



MESA COUNTY 4-H

The latest news, views and announcements from Mesa County 4-H



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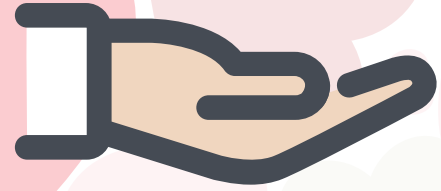
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Council Spotlight

Next Meeting: February 10, 6:30 PM

C- Building- Sagebrush Room

Valentine Themed Games!

County Community Service Project: Come help us put together meal kits for homeless teens at The House!



VIRTUAL LDC

FEBRUARY 27, 2021

OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS 14-18
AND 4-H LEADERS.
REGISTER VIA 4HONLINE



LDC 2021 AGENDA

- 10:00 AM Opening and Keynote Speaker
- 11:00 AM State Senate Meeting
- 11:30 AM District Meetings
- 12:00 PM Break
- 1:00 PM Workshop 1
- 2:00 PM Workshop 2
- 3:00 PM Workshop 3



Keynote- Mental Health

Workshops:

- Parliamentary Procedure- Improve your skills!
- Breaking Barriers- Working with people who have different views than you.
- Virtual World- Making virtual meetings fun with games and improving facilitation skills.

Register on 4HOnline by February 12.

You have the opportunity to attend every workshop.

Workshop orders will be assigned and emailed with a zoom link before February 27.

Beef Weigh-in: February 6, **9-11 AM**

All beef members must be enrolled by February 1st to weigh in.

****Enrolled in 4HOnline and 4-H Enrollment Fees Paid!****



Where to go:

- Mesa County Fairgrounds
- Form a line starting at the North Barns, beef scale is in the farthest North barn.
- Stay in your vehicle until its your turn at the scale.

What to bring:

- Your market steer(s) and/or heifer(s)
- Brand Papers
- Mask- yes, you have to wear them.

WESTERN REGION VIRTUAL LEADER TRAINING SERIES

- February 23- New 4-H Leaders and Refresher for Seasoned Leaders
- March 23- Zoom 101 & Virtual Games
- April 27- Positive Youth Development

All training sessions start at 6:30 PM

Email your county agent for zoom information!

HOSTED BY LA PLATA, GUNNISON, JACKSON, ROUTT, AND MESA COUNTIES.



Attention Horse Members!

Virtual Meet and Greet with the NEW horse superintendent:
McKenzie Siersma!

Join us on February 12 at 6:00 PM on zoom to chat and ask any questions you may have about the upcoming year.

We are very excited to have McKenzie leading the charge for the County Fair Horse Show this year.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 982 5845 1285

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2021 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

Tentative Schedule

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted to meet current Colorado State Government, CSU and or County COVID-19 restrictions & requirements. Additional trainings may be added to the schedule tentatively, should circumstances allow.

Morgan County: March 5, 6, 7; (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery)

Larimer County: March 12, 13, 14; (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery)

Pueblo County: March 19, 20, 21; (All Disciplines)

Garfield County: March 26, 27, 28; (all Disciplines)

TBD : April 9, 10, 11 (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery).

2021 Mesa County Fair:

July 12-17

February Poultry Meeting!

Topic: Poultry Meeting

Time: Feb 1, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

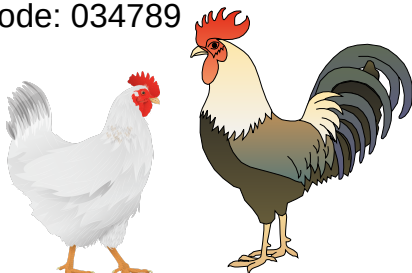
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February Goat Meeting!

February 24, 6 PM

This month talking about:

WORMING!

VACCINATIONS!

FEED!



4th Wednesday of every month, 6 PM at the Sheriff's Posse Arena- 25rd and F1/2

Enrollment Is Open!!!

Detailed instructions attached to the email with this newsletter!!

Things to look out for:

- New home website address- co.4honline.com
- New look!- easier interface on mobile phones!
- Enrollment fee invoices may not reflect actual cost displayed on invoice if taking more than 2 projects. Call the Extension Office for exact total and to pay.
- Enrollment fees will stay the same.
 - \$50 for first two projects
 - \$5 for each additional project
 - \$30 for Cloverbuds- no late fee after Feb 1
- New late fee for returning members after February 1- \$20
- May 1 is the last day to change any projects. You must do this through the Extension Office
- Changing clubs- contact your new leader and let them know you are moving to their club. Let your old leader know.
- Leaders, you will have to enter your birth date in order to re-enroll. The new system requires it. (sorry!)

Ways to pay enrollment fees:

1. Mail check made out to CSU to the Extension office (tell Melissa it is coming).
2. Make an appointment to come to the office and pay by cash, check or card (visa, mastercard, discover),
3. Call Melissa and pay over the phone with card (visa, mastercard, discover).

New Market Class: Dairy Wethers

We have exciting news! The fair board approved the sale of dairy goat wethers for the 2021 fair! This will include a new market goat class for Dairy Wethers.

New Rules:

- Dairy Wethers must be born in January the year of the fair it will be sold in or later.
- Dairy Wethers will be weigh-in and tagged/identified at Sheep and Goat weigh-in in May with other market sheep and goats. Must be banded or completely castrated when they cross the scale.
- Dairy Wethers must be at least 50 pounds at fair, there will be no minimum gain.
- The Dairy Wether must be a full blooded Dairy goat: Alpine, Nubian, Lamacha, Oberhasli, Saanens or Toggenburgs.

Superintendents will work together with members in this project to make sure buyers know the difference in dairy wethers vs boer goats. There will be a separate buy-back price for dairy wethers.

Superintendents will be looking for breeders that will have kids in January since we didn't know in time to breed ourselves.

All members participating in this or other livestock projects (excluding Dog and Horse) will need to have a current MQA. If this is the member's first market animal project participation, they will need to take the marketing class as well to be able to sell at the fair.

Meat Quality Assurance

Who:

Anyone who's is taking a livestock project (excluding horse) for the first time. First year seniors taking an animal project (turned 14 by December 31, 2020). This is not optional.

When:

March

Rabbit field day, date TBD

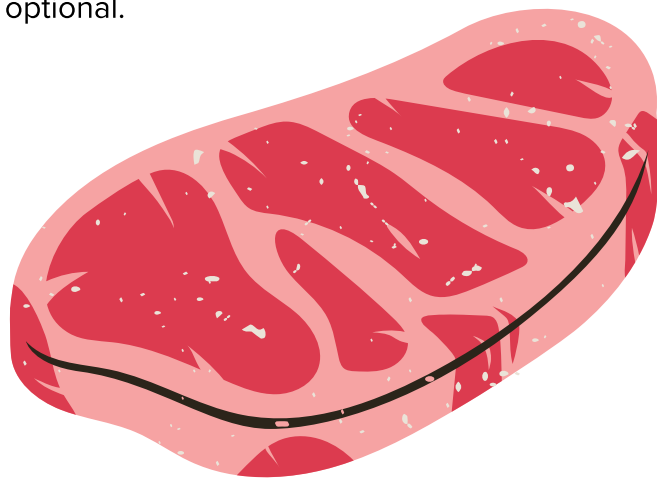
Beef Meeting, date TBD

April

26- Mesa County, C Building, 6:30 PM

27- Delta County, Heritage Hall (Hotchkiss), 6:30 PM

28- Montrose, fairgrounds (4-H Building), 6:30 PM



** There may be an online option again this year but it is not confirmed. If you cannot make one of the dates listed, please work with the Extension office to get something scheduled.

4-H Meeting Update

Public health guidelines are changing frequently! We are following the guidelines for indoor and outdoor gatherings. As of 1/25, we are allowed up to 50 people (or 25% facility capacity) at indoor meetings or 75 people at outdoor meetings.

Open riding is back on- contact the Fairgrounds for available dates/times!

We are happy to help your club set up a virtual meeting (zoom or google meets) and/or construct a plan for a safe meeting in person. Leaders, please contact Melissa (if you have not already) to discuss your February club meeting.

For the latest MCPH Updates, including testing information visit: <https://health.mesacounty.us/covid19/>



Mesa County CattleWomen Beef Advocacy

What is an advocate?

Webster's dictionary defines an advocate as, " a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy." The Mesa County CattleWomen have spent many years creating the beef advocacy program in Mesa County. We support all 4-H kids with scholarships and fair awards!

Each month look for an advocacy tidbit to grow your knowledge. Please check out the website: www.bqa.org for a free online course or reach out to a CattleWomen with questions! mesacountycattlewomen@gmail.com

A Message from the
Colorado State 4-H
Officer Team.
"Breaking Barriers"



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Curriculum Orders!

We will be doing a curriculum order for all fully enrolled 4-H members on February 2.

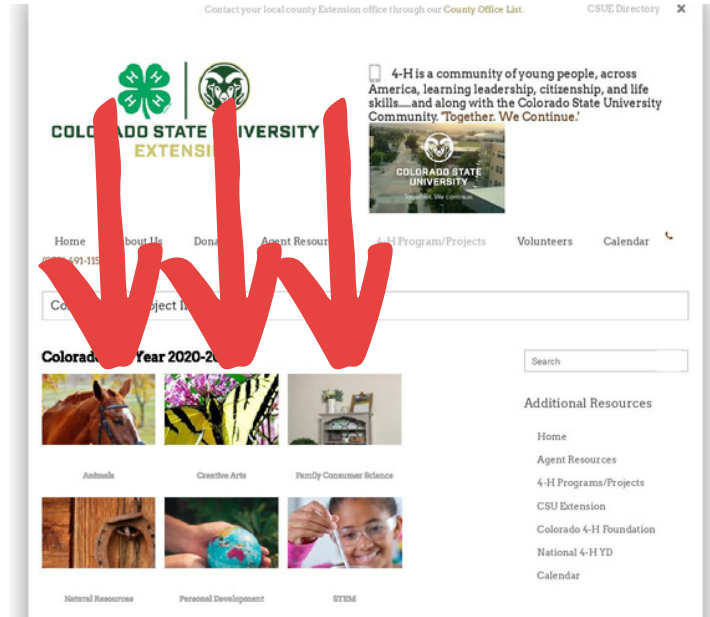
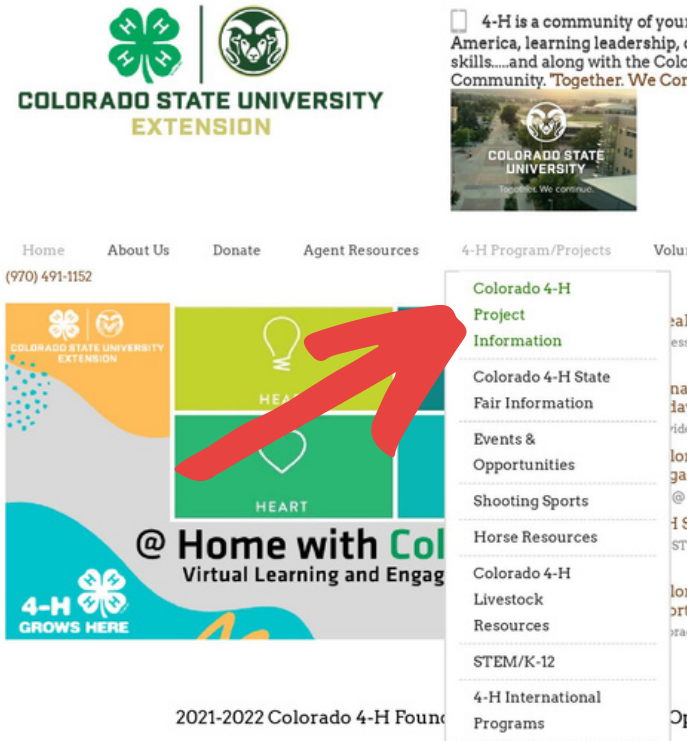
The cost of curriculum has increased significantly. In an effort to not raise enrollment fees, 4-H members will receive a book for projects one time (ex. beef, sheep, goats, shooting sports, etc) per family with the exception of project books that have activities that need to be filled out and turned in with fair projects (ex: most indoor projects) including those that have different books for each unit.

As curriculum comes in, we will notify club leaders for pick up. If you need an additional copy of a curriculum book, please call the Extension office.

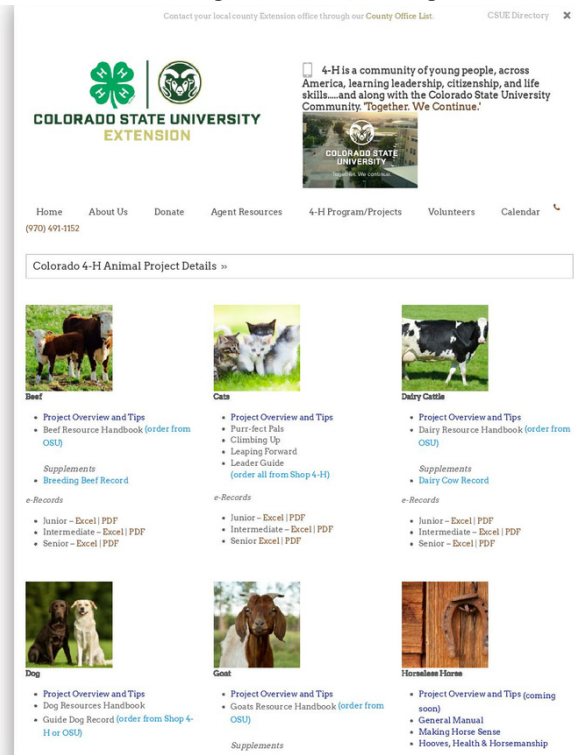
Record Books- Where to find them:

1. Go to Colorado 4-H Website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/>
2. Hover over the 4-H Programs/Projects Tab
3. Click on Colorado 4-H Project Information

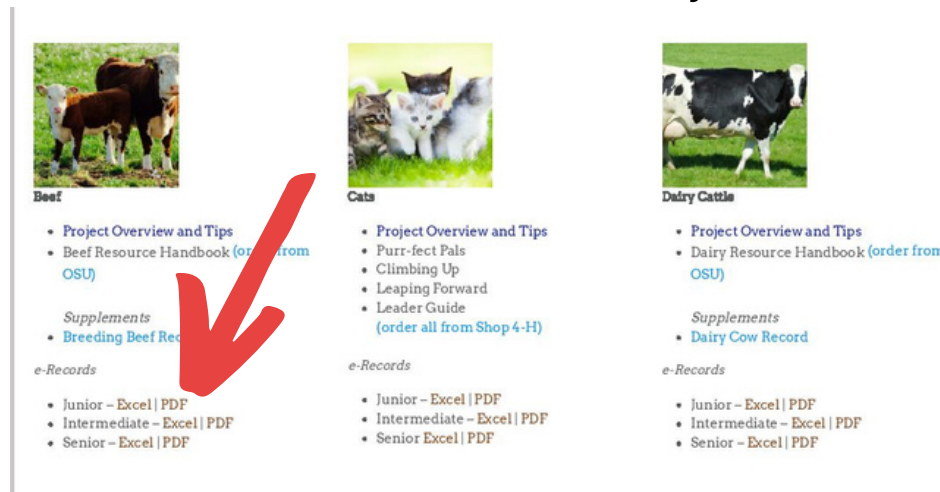
4. Select your project parent area



5. Find your project



6. Download the record books you need!



Other helpful hints:

- Shooting Sports Record books are under the [Natural Resources](#) project tab.
- If you're totally lost, there is a "search site" bar at the bottom of the page.

2021 Extended Calendar*

February

1- Re-Enrollment deadline for all returning members. After February 1 there will be a \$20 late fee for returning members. All BEEF members must be enrolled by February 1 to weigh in! (this includes returning and new members)

1- Poultry Meeting, 6 PM, VIRTUAL

6- Beef Weigh-in, 10 AM, Mesa County Fairgrounds, North Barn, Beef Scale.

9- Rabbit Meeting, 6:30 PM, Google Meets

10- Council Meeting- 6:30 PM, C-building - County Community Service!

12- Virtual Meet and Greet with New Horse Superintendent, 6 PM, Zoom

18- Fairboard Meeting- 5:30 PM, TBD

19- Bee Bowl- 4 PM, Zoom (see flyer for more info)

23- Western Region Virtual Leader Training- New 4-H Leaders and Refreshers for Experienced Leaders, zoom

24- Cloverbud Camp- 6 PM, TBD

24- Goat Meeting- 6 PM, Sheriff's Posse

27- LDC- 10 AM, virtual!

March

1- Poultry Meeting, 6 PM, location TBD

9- Rabbit Meeting, 6:30 PM, Google Meets

10- Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, C-Building

11- Cloverbud Camp- 6 PM, TBD

15- President's Day- OFFICE CLOSED

18- Fairboard Meeting- 6 PM, location TBD

23- Wester Region Virtual Leader Training- Zoom 101 + Virtual Games, zoom

24- Goat Meeting- 6 PM, Sheriff's Posse

April

1- Nomination forms for Colorado State Fair BEEF due to Extension Office

5- Poultry Meeting, 6:30 PM, location TBD

13- Rabbit Meeting, 6:30 PM, Google Meets

14- Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, C-Building

16- Richard White Beef Jackpot- Fitting Clinic, evening, Mesa County Fairgrounds

17- Richard White Beef Jackpot- Jackpot, all day, Mesa County Fairgrounds

24- Cloverbud Camp- 10 AM, TBD

26- MQA Mesa- 5-7 PM, Mesa County Fairgrounds

27- MQA Delta- 5-7 PM, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds, Hotchkiss

28- MQA Montrose- 5-7 PM, Montrose 4-H Building, Montrose County Fairgrounds

28- Goat Meeting- 6PM, Sheriff's Posse

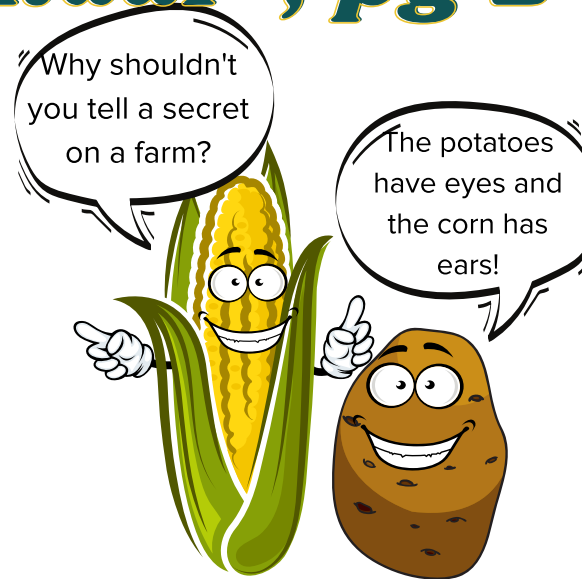
30- Swine Nominations Due on 4HOnline, including nomination fees paid.



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May

- 1- Dog and Horse 4HOnline ID Deadline
- 3- Poultry Meeting, 6:30 PM, location TBD
- 7- Sheep and Goat Weigh-In, 5-7 PM, Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 11- Rabbit Meeting- 6:30 PM, TBD
- 12- Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, C-Building
- 15- Mesa County Shooting Sports Invitational
- 15- All large livestock animal ID's due on 4HOnline (sheep, goat, beef)
- 26- Goat Meeting- 6PM, Sheriff's Posse
- 26- Cloverbud Camp- 4 PM
- 31- Memorial Day- Extension office CLOSED



June

- 1- All small animal livestock animal ID's due on 4HOnline
- 1- Nomination forms for Colorado State Fair GOAT, LAMB, HOG- due to Extension Office
- 11- Fair Entries Due on FairEntry, fees paid to 4-H Office
- 23- Cloverbud Camp- 4 PM
- 26- County Fair Shoot- Shotgun

July

- 1- Nomination forms for Colorado State Fair- RABBITS CHICKENS TURKEYS due to Extension Office
- 5- Independence Day- Observed- Extension Office CLOSED
- 10- County Fair Shoot- Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader
- 12- County Fair Shoot- Archery
- 12-17- Mesa County Fair- Full schedule will be out soon!

August

- 2- Colorado State Fair Market Animal Entries due (Online)
- 26-29- Colorado State Fair Horse Show
- 27-Sep 6- Colorado State Fair - tentative livestock show schedule available on CSF website- www.coloradostatefair.org under participant tab.

September

- 3- Record books due to Extension Office- 5 PM- No exceptions!
- 6- Labor Day- Extension Office CLOSED

*All Mesa County in-person activity dates subject to change if MCPH Covid regulations change. Additions will be made. Calendar will be updated in the newsletter throughout the 4-H year.

Cloverbud Camps!

**An opportunity for Cloverbuds to get involved
and learn more!**

Nov. 12 @ 6:00PM- Foods and Nutrition

Dec. 23 @ 4:00PM- Woodworking

Jan. 27 @ 6- Scrapbooking, bring pictures of your
family

Feb. 24 @ 6- Cake Decorating

Mar. 11 @ 6- Gardening

Apr. 24 @ 10- Rockets

May 26 @ 4- Leathercraft

June 23 @ 4- Outdoor Adventure & Sportfishing

July 14 @ 6- Artistic Clothing

Location: TBD

For questions email:

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Attention Graduating Seniors:

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2021-2022 Colorado 4-H Scholarship Applications are Open!!

The Colorado 4-H Foundation awards scholarships annually to outstanding youth who have actively engaged in Colorado 4-H clubs for at least 3 years. The scholarship process is competitive and we accept applications from January 11, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be announced sometime in June 2021.

To begin the application, click <https://co4hfoundation.academicworks.com/> to see the scholarship opportunities available. Once signed in, the first step is to apply using the General Application, where specific questions will be asked to determine which of the scholarships you are eligible for using defined criteria.

For more information visit: <https://co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu/benefits/colorado-4-h-foundation-scholarships/>

Agfinity Scholarships

Agfinity is offering \$25,000 in scholarship funds to students in 2021. In total, they will be awarding up to three \$5,000 and ten \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing higher education. Submissions are due on March 14, 2021. Scholarship Information and application: <https://feed.agfinityinc.com/news/news-app/detail/id/121>

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicants must be or will be attending an accredited four-year college or an accredited two-year technical school or community college pursuing higher education.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Membership to Cooperative is not required. Children of active Agfinity members, employees, and directors are eligible to receive an Agfinity Scholarship.



\$4,200 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP & LEADER DEVELOPMENT AWARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



- **SENIORS ENROLLING IN AN ACCREDITED, 4-YEAR COLLEGE, MAJORING IN AN AGRICULTURE FIELD.**
- **INCLUDES \$1,000 TO ATTEND AFA LEADERS CONFERENCE.**
- **MUST ATTEND AFA LEADERS CONFERENCE THE FALL OF YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR.**

\$500 TO \$2,500 COOP COUNTRY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

SENIORS ENROLLING IN ANY AGRICULTURE-RELATED, ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

******APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2021******

WWW.AGFUTURE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT MARK LIFF: MARK@FRUITACOOP.COM

Around the State

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

All Coloradans enrolled in the 4-H Beekeeping Project are invited to a trivia contest!



COLORADO 4-H BEE BOWL

Friday, Feb. 19 | 4 PM Zoom
email <leighsabey@gmail.com>
for the Zoom link



PRIZES AWARDED TO
THE TOP 3 WINNERS!



2021 Drought Preparation

In partnership with CSU Extension and Ag. Experiment Stations, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Colorado Ag Water Alliance, Colorado Water Conservation Board, and more

Planning for Drought

5:00-6:00: Presentations from legal, technical, and planning professionals.
6:00-7:00: Grower led drought preparation discussion and networking

Feb 2nd, 2021 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

please rsvp to droughtadvisors@colostate.edu or register by scanning the QR Code



When: Feb 2, 2021 05:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYscu2hrzkoHtDj3CL3u_nBWsGXuQmJx-s1

CSU Extension Presents

Monday Night MARKETING

A two part webinar series of introductory courses covering mechanics of cash, futures, and options markets, plus an advanced course focused on developing specific marketing plans.

Hosted By:
Dr. Brent Young

REGISTRATION + INFORMATION:

<https://mondnightmkt.eventbrite.com>



INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS

February: 8 | 15 | 22 March: 1

ADVANCED SESSIONS

March: 8 | 15 | 22 | 29

\$15 for each separate session

\$25 for both sessions

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For Immediate Release

January 22, 2021

Monday Night Marketing Webinar Series Coming in February

(Sterling, Colo.)

Many agricultural producers don't feel confident in their abilities to market the commodities they produce. In today's agricultural business environment of low commodity markets, high input costs and slim or non-existent margins, marketing skills are essential. In an effort to help farmers and ranchers improve their marketing skills, CSU Extension Ag Economist, Dr. Brent Young is offering a series of ag marketing webinars.

The Monday Night Marketing webinar series is two programs in one. The first meant to be an introductory course covering the mechanics of cash, futures, and options markets. This four week series is designed to meet the needs of agriculture producers who are new to commodity marketing and are looking for techniques to improve the prices they receive for their crops and livestock.

The final four sessions are a more advanced course that will focus on sophisticated marketing techniques and the development of a farm/ranch level marketing plan. These sessions are designed for producers who have a basic understanding of the topics presented in the introductory course.

The webinar format is interactive and will allow for live questions. Each webinar session will be recorded for review if you miss a session or for additional viewing to clarify concepts.

The webinars will be held from 7pm to 9pm, Mondays in February (8, 15, & 22) and March (1, 8, 15, 22, & 29). You can register for each session separately for \$15 or both sessions for \$25. To register online go to <https://mondnightmkt.eventbrite.com>. For more information contact Brent Young at 970-580-2204 or email at brent.young@colostate.edu