

# Otero County 4-H Newsletter

June 2025



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## 4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
<b>Alamogordo 4-H</b>	6pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Tuesday	June 10th
<b>Cloudcroft 4-H</b>	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School	Last Thursday	June 26th
<b>Heritage 4-H</b>	7pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	June 9th
<b>Mescalero 4-H</b>	5pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	June 1st
<b>Mustang 4-H</b>	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	June 24th
<b>Tularosa 4-H</b>	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	June 3rd

### 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](mailto: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 - June 2025

DATE	TIME	County Happenings
May 29	5pm-7pm	Small Animal Tag Day @ Otero County Fairgrounds (lamb, goat, swine)
June 6		Otero County County 4-H Contest
June 11	TBA	Rabbit and Poultry 4-H Project Clinic @ The Extension Office
June 12	6:30pm	June County Council Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom <b>RSVP</b>
June 14	8am-10am	Small Animal Tag Day @ Otero County Fairgrounds (lamb, goat, swine)
July 17	TBA	Cloverbud Day @ The Extension Office / Otero County Fairgrounds
August 16		Otero County 4-H Achievement Day
DATE	TIME	County Project Dates
June 2	12pm	Horse Judging Practice @ The Extension Office
June 2	4pm	Consumer Decision Making & FCS Skill-a-thon Practice @ Extension Office
June 6	6pm	Archery Practice @ Livestock Barn Otero County Fairgrounds
June 8	1pm	Rifle Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club / 4-H Range
June 10	4pm	Horticulture Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
June 12	4pm	Wildlife Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
June 13	4pm	Entomology Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
June 23	9am	Entomology Project <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
June 24	4pm	Horticulture Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
June 26	10am	What is a 4-H Record Book? <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
June 26	3pm	4-H Speech Practice @ The Extension Office
June 27	4pm	Entomology Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
July 1	4pm	Horticulture Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
July 2	1:30pm	Baking Project <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
July 21	9am	Entomology Project <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
July 22	9:30am	Duded Up Denim <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
DATE	NM State Happenings	
June 4-6	Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School @ Capitan	
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
Otero County State and District Contest Registration Deadline	June 10th
NM State Fair DNA and Nomination Deadline	June 15th
Otero County 4-H Member of the Month Monthly Submission Deadline	June 20th



## June 4-H County Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for:  
Thursday, June 12th, 6:30pm at  
the Extension Office

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

Goodluck to our 4-H  
members competing in  
County and District 4-H  
contests this month!



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## How to become a volunteer!

This is a friendly reminder for adults interested in serving as a 4-H volunteer, the following requirements for volunteer enrollment must be met:

1. 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.
2. Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and adult [liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office.
3. 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

June 2025

## Cloudfcroft 4-H



Cutter Housler

## Tularosa 4-H



Leslie Haskell

## Heritage 4-H



Koren Neudorf

## Alamogordo 4-H



Izzy Martin

## Mustang 4-H



## Mescalero 4-H



Cord Wold



### How to Nominate:

Any 4-H member, Leader, Parent/Guardian, or Volunteer may submit a youth (from any Otero 4-H club) for a Member of the Month nomination. To nominate, submit the following info directly to Hannah at [hdw@nmsu.edu](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu) by the 20th of each month:

- Name of the 4-H member being nominated
- A recent photo of the nominee
- A brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project



## Otero County 4-H Council: Community Service in Action

The Otero County 4-H Council has proudly engaged in two meaningful community service projects this year.

Earlier this year, council members came together to create fleece dog toys for the Otero County Animal Shelter. This hands-on activity not only provided cozy and fun toys for shelter animals but also allowed 4-H youth to contribute to the wellbeing of pets waiting for their forever homes. In addition, the council chose to use funds to support local cancer patients at the CHRISTUS Health Clinic. Members shopped for comfort items and small activities to help patients pass time during treatment. These items were donated in a way that allows individuals to choose what suits them best, offering a personal touch during challenging moments.



Through these projects, Otero County 4-H members have shown the power of teamwork, empathy, and leadership. Their actions continue to reflect the 4-H pledge: "hands to larger service," and make a lasting impact in the lives of people and animals throughout the county.

## Otero County 4-H at NMSBVI Ag Day

Otero County 4-H proudly participated in Ag Day at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired on May 8th, bringing agriculture to life through sensory-rich experiences. One family brought a bottle calf, allowing students to interact with the animal and explore the tools used in its care. Two additional 4-H members volunteered to lead hands-on discussions on topics such as plant and insect identification, livestock tools, feedstuffs, and general agricultural practices. The focus was on engaging all five senses to create meaningful, inclusive learning moments. Students were able to touch, smell, and hear various elements of agriculture in action. This was a unique and rewarding outreach event, and we're grateful to our volunteers for making it a success!



**Rabbit and Poultry Clinic**  
**June 11th, 2025**  
**Otero Co. Ext. Office**



We will have Shelby Gillette from Las Cruces coming to present on 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Projects.

Please **RSVP** with the Otero County Extension Office **before June 9th** at (575)437-0231 or [hdw@nmsu.edu](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu) for your spot.

# 4-H



**2025 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat**

When: Saturday, November 8

Where: Albuquerque, NM

Theme: Smile - Adults are Beyond Ready

More information to come about registration and scheduling!





## 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.

### 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.

### Indoor Project Areas:

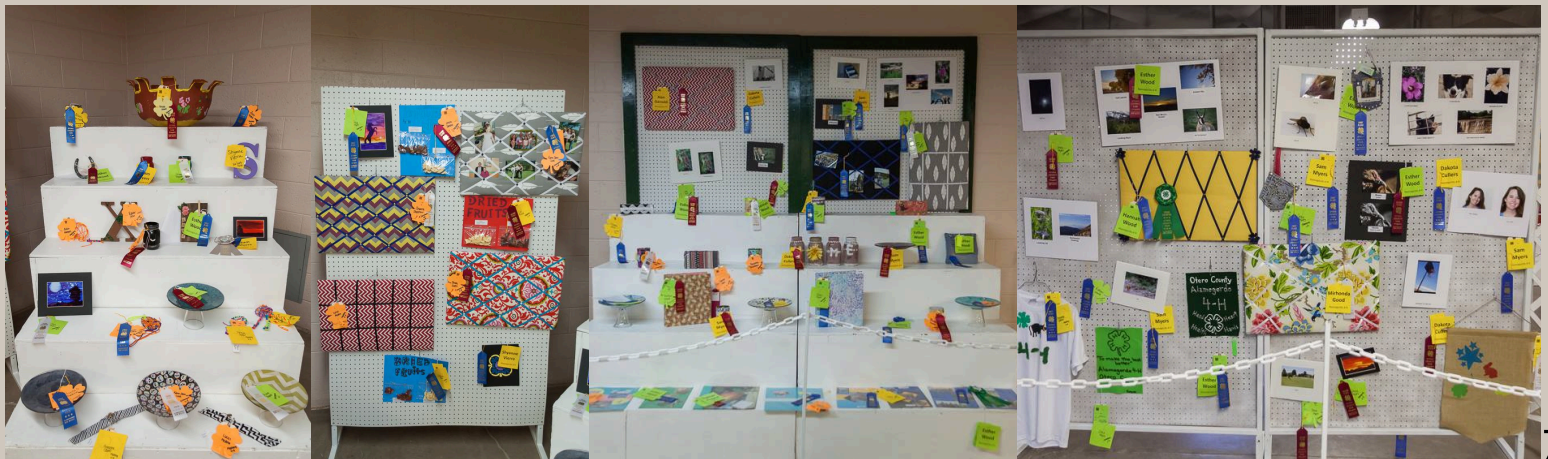
Beef Dairy Cattle Goat Dog Care and Training Cats Horse Rodeo Poultry Rabbit Sheep Swine Veterinary Science Small Pets Plant & Soil Science Gardening (Flower) Gardening (Landscape) Gardening (Produce) Range Plant management Forestry Entomology Beekeeping Wildlife Shooting Sports Sport Fishing Electricity 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 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](mailto:Sgordon@nmsu.edu) or at 575-437-0231 ASAP.**

## FCS Contest Practice Session

Consumer Decision Making &  
FCS Skill-a-thon

Monday, June 2, 2025  
@ 4:00pm

Otero County Extension Office  
All 4-Hers welcome!

## 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 for Otero County 4-H Contests that will be held at the Otero County Extension Office.

***RSVP is required for county contests by June 2nd!***

**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



**9:00am, \*Closed Contests:**

Favorite Foods  
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**

## **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

### **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)

- **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 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

### **Awards**

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

Otero County  
Registration  
Deadline:  
June 10, 2025

## **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

### **Awards**

1:00 pm Awards

## **Hotel Information**

The New Mexico Association of Counties is hosting a conference in Clovis 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 in the area.

**Mention 4-H  
to get this rate**



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	



## 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](mailto: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>

## 2024-25 NM 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>

## 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



# Coming July 7-10, 2025

Senior 4-H Members



## NMSU Campus, Las Cruces, NM

When: July 7-10, 2025

Deadline for Registration: June 10, 2025

Theme: Soar Through the Sky with 4-H

Registration Cost: \$225

## State Conference Registration Information and Forms – Coming Soon!

Community Service Southeast District:

-Canned Beans

-Enchilada Sauce

-Dehydrated Mashed Potatoes

## Dance Themes

### Monday Night

**Wear Camo**



### Tuesday Night

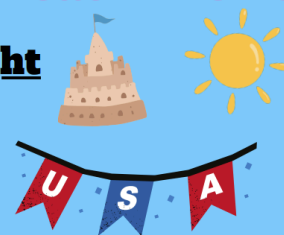
**Beach Theme**

### Wednesday Night

**Wear Red,**

**White, and**

**Blue**



## Parents/Guardians:

We will need chaperones depending on the number of seniors attending state to help transport youth to and from state contest, as well as around Las Cruces during Conference week. Please remember that you need to be a registered 4-H volunteer that has completed the background check process and annual Working with NM Minors Training to attend 4-H events as a chaperone. For overnight trips such as this, chaperones must be at least 25 years old.



## 2025 Jackpot Guide Updated 5/9/25

### June

- June 6-7 Off The Rails Pig Jackpot-Clovis, NM (Pigs Only)
- June 13-15 Summertime Showdown-Farmington, NM (Pigs Only)
- June 13-14 Border Classic Jackpot-Deming, NM (Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs)
- June 14-15 Lincoln County War Jackpot-Capitan, NM (Sheep & Goats Only)
- June 20-21-Rawhide Days Jackpot-Tucumcari, NM (Sheep, Goats, Pigs)
- June 21- Three Crosses Jackpot-Las Cruces, NM (Sheep, Goats, Pigs)
- June 21-22 Denim & Diamonds Jackpot-Cortez, CO (Sheep, Goats, Pigs)
- June 28-NM Bred Swine Jackpot-Belen, NM (NM Bred Pigs Only)
- June 28-29 Firecracker Showdown-Lamar, CO (Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs)

### July

- July 5-All-American Classic Jackpot (Goats & Lambs)
- July 5-Logan Smith Memorial Jackpot-La Jara, CO (Goats & Lambs)

### August

- August 2-3-Copper Classic Jackpot-Cliff, NM (Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs)

## CATRON COUNTY LIVESTOCK JACKPOT



**Friday  
July 11, 2025**

**Show starts at 1:00 p.m.**

**Books open at 10:00 a.m.**

**Books close at 12:00 noon.**

**\$15 entry/\$10 showmanship**

Concession stand will be available.



Catron County Fairgrounds  
73 The Lane Road | Reserve, NM 87830 | (575) 533-6430  
Contact Tracy Drummond  
Show order is Cattle, Sheep, Goats, and Hogs

A few project workshop opportunities are happening in June and July for Novice, Junior and Senior 4-H members. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend.

### Baking



A workshop will be held at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1:30pm to 4:30pm for the Baking 4-H project. 4-H members will make two baking recipes which may be exhibited in annual 4-H Achievement Day in August. There is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the cost of the ingredients. Please register with Kelly by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, [kelknigh@nmsu.edu](mailto:kelknigh@nmsu.edu).

### Duded Up Denim



A workshop will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on Tuesday, July 22nd, 9:30am to 12:00noon, for the Duded Up Denim 4-H project. 4-H members will create two items from the denim project, a denim pocket frame and magnetic board. Both items may be exhibited in annual 4-H Achievement Day in August. There is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the cost of the magnetic board. Please register with Kelly by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, [kelknigh@nmsu.edu](mailto:kelknigh@nmsu.edu).

### Entomology Collection



Workshops will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on June 23rd and July 21st starting at 9am for the entomology project. 4-H members will collect and curate insects to create an exhibit box consisting of 30 specimens from at least 10 different orders that may be exhibited in the annual 4-H Achievement Day in August. There is a supply fee charge of \$10 for the cost of the insect capture and curation materials. Please register with Hannah for the following workshops by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, [hdw@nmsu.edu](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu).

### What is a 4-H Record Book?



A workshop will be held on June 26th at 10am to discuss what a record book is for your 4-H projects. Most of you are just getting started in your projects and knowing what to record and how your books will be judged may help you plan your record book better for this year! Bring all of your recordbook questions and we can get things figured out. Please register with Hannah for the following workshops by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, [hdw@nmsu.edu](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu).





# 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.

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.

### 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.

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# 2025 Tag Dates & Information

## 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.



## 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.

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