



**Perishable State Fair Entries—
please let the office know, if you
would like your perishable exhib-
its entered for State Fair by Aug.
10th. Exhibits will be taken to
State Fair Sept. 8th.**

**Here is the drop off schedule:
7:50-8am, County Building, Raton
8:35-8:45am, Truck Stop, French
Tract (north of Springer)**

Make sure to check our Facebook page, NMSU 4-H Youth Development Face-
book page, and <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/> for upcoming events and event de-
tails.

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 "If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact CES office at (575)445-8071 by prior to event."

County Fair Livestock Exhibitors:

We will notify you when checks are available

Checks cannot & will not be cut by the Fair Board until all buyer & add-on money has been received for all participants. Please be patient.

Proof of your thank yous must be show to the Extension to be able to receive your checks. Buyer lists will be emailed to you later in the month.

NM State Fair EXPO
September 10th-20th

4-H Rodeo Calendar:

- ◇ NM 4-H Rodeo Finals
Farmington— September

Southern NM Fair
September 30th– October 4th

Eastern NM State Fair
October 5th-10th

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors:

Registration for Livestock Exhibitors at EXPO NM are due by Aug. 1st, 2026. Exhibitors are required to take the YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) test & receive their YQCA Certificate of Completion. Codes for YQCA have already been sent out. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> for certification.

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/livestock.html>

Extension Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7th, 2026 for the
Labor Day holiday

New 4-H Year Starts Oct. 1st!

Enrollment forms for the 2026-2027 4-H Year will be available after the start of the new year in the Extension Office and on our website.

County Council meeting:

**TBA at 6pm at the
Extension Office**

Trophy Banquet

**Oct. 14th, 6:30pm, K-
Bob's
RSVP by Oct. 6th**

Record Books due:

**Thursday, Oct. 15th, 2026 by 5pm in the Extension
Office. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Covers are available in the office.



ANATOMY OF A GOOD THANK YOU LETTER

Why write thank you letters?

- To give buyers recognition for their support of the program.
- To thank them for their support of your project.
- To show you care and are willing to go the extra mile.
- To make a connection even after the show ring.

Make your greeting respectful and personalized.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I would like to thank you for helping to support the Anywhere County 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction and for buying my lamb. Your support means a great deal to me personally and to the 4-H and FFA programs.

Thank them for their support of the program and specifically for their support of your project.

Share a little about yourself and what their support will help with.

I am a junior in high school this year, and the money that I receive from your purchase will go towards purchasing a livestock project for next year, and helping to pay for college.

Thank them again, close with a respectful salutation and sign your first and last name.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson

Hand sign the letter!



Other things to remember:

- Use nice stationery or a notecard and handwrite your message.
- Use your best handwriting and proofread for spelling errors.
- Mail the thank you or hand deliver it, but be sure that it is received in a timely manner.

PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR COLFAX COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOK

1. **COVER** – Use the standard green 4-H Record Book Cover available at the Extension Office for a small fee or order from the National 4-H Supply catalog. No loose leaf notebooks or report binders.
2. **INDIVIDUAL PHOTO** – Print or mount one photo of yourself on a single sheet of paper. Print or type your name, age, address, town, state, zip code and county below your photo.
3. **TABLE OF CONTENTS** – On a single sheet of paper, type or print the name of each section of your record book. Page numbers are not necessary.
4. **COLFAX COUNTY 4-H REPORT FORM** – Type manually, print neatly or use the computer format available from the Extension Office to complete the form, which must be signed by 4-Her, parent and leader. **ONLY ONE 4-H REPORT FORM NEEDED REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF PROJECTS.** Form can be downloaded from colfaxcounty.nmsu.edu, click on the 4-H tab.
5. **4-H STORY** – Your overall 4-H story should include the following:
 - A. Your name, age, where you live and how you became interested in 4-H.
 - B. Tell something about your projects, what you found interesting, and why.
 - C. Tell about goals you set for yourself and your success or failure in reaching them.
 - D. Tell some of the things your club did as a group.
 - E. Tell how 4-H has made you a better person (Did it help you stick to what you started? Do you feel more comfortable giving a demonstration and talking in front of others? Did you become more knowledgeable in a certain area?)
 - F. Tell what goals you hope to achieve for yourself next year.
6. **PROJECT RECORD INFORMATION**
 - A. **Record Form** – Project specific record forms were included in your 4-H project packet or may be part of your project book, which may be copied for your record book. Some record forms are available electronically from the Extension Office so that they may be typed on the computer (ie. Livestock, Horse, General, and Shooting Sports)
 - B. **4-H Project Story** – Write a story that is specific to your project. If provided, use the space on your record sheet. You may also type on a separate sheet on the computer or typewriter. Each project is required to have a project story.
 - C. **Project Pictures, Newspaper and Newsletter Clippings** (related to the project). Pictures should have captions.
7. **Repeat step 6 for EACH PROJECT.**
8. **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS 4-H PHOTOS, NEWSPAPER AND NEWSLETTER CLIPPINGS** – Include photos of community service, 4-H trips and other general 4-H events and activities. Pictures should have captions.
9. **BE NEAT!** Neatness is an eye catcher for the judges.

HELPFUL HINTS

- 4-Hers need to fill out pages in their own handwriting or may type records on a typewriter or computer, but **should do their own typing.**
- 4-Hers of all ages may use the computer, typewriter, or pen/pencil to complete the record book.
- Use material **ONLY** from the current 4-H year – **October 1st to September 30th.**
- Do not include ribbons, certificates or other awards. Pictures of awards may be included.
- This is a 4-H record book, therefore it should not include information from other youth organizations or school activities. (ie. FFA, Boy/Girl Scouts, and FCCLA)
- Use dividers between sections of book. Tabs may be used.
- Do not wait until the last minute to begin working on your record book!!

County Report Form and Project Report Forms can be downloaded at

<https://colfaxextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html>

Use only forms from our County or State 4-H Program. Do not use forms from other county's or states.

Days Office Closed and Holidays:

Holidays:

Sept. 7th– Labor Day
Sept. 23rd– 1st Day of Autumn
Oct. 12th– Indigenous People's Day
Oct. 31st– Halloween
Nov. 2nd– Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov. 11th– Veterans Day
Nov. 26th– Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 22nd– 1st Day of Winter
Dec. 25th– Christmas Day
Dec. 31st– New Year's Eve

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Winter Break

2026 NM State 4-H Buckles

Details & order form on the
State 4-H's website

AgExplorer Day

10/20/26

Raton Convention Center

Make sure to check our Facebook page, NMSU 4-H Youth Development Facebook page, and