Consumer Decision Making
- Entomology
- Family & Consumer Sciences Bowl
- Family & Consumer Sciences Skill-a-thon
- Favorite Food Show
- Hippology (Senior Only)
- Horse Bowl
- Horse Judging
- Horticulture
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skill-a-thon
- Meats Judging
- Poetry (Novice/Junior Only)
- Presentations (Demonstrations)
- Public Speaking, Impromptu (Senior Only)
- Public Speaking, Prepared
- Range Management (Senior Only)
- Shooting Sports (Novice/Junior District Level)
- Talent Show (Senior Only)
- Wildlife

If you are interested in Horse Judging contact Sid by email Sgordon@nmsu.edu or at 575-437-0231 ASAP.

Coming July 7-10, 2025

Senior 4-H Members



NMSU Campus, Las Cruces, NM

County 4-H Contests

June 6th, 2025

Otero County Extension Office

All Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members who enrolled by February 1st of this year are eligible to compete in County 4-H Contests. Below is the schedule of County 4-H Contests that will be held on June 6, 2025 at the Otero County Extension Office.

RSVP is required for county contests!

Friday, June 6th

8:00 am - 3:00 pm, **Open Contests:

Wildlife
Entomology
Livestock Skill-a-thon
Horticulture
FCS Skill-a-thon
Consumer Decision Making
Favorite Foods

9:00am, *Closed Contests:

Prepared Speech
Presentations
Impromptu Speaking (Seniors Only)
Poetry (Novice and Juniors Only)
Fashion Review Judging (show @ 1:00pm)

***Closed contests** require the 4-H'er to be present at the scheduled start time.

****Open contests** allow for flexibility in starting time but 4-H'ers must complete the contest in the allotted time frame.

All 4-H members wanting to attend 4-H Southeast District Contests or State 4-H Conference must qualify in at least one contest area at County Contests to be eligible.

If the contest you are interested in is not listed as offered during county 4-H contests on June 6th, please contact Kelly or Hannah in the Extension Office, 575-437-0231, prior to June 6th.

2025 Southeast District 4-H Contest

June 17-19, 2025
Curry County, Clovis

Cost for Entries:

Shooting Sports - \$5 per person, one-time charge

All Other Contests - \$2 per person, up to 3 contests (no charge after 3)

Schedule for Tuesday, June 17th, All Shooting Sports will be held North of Clovis

8 am-1:00 pm Shooting Sports Testing @ Clovis Wing Shooting Complex & Archery Range

8 am-1:00 pm Rifle @ Southwest Shooting Center (flights will be scheduled)

8 am-1:00 pm Archery @ Clovis Wing Shooting Complex & Archery Range (flights will be scheduled)

8 am-1:00 pm Shotgun @ Clovis Wing Shooting Complex & Archery Range (open contest)

11 am-2:00 pm Air Rifle Shooting @ Clovis Wing Shooting Complex & Archery Range (open contest)

5:00 pm Awards Program Clovis Wing Shooting Complex & Archery Range

Schedule for Wednesday, June 18th Clovis Christian School (2000 Humphrey Rd)

Open Contests

9:00 am-2:00pm

Agronomy

Entomology

Wildlife

Horticulture

FCS Skill-A-Thon

Closed Contests

8:00 am Livestock Judging (Location to be determined)

9:00 am Clothing Revue Construction Judging

9:00 am Favorite Foods

12:30 pm Clothing Revue Appearance Judging

2:30 pm Parliamentary Procedure

4:00 pm FCS Bowl

4:00 pm Horse Bowl

5:30 pm Fashion Revue Practice

6:00 pm Dinner, Fashion Revue and Awards (Location to be determined)

Closed contests require the 4-H'er to be present at the scheduled start time.

Open contests allow for flexibility in starting time but 4-H'ers must complete the contest in the allotted time frame.

Schedule for Thursday, June 19th Clovis Christian School (2000 Humphrey Rd)

Open Contests

7:00 am-10:00 am

Meats ID

Livestock Skill-a-thon

Consumer Decision Making

Closed Contests

8:00 am-11:30 am Horse Judging (Location to be determined)

8:30 am-10:30 am Presentations

9:30 am-10:30 am Public Speaking

10:30am-11:30 am Poetry

12:00 pm Lunch (on your own – there are a variety of restaurants and fast-food places in Clovis)

1:00 pm Awards

Hotel Information

The New Mexico Association of Counties is hosting a conference in Clovis at the same time as District Contest. Please be aware hotel options may be limited. Below is a list of hotel contact information.

There are also Air BnB and Verbo options in the area.

Hotel	Rate	Phone	Address
Super 8	\$80 + tax	575-268-3012	2912 Mabry Drive
Best Western	\$120 + tax	575-762-4536	201 Schepps BLVD

The following hotels currently have blocks. It is possible rooms will open up closer to contest dates.

Hotel	Phone	Address
Days Inn	575-265-3997	2700 Mabry Drive
Sleep Inn	575-530-0600	2212 E Mabry Drive
Comfort Suites	575-763-8777	4521 N Prince

These are additional area hotels that could not quote us a rate at this time.

Hotel	Phone	Address
Quality Inn	575-769-1953	2920 Mabry Drive
Holiday Inn Express	575-935-8777	4728 N Prince
Hampton Inn	575-530-0300	224-A Fairway Terrace

Mention
4-H to get
this rate*



NM State 4-H Horse School

June 2-5, 2025

Southern NM State Fairgrounds
Las Cruces, NM



Beyond Ready

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE FOR DETAILS!

New Mexico State Fair / Livestock Update

- NMSF issued Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) coupon codes leftover from last year are no longer available for use. Please contact the Extension Office to request coupon codes for exhibitors to use.
- YQCA coupons will need to be requested by July 15th and the exhibitor will need to include their new certification number with their entries that are due August 1st.
- Please email Erin Dorsey nmsf.livestock@expo.nm.gov with your questions regarding YQCA requirements at the New Mexico State Fair.

The following hotel reservation 4-H rate link is for those attending NMSF.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ABQMTHX&groupCode=CHHNM4&arrivaldate=2025-09-02&departuredate=2025-09-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

2024 – 2025 New Mexico 4-H & FFA Livestock Project Animal Ear Tags

All New Mexico Fair Tags (NMF) for 4-H & FFA livestock project animals will be NM State 4-H issued, electronic USDA 840 series tags per species. New Mexico Fair (NMF) tags are only available through NM County Extension Offices. NMF tags are to be placed in the appropriate ear of each members designated project animal(s) for the current show season at an official 4-H / FFA tagging, within the County or School District of 4-H or FFA membership, by a NM County 4-H Agent / Designee, or FFA Instructor.

NM 4-H & FFA Ear Tag & DNA Guidelines

- <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2025-New-Mexico-Guide-for-Livestock-Exhibitors.pdf>
- <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2025-NMSF-Junior-Livestock-DNA-and-Nomination-Procedures---RM.pdf>

FCS Contest Practice Session

Consumer Decision Making &
FCS Skill-a-thon

Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 4:00pm
Monday, June 2, 2025 @ 4:00pm
Otero County Extension Office

All 4-Hers welcome!

2025 Junior Livestock DNA and Nomination Procedures

ALL MARKET animals including Dairy Replacement Heifers will be required to submit a DNA sample, excluding Breeding Heifers, Jr. Wether Doe & Jr. Commercial Ewe. NMSF recommends that the County Agent or Teacher pull the sample. If someone other than these officials will be pulling the sample, please be sure to identify that person on the collection envelope. Be sure to tag the animal's ear before taking the sample.

Instructions for taking the DNA samples are as follows:

1. Fill out the information on the collection envelope.
2. Using clean pliers pull out 30-40 dry hairs. The follicles must be intact.
3. Place the hair sample in the collection envelope and seal it.
4. The packets MUST be signed by the exhibitor, parent and extension agent. They will NOT be accepted if there is a signature missing.
5. The collection envelope is placed in a postal envelope and mailed ONLY to: New Mexico State Fair Attn: Livestock Office PO Box 8546 Albuquerque, NM 87198

<--- Read 2025 Junior Livestock DNA and Nomination Procedures for more information.

County Fair dates for all
of New Mexico can be
found online on the
[NMSU County Fair page](#).



Otero County Fair
September
18th-21st, 2025



Protecting Your Prized Livestock

Animal Mortality Insurance

With a rural heritage that spans more than 75 years, Farm Bureau Financial Services understands the livestock and operational needs of America's farmers and ranchers. We can help you protect what's important by providing products and services that can help safeguard your bottom line — even when that bottom line involves an investment in your children's livestock.

Animal Mortality insurance is ideal for 4-H and FFA members who have short-term livestock ownership needs. It helps protect your livestock investment by insuring each animal for its cost or value in the event of an unexpected or untimely death.

Key Features of Animal Mortality Insurance

- Coverage applies to animals to be shown at 4-H and FFA county or state fairs that are owned by active club or chapter members in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. Specialty breeds and show animals are not included.
- Livestock that can be insured are those animals valued at \$2,500 or less in the following categories:
 - Beef animals for feeding
 - Beef and dairy animals for breeding
 - Hogs for feeding and breeding
 - Lambs for feeding and breeding
 - Goats for feeding
 - Goats for dairy and breeding
- Each animal must be identified with a tattoo, brand, registration number or other identifier.
- Maximum amount of insurance is up to each animal's actual cash value not to exceed policy limits.
- The animal must be at least 30 days old.
- Coverage is written on an annual basis and not renewable.
- Coverage applies for loss by death from any cause other than what's excluded. Notable exclusions are:
 - Neglect to provide proper care or treatment.
 - Medication given, including drugs, vitamins, hormones and proteins, unless administered by a licensed veterinarian to treat an injury, illness or disease
 - Surgery, unless certified and performed by a veterinarian to save the animal's life. Prior company approval is not necessary for any surgical procedure performed to save an animal.
 - Seizure or destruction by order of governmental authority.
- The premium for all livestock is \$11 per \$100 of the insured animal's value.
- There's no refund of premium when an indemnity payment is made or upon cancellation or reduction of coverage.

Livestock 4-Her's:
Insuring your animals is never a bad idea. We have reached out and were sent information about Farm Bureau Animal Mortality Insurance. Her contact info is listed below, please reach out to her, Farm Bureau Financial Services, or your 4-H agent for help applying for coverage.

Sharon Luna
Ag Wise Certified, AFIS
The Sharon R Luna Agency, Agent
Farm Bureau Financial Services

370 N Date St
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
(575) 894-0060
(575) 740-2230 cell
(575) 894-0054 fax
sharon.luna@fbfs.com
www.fbfs.com/find-an-agent/sharonluna

2025 Tag Dates & Information

Pigs, Lambs, & Goats

Thursday, May 29th - 5pm to 7pm
Saturday, June 14th - 8am to 10am
Held at the Otero County Fairgrounds

Required Documents

In State Purchase:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Face Papers with Ear Notches (Pigs ONLY)
3. Scrapies tag if sexually intact (Lamb & Goats ONLY)

Out of State Purchases:

1. Health papers with Vet Inspections (Pig's must have ear notches on them)
2. Bill of Sale

Reminder: If you are unable to make the designated tag days, it is your responsibility to contact Hannah to make arrangements no less than **ONE WEEK** prior to the final tag day to ensure they are tagged by the **NMSF June 15th deadline**. There will be no exceptions/extensions.

Cattle

There will be no scheduled tag day for cattle at the fairgrounds. You will be responsible for contacting the 4-H Agent, Hannah Wood, at (575)437-0231 to schedule a farm visit. **Cattle must be tagged and paperwork turned in to Hannah no later than June 11th, 2025.**

Required Documents

In State Purchase:

1. Bill of Sale (birthdate must be on BOS for breeding heifers)
2. Letter from brand owner giving permission to use their brand OR must be branded with your own NM registered brand or 4-H/FFA.

Out of State Purchases:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Must be branded with your own NM registered brand or 4-H/FFA brand.
3. Health papers with vet inspection.

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