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September 2026

EXPO NM Fair Baked

Good Entries:

Lacey will be taking the Indoor Exhibits to EXPO Tuesday, 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)

**Exhibits from State Fair
will be available Sept.
23rd**

**Friend of 4-H
Nominations
are due in the
office by Sept.
30th.**

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



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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."

Livestock Exhibitors:

When checks are ready, we will notify you.

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.

The office asks you to drop off Thank you notes (in unsealed, addressed, stamped envelopes) to the Extension Office. No exhibitors will receive their sale check until the thank you letters have been turned into the office.

**NM State Fair EXPO
September 10th-20th**

**Eastern NM
State Fair
October 5th-
10th**

***Southern NM Fair
September 30th– October
4th***

***Good luck
Competitors!***

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New 4-H Year Starts Oct. 1st!

Enrollment forms for the 2026-2027 4-H Year will be available soon in the Extension Office and on our website.

Enrollment forms will be due in the Extension Office by February 4th, 2027.

Record Books

Record Books due:

**Thursday, Oct. 15th, 2026 by
5pm in the Extension Office.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Covers are available in the office.
Project Record forms can be picked
up in the office or downloaded
from [https://
colfaxextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html](https://colfaxextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html)
and [https://4hprojects.nmsu.edu/
projects/projectforms.html](https://4hprojects.nmsu.edu/projects/projectforms.html)

Covers are available in the

Trophy Banquet

*Oct. 14th, 2026 6:30pm,
K-Bob's
RSVP by Oct. 5th*

AG Exploration Day

**Oct. 20th, 9am-
12pm, Raton Con-
vention Center**

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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

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