



# Cloverleaf

October 2025



## New 4-H Year Starts Oct. 1st!

Enrollment forms for the 2025-2026 4-H Year will be available after the start of the new year in the Extension Office and on our website.

Enrollment forms will be due in the Extension Office by February 5th, 2026.

Add/Drop deadline for projects will be April 3rd, 2026.

**Exhibits from NM State Fair are available for pick up in the office.**

### **Southern NM State Fair**

**Sept. 25th-28th**

### **Eastern NM State Fair**

**Sept. 29th- Oct. 4th**

*Colfax County Building will be closed Monday, October 13th, 2025 for Indigenous Peoples Day*

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

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



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## Enrollment For 2025-2026

Enrollment forms for the 2025-2026 4-H year for both youth & adults will be available at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/policies/forms.html> or in our office after Oct. 1st. Enrollment forms will also be emailed when they are available.

Please make sure to completely fill out your enrollment forms before turning them in. Missing information will delay your enrollment. An enrollment form must be turned in each 4-H year. When listing your projects on the enrollment form, please make sure you either use the project number from the short list or write out the name of the project with the unit number or name (ie. write photography 2 or 06202 not just photography).



	<b><i>Cloverbud</i></b>	<b><i>Novice</i></b>	<b><i>Junior</i></b>	<b><i>Senior</i></b>
<b><i>Grade*</i></b>	K, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th & Up
<b><i>Age as of Jan. 1st, 2026– the current 4-H Year (October–September)</i></b>	5-8 year old	9-11 year old, or 8 years old in the 3rd grade	12-13 year old, or 11 years old on the 6th grade	14-18 year old**, or 13 years old in the 8th grade



*\*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September). These are standard grades based on public school general ages.*

*\*\*Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.*



County Council  
meeting:

Oct. 9th at 6:00pm  
at the Extension  
Office. Zoom op-  
tion available must  
request before Oc-  
tober 9th.

Hosted by Rocky

### Record Books Due

Thursday, Oct. 16st, 2025 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/<br/>projectforms.html)

Covers are available in the office.

### **AG Exploration Day**

Oct. 21st, 9am-12pm, Ra-  
ton Convention Center.

### **Trophy Banquet**

Oct. 15th, 6:30pm, K-  
Bob's

RSVP by  
Oct. 9th



Nov 28 –  
Dec 14,



**Livestock checks are not available yet we will send out an email  
once they are ready to be picked up**

Please remember you must **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.

## **Senior Leadership Retreat 2026**

SLR will be held January 23rd-25th, 2026 in Las Cruces, NM Registration will be due in the CES office (registration forms and payment) by November 17, 2025. More details to come.





# 2025 New Mexico State Fair Indoor Exhibit Results

Animal Science Class: 12 - SD Dog Exhibit	1	Scarlett Mayer
Animal Science Class: 16 - SD Cat Exhibit	1	Scarlett Mayer
Animal Science Class: 19 - SD Horse Exhibit	1	Hannah Airing-
Animal Science Class: 29 - Sheep Production Exhibit	1	Parker Mayer
Horticulture & Agronomy Class: 109	1 and BOD	Scarlett Mayer
Horticulture & Agronomy Class: 119	2	Dakota Ryan
Natural Science Class: 220 - Rifle Exhibit	1	Joesph Lopez
Natural Science Class: 222 - Pistol Exhibit	1	Jasper Mayer
Natural Science Class: 222 - Pistol Exhibit	2	Parker Mayer
STEAM Class: 319 - SD Electricity Exhibit	1	Tyen Potter
STEAM Class: 329 - Unit I Clover	1	Natalee Adler
STEAM Class: 337 - SD Rocketry Exhibit	1	Tyen Potter
Personal Growth & Development Class: 412	1	Jasper Mayer
Personal Growth & Development Class: 426	1	Chiara Martinez
Creative Arts: Leather Craft & Braiding Class: 702	3	Hannah Airing-
Creative Arts: Leather Craft & Braiding Class: 718	2	Jasper Mayer
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1009 - Unit 2	1	Scarlett Mayer
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1013 - Unit 2	1	Sofia Salas
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1013 - Unit 2	3	Scarlett Mayer
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1014 - Unit 2	1	Scarlett Mayer
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1017 - Unit 3	2	Sofia Salas
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1020 - Unit 3	1	Sofia Salas
Creative Arts: Photography Class: 1029	2	Sofia Salas
Creative Arts: Jewelry Class: 1059	1	Asher Chance
Home Economics Class: 1100 Unit 1	3	Natalie George
Food & Nutrition Class: 1221 - Unit 1	1	Scarlett Mayer
Food & Nutrition Class: 1302 - Three (3) Chocolate Chip Cookies	3	Hettie Mae Webb
Food & Nutrition Class: 1302 - Three (3) Chocolate Chip	1	Natalie George
Food & Nutrition Class: 1304 - Three (3) Snickerdoodles	1	Natalie George
Food & Nutrition Class: 1341 - Unit 2 –	1	Natalee Adler
Food & Nutrition Class: 1344 - Three (3) decorated cup-	1	Madi Ryan
Food & Nutrition Class: 1360 - SD Baking Exhibit	2	Parker Mayer
Food & Nutrition Class: 1404 - Unit II - Ice Cream Exhibit	1	Madi Ryan
Creative Arts Class: 1812 - SD Crafts (Sculpture) Exhibit	1	Sofia Salas
Creative Arts Class: 1814 - SD Crafts (Wooden) Exhibit	1	Jazlyn Berry

# 2025 New Mexico State Fair Livestock Results

1st Place Jr. Breeding Hereford— Reagan Doherty

1st Place Open Spring Yearling Hereford Heifer and Reserve Overall Spring Heifer— Reagan Doherty

1st Place Class 1 Shorthorn Steers— Braxton Doherty

4th Place Class 2 Simmental Steers— Braxton Doherty

7th Place Class 2 Simmental Steers—Alannah Roybal

12th Place Class 15 Market Goats— Maggie Wier







# 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- 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:

*Oct. 31st– Halloween*

*Nov. 3rd– Daylight Saving Time*

*Nov. 28th– Thanksgiving Day*

*Dec. 21st– 1st Day of Winter*

*Dec. 25th– Christmas Day*

*Dec. 31st– New Year's Eve*

## Office Closed:

Oct. 14th– Indigenous People's Day

Nov. 11th– Veterans Day

Nov. 28th– Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 24th-Jan. 1st– NMSU

Winter Break

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