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**CLOVERLEAF**  
Your Source for 4-H News and Events

# August 2025

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**County  
Council  
Meeting**

**Tuesday  
August 19th  
7:00 pm**

Join us at  
5:30 for a  
city wide  
scavenger  
hunt



Dear 4-Her's, Parents, and Leaders, Wow! Where did summer break go? It is sad to see summer come and go so fast but what an adventure it has been! From judging practices, District Contest, State 4-H Conference, and all those 4-H projects, we can definitely say it has been a busy and memorable few months. With the new school year starting, we want to wish everyone a great school year!

As we finished up the Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair last month, we want to say CONGRATULATIONS to all of the participants! We know you all gave the judges a challenge when it came to this year's livestock and indoor exhibits. Now, it won't be long before it's time for the New Mexico State Fair and the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Those who are planning on exhibiting at the New Mexico State Fair, please contact Katy if you have any questions and also please let her know you will be attending.

First place inside exhibits were kept (except County Only) and will be taken to the NMSF. Tamara will need your first place baking and clothing items brought to the office by 4:30 pm on Friday, August 29th.

As the 4-H year comes to a close soon, remember it's never too early to start thinking about those record books! See page 3 for details and deadlines. We will also be offering various record book workshop days to help answer all those questions you may have. Completing a record book every year makes it easier to turn in a State Record Book to earn an all expense paid trip to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA! Also, they come in handy when applying for scholarships leading up to graduation.

Thank you to all our volunteers, leaders, and participants that keep our programs going throughout the year! Please let us know if we can be of any help.

~ Tamara and Katy



## **Council Officer Applications**

**We are looking for dedicated youth who want to be apart of planning county wide 4-H activities!**

Applications are available at the Extension Office and on the 4-H board in the auditorium.

**APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 14TH BY 5PM IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE**

Those who submit an application by the deadline & have turned in re-enrollment will have first priority during elections!

# Chaves County 4-H

## CLOVERBUDS

**Bicycle Safety**

**August 2025**



**Project Meeting Months!**

February  
April  
June  
August  
October  
December



Questions?  
Please call,  
575-622-3210

**The Chaves County 4-H Cloverbuds allow 5-8 year olds to participate in their own projects! We do activities associated with the 4-H Cloverbud projects & other fun learning activities!**

### 4-H Cloverbud Participation

**PURPOSE OF THE CLOVERBUD PROGRAM:** The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical maturation of kindergarten through 2nd graders by providing a unique educational opportunity. Children in these grades are a distinct audience for 4-H, with unique learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older children and youth served through 4-H membership. As a result, the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and program policies focused on the kindergarten-2nd grade child.

**Reminder: Cloverbuds in Chaves County have their own age appropriate projects which they are enrolled. Chaves County Cloverbuds meet every other month to develop life skills and complete their projects during county club meetings, where 4-H project workshops (sewing, leathercraft, dog, shooting sports, etc.) are scheduled for the 3rd grade or 9 to 18.) The Cloverbud program is a great opportunity and makes it easier for our Cloverbuds to transition into becoming a traditional 4-H member.**

**The Little Books Little Cooks program is specifically for Cloverbuds and their friends (don't have to be enrolled to participate).**

**Save the Date and plan to join us Saturday, August 23 at 11:00 am for some literacy and food fun.**

**Please RSVP by August 15th.**

### **Cloverbuds...**

Cloverbuds meet in conjunction with our regularly scheduled 4-H club meetings. Choose a club from the back of the newsletter, that works with your family's schedule and/or has friends/family, to attend once a month.

Attend meetings monthly or just during the even months when Cloverbuds breakout and have their own project meeting!

### **Other opportunities with parent participation:**

- **4-H Day at the Library**
- **Cloverbud record books**



# GENERAL INFORMATION



## Who's reading their newsletter?

Each month there will be a hidden clover with 2-C's, for Chaves County, in the middle. Find the clover, call the Ext. Office (**You must call the Ext Office!**) and reveal your answer. The **first 5 people** to call the office with the correct answer will be put into a drawing for a special prize.



The July Clover was located on page 5. Can you find this months?

**Congratulations to our July clover winner, Charlie Heimark**

## 4-H Member Ages For 2025-2026 4-H Year

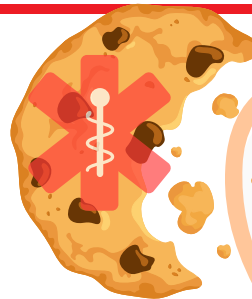
**CLOVERBUDS:** 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade (Born in 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021)

**NOVICE:** 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade. (Born in 2015, 2016, 2017 OR born in 2018 AND in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

**JUNIOR:** 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in 6th grade. (Born in 2013, 2014 or born in 2015 AND in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**SENIOR:** 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade (Born in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or born in 2013 AND in 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Youth who are 19 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year (2026) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. If you were born in 2007 or before, you are too old for the 2025- 2026 4-H year. **BUT, we would love to have you as a leader/volunteer!**



Laugh of the Month  
Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

It Felt Crummy!

## Chaves County 4-H Attendance

The Ext. Office is continuing to keep track of attendance based on club sign-in sheets.

In order for members to participate in the 4-H events (State Shoot, District Contest, State Conference, County Fair etc.) they will need to be active in their club meetings and activities.

Club leaders will be signing off on member eligibility to attend these events so make sure you attend your meetings.

If you have any questions please contact Katy at the Ext. Office (575-622-3210).

## RECORD BOOKS:

**DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> BY 4:30 PM**

Although Record Books are not due until this fall, its never to early to start working on them. Each month we will give a few tips to get you started and look at attending scheduled workshops. All forms are available on the county website.

### Step/Tip: 4

The County Report Form is worth 25 points-Fill out the form completely and be sure to get all the signatures. Only 1 4-H Report Form is needed regardless of the number of projects.

## WORKSHOPS

Monday, August 4th: 4pm-6pm  
Thursday, August 14th: 4pm-6pm  
Friday, August 22d: 4pm-6pm  
September dates will be planned based on August attendance

Chaves County 4-H Report Form

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one)

4-H Year: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club Meetings held this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Number you attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Projects taken this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ (List all projects you are working on in 4-H)





# EVENTS AND DEADLINES



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day at the



**Come Explore Needlepoint**

**Roswell: Wednesday, August 13 @ 3:00pm**

**Hagerman: Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**

Supplies will be provided

Open to ALL youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends!

Do not have to be enrolled to participate!

## 4-H LEADERS MEETING

**AUGUST 21ST @ 5:30  
EXTENSION AUDITORIUM**

We will be discussing the upcoming 4-H year, new enrollments, filing out beginning of the year paperwork, and policies and procedures.

Council Advisors and Project Leaders are welcome to attend.

Dinner will be served- Please RSVP no later than August 14th

## FCS 4-H PROGRAMMING

### FCS COMMITTEE HAS TRANSITIONED TO AN ONLINE SURVEY

Want to have a say in the FCS Programs that we offer? Have some ideas that you would like to share.



Scan the QR code to tell us what you want to see for 2025-2026. Survey will stay open till August 15th



## CHAVES COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Chaves County 4-H Ambassador program strives to provide Senior 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills and become advocates for agriculture.

### Criteria:

- Senior 4-H Member in Chaves County
- Have been in project area 3 or more years
- Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Letter of recommendation
- Application Questions
- Interview with 4-H Agent
- Available to serve full 4-H year term

### Responsibilities:

- Host workshop(s) educating others about your ambassadorship area
- Help with Tractor Supply Clover Sales
- Assist at Kid's Day at ENMSF
- Write an article for the Chaves County 4-H Newsletter

**Application Deadline:**  
**October 14th**  
**by 5 pm**  
**in the Ext. Office**

Applications are available at the  
Extension Office and in the  
Auditorium on the 4-H board!



# 2025 State Conference Results

We would like to congratulate 4-H members from Chaves County who participated in State 4-H Conference. All Chaves County Youth in attendance got to walk the state this year!

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

### 4th High Team

Caden Brink- 3<sup>rd</sup> high ind.  
Mackenzi Bayes  
Grady Moss  
Avery Lawless



## TALENT SHOW- MUSICAL

Molly Pirtle- 1st high individual

## FASHION REVUE

Molly Pirtle- 1st high individual- Senior Clothing  
Mazie Pirtle- 1st high Individual - Creative Touches  
Mazie Pirtle - High Point Over All

## ANN GARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

Caleigh Scott







# Chaves County Sharp Shooters

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## Archery Practice

### @ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm

### @ ENMSF - Southside

23rd @ 8am

Katy Wright 575-512-9309  
Kevin Grinder 505-469-0122

## Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)

### Ext Auditorium

See you next season  
pending interest

Drew Garnett 575-840-2302  
Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

## Shotgun Practice

### @ Chaparral Trap Club

See you next season

### @ Chaparral Skeet Club

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

See you next season

Justin Campbell 575-626-0725  
Jamie Higgins 575-420-7388

## .22 & Air Rifle Practice

### Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn

See you next season

### .22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys

See you next season

Shawn Brink 575-420-7005  
Melissa Brink 575-910-6693

## Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

See you next season

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

## .22 & Air Pistol Practice

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

### .22 Pistol @ Roswell Gun Club/ Chisum Cowboys

See you next season

### Air Pistol @ Killshot Outdoors

See you next season

Ray Melton 505-660-9852  
Justin Campbell 575-626-0725

*introducing...*

## CHAVES COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Chaves County 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program will strive to provide Senior 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills relating to mentoring other youth and to becoming advocates for shooting sports.

### Ambassador Responsibilities

- Aid in planning and conducting shooting sports safety meetings and activities with Extension 4-H Agent
- Write an article for the Chaves County 4-H Newsletter related to your discipline
- Serve as a youth member of the Shooting Sports Advisory Committee
- And more!

### Additional Opportunities

- Attend 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit at the Whittington Center in March

**Interested?** Apply! Applications for all ambassadorships are available at the office.

**Questions?** Ask Katy! [kkwright@nmsu.edu](mailto:kkwright@nmsu.edu)

## COACHES MEETING

Sept. 18 at 6pm  
Ext. Auditorium

Join us for planning for the new 4-H year and shooting sports season.

Certified coaches only.



## NM Game & Fish Hunter Education Course



**Plan ahead!** If you haven't taken a hunter safety class and would like to participate in Shooting Sports for the 2023-2024 4-H year, check out the options below!

### Under 10 years old - Hunter Education Class

Check on the NM Game & Fish website

**10 years old and up -**

Complete online training!

[http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/  
hunter-education/course-schedule/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/course-schedule/)



# 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



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2025 NM  
Livestock Board,  
Guide for  
Livestock  
Exhibitors

Available online or  
in the office

<https://chaves-extension.nmsu.edu/4-h/2025-New-Mexico-Guide-for-Livestock-Exhibitors.pdf>

## NM State Fair Jr Livestock Judges

Breeding Heifer/Market Beef - Scott Greiner, VA  
Market Lamb Judge - Jordan Amburgey, KY  
Market Goat Judge - Cade Halfmann, TX  
Market Swine Judge - David Ammann, IL  
Open Cattle Judge - Tyler Bush, SC

## State Fair YQCA Information

**Any exhibitor entering a Junior Market Show at the 2025 New Mexico State Fair is required to take the YQCA test and receive their YQCA Certificate of Completion.**

The YQCA otherwise known as the YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS is a multi species assurance program. If you pulled DNA for State Fair and plan on attending, get with Katy for your code.



**Entry Deadline:**  
**August 1st by 11:59 PM**

Enter @:  
<https://statefair.exponm.com>



## NM 4-H Rodeo Dates

**August 16 – 17 Sierra County – T or C, NM**  
**August 30 – 31 San Miguel County – Pecos, NM**  
**September 19 – 21 NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals – Farmington, NM**

**\*\* Don't forget, in order to participate you must have attended a rodeo safety meeting prior to February 1st.**



*"The Happiest Place on Dirt!"*



**CHAVES COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK  
AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS !**

**See page 4 for details.**

## NM 4-H Horse Show

August 9th - Curry County Fairgrounds

September 2025 NM State 4-H Horse Show, at  
the New Mexico State Fairgrounds

**\*\* Don't forget, in order to participate you must have submitted Horse Certificates prior to May 1st.**



**ATTENTION  
ALL EXHIBITORS!**

Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair exhibitors you should receive a list for thank you's via email for those that qualified for premium checks.

Chaves County Fair premium checks for indoor and outdoor will be available at the Extension Office towards the middle to end of the month.

You will need to write thank you notes for every \$10 you have earned. Please bring your THANK YOU notes addressed, sealed, and stamped to the Extension Office in order to receive your check(s).

Please have thank you letters completed BEFORE December 30th. All remaining checks after the 1st of the year will be returned to the fair board.



# IT'S FAIR TIME!!



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## ENMSF Indoor Exhibits

**Inside/ General Exhibits that placed 1st-4th at County Fair and are eligible for ENMSF will be DUE at the Fairgrounds**

**Friday, September 26th  
8:00 - 11:00 am**

## 2025 Eastern New Mexico State Fair

***"The Happiest Place on Dirt!"***

**Animal entries ONLINE soon  
at [www.enmsf.com](http://www.enmsf.com)**

Don't forget that indoor exhibits entered in the 4-H section last year are eligible to be entered in the open Arts and Crafts section this year. Be sure to check the fairbook for all the details  
<https://www.enmsf.com/participate.html>

We need your help!!!!

If you are available to assist in accepting entries, judging, and/or displaying indoor exhibits on Friday, September 26th, we need you.

This is a great opportunity to see all the exhibits and get ideas for next year's projects and learn a little bit more about your projects as well.

Call or email Tamara and pick a department.

## State Fair Indoor Exhibits

**Inside/General Exhibits that placed 1st at County Fair and are eligible for State. Please bring all qualifying baked goods to the office before 4:30 pm**

**Friday, August 29th**

## NM STATE FAIR 4-H YOUTH OFFICIALS WANTED!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 4-H YOUTH TO ASSIST WITH THE NM STATE FAIR!

4-H YOUTH WILL HELP TAKE IN COUNTY ENTRIES, ORGANIZE INDOOR EXHIBITS, ASSIST JUDGES, AND HANG UP EXHIBIT DISPLAYS FOR THE STATE FAIR.

FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE FOR DEADLINE!

- **HOW DO I APPLY?** CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.
- **WHERE WILL IT BE?** ABQ, NM (NM STATE FAIRGROUNDS)
- **WHEN?** WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
- **WHO CAN APPLY?** SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

## ATTENTION: Dairy Heifer Exhibitors! DAIRY HEIFER TB TESTING



It is REQUIRED by the Chaves County & Eastern NM State Fair Boards. Please make sure you have a copy of the negative test report for each animal entered into the fair that is within the 120 days of the test. A copy must be shown at entry into the fairgrounds, and must be turned into Cindy Wooton at the Junior Livestock Office on the day of arrival.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Animals will NOT be allowed on the grounds or to show without proof of a negative TB Test.

**Questions?  
Contact the Junior Livestock Office.**





# 2025 Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair Results



## RABBIT

- Grand Champion Meat Pen: Mohammed- ECHS FFA
- Reserve Champion Meat Pen: Kimberly- ECHS FFA
- Champion Commercial: Charlie- Berrendo
- Champion Fancy: Layken- Diamond H 4-H
- Best of Show: Layken- Diamond H 4-H
- Booster Showmanship: Addaline- Diamond H
- Novice Showmanship: Blake- Berrendo
- Junior Showmanship: Charles- Berrendo
- Senior Showmanship: Mohammed- ECHS FFA



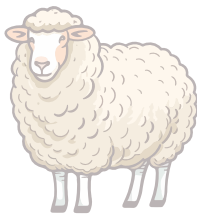
## Dairy Goat

- Grand Champion: Josie- Shepherds Flock
- Reserve Champion: Molly- Shepherds Flock
- Champion Daughter/Dam: Molly- Shepherds Flock
- Champion Breeders Trio: Emmett- Shepherds Flock
- Novice Showmanship: Emmett- Shepherds Flock
- Junior Showmanship: Josie- Shepherd's Flock
- Senior Showmanship: Mazie- Shepherd's Flock



## Market Lamb

- Grand Champion Market Lamb: Jake- Goddard FFA
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Coleton- Valley Rascals
- Champion whiteface: Kaydence- Kountry Kids
- Reserve Champion: Lane- Shepherds Flock
- Champion Blackface: Jake- Goddard FFA
- Reserve Champion: Coleton- Valley Rascals
- Champion Mutton Cross: Payton- Roswell FFA
- Reserve Champion: Kroslynn- Shepherds Flock
- Pre Booster Showmanship: Chisum
- Booster Showmanship: Lilly- Wiley Draw
- Novice Showmanship: Coleton- Valley Rascals
- Junior Showmanship: Morgan- Berrendo
- Senior Showmanship: Payton- Roswell FFA



## Market Goat

- Grand Champion: Kroslynn- Shepherds Flock
- Reserve Grand Champion: Caden- Dexter FFA
- Pre Booster Showmanship: Valor- Kountry Kids
- Booster Showmanship: Chesnea- Shepherd's Flock
- Novice Showmanship: Sailor- Diamond H
- Junior Showmanship: Sterling- Diamond H
- Senior Showmanship: Caden- Dexter FFA



## POULTRY:

- Best of barn: Kross- Kountry Kids
- Reserve best of barn: Kross- Kountry Kids
- Champion broiler: Caden- Rustic Arrows
- Reserve Champion broiler: Caden- Rustic Arrows
- Novice Showmanship: Skylar- Diamond H
- Junior Showmanship: RileyAnne- Kountry Kids
- Senior Showmanship: Emily- ECHS FFA



## DAIRY:

- Grand Champion: Ella Hobbs- Barn Buddies
- Reserve Grand Champion: Ella Hobbs- Barn Buddies
- Pre Booster Showmanship: Ella
- Booster Showmanship: Knox- Kountry Kids
- Novice Showmanship: Koda- Barn Buddies
- Junior Showmanship: Kessy- Barn Buddies
- Senior Showmanship: Caliegh- Kountry Kids



## BEEF STEER & HEIFER:

- Supreme heifer: Leanna- Diamond H
- Reserve Champion heifer: Zayleigh - Diamond H
- Grand Champion Beef: Jake - Goddard FFA
- Reserve Grand: Wyatt - Valley Rascals
- Booster Showmanship: Geirdan
- Novice Showmanship: Brazen- Diamond H
- Junior Showmanship: Tripp- Valley Rascals
- Senior Showmanship: Grady- Valley Rascals



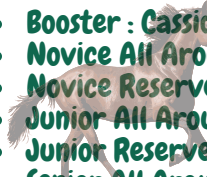
## SWINE

- Champion Prospect: Joslyn - Valley Rascals
- Reserve Prospect: Kason- Shepherds Flock
- Champion OPB: Brantley- Diamond H
- Reserve OPB: Gaston- Valley Rascals
- Champion Duroc: Milah- Goddard
- Reserve Duroc: Rowdy- Valley Rascals
- Champion Hamp: Macie- Diamond H
- Reserve Hamp: Joslyn- Valley Rascals
- Champion Cross: Gaston- Valley Rascals
- Reserve Cross: Rowdy- Valley Rascals
- Grand Champion Swine: Macie -Diamond H
- Reserve Grand Champion Swine: Joslyn- Valley Rascals
- Pre Booster: Abigail- Kountry Kids
- Booster Showmanship: Chesnea- Shepherds Flock
- Novice Showmanship: Joslynn- Valley Rascals
- Junior Showmanship: Brantly- Diamond H
- Senior Showmanship: Kason- Shepherds Flock



## Horse

- Booster : Cassidy Spurring to Success
- Novice All Around: Faye- Spurring to Success
- Novice Reserve All Around: Emmett- Shepherd's Flock
- Junior All Around: Josie- Shepherds Flock
- Junior Reserve All Around: Charlie- Berrendo
- Senior All Around: Avery- Kountry Kids
- Senior Reserve All Around: Bailey- Kountry Kids



## Rodeo

- Booster: Hunter- Spurring to Success
- Novice All Around: Emmett- Shepherd's Flock
- Novice Reserve All Around: Faye- Spurring to Success
- Junior All Around: Mazie- Shepherd's Flock
- Junior Reserve All Around: Kroslyn- Shepherd's Flock
- Senior All Around: Avery- Kountry Kids
- Senior Reserve All Around: Dub- Kountry Kids

## Pet Show

- Most creative: Trip- Shepherd's Flock
- Best pet trick: Kadence- Kountry Kids
- Most unusual: Cannon- Spurring to Success



## Dog Show

- Champion Dog: Cannon- Spurring to Success
- Reserve Champion Dog: RileyAnne- Kountry Kids



## General Exhibits

- Novice Hi Point: Blake- Kountry Kids
- Novice Reserve Hi Point: Sirai- Kountry Kids
- Junior Hi Point: Charles- Berrendo
- Junior Reserve Hi Point: Melany- Kountry Kids
- Senior Hi Point: Caitlin - Damond H
- Senior Reserve Hi Point: Molly- Shepherds Flock
- Over All Hi Point: Charlie- Berrendo

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Chaves County Council

**Reporter: Josie Pirtle**

The July meeting of the Chaves County 4-H council was a blast! If you weren't there you missed a splashy splashing pool party at Linda Vista pool. Our fearless leaders cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for dinner. Thanks to everyone who brought yummy sides and desserts. Don't forget, all 4-Hers are invited to attend council meetings, see ya in August.

July is wrapping up with the Chaves County 4-H and FFA fair. 4-Hers showed off their hard work in many projects. Inside exhibits were displayed to showcase hard work as well as offer ideas for future projects. A few feet away, the show ring offered an opportunity for the years hard work, sweat, and tears to be displayed. Congrats to all exhibitors and keep up the good work for the rest of the year.



## Spurring to Success

**Reporter: Sara Knight**

In our July 2025 club meeting for Spurring to Success, we met at Dr. David Orton's house. He gave us a handout showing equine health notes including temperature range, resting heart rate and number of teeth. He showed us how to listen to a horse's heart beat, where key tendons are in the leg, how to take a heart beat in each foot, a horse skull, and discussed other horse health issues to look out for. It was very educational. Our next meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Kountry Kids

**Reporter: Brady Dennis**

Congratulations to all our members that made sale for County Fair. Our July meeting was moved to July 30, for our club swim party. We will not have an August meeting.





**NM 4-H Presents:**

## Food Challenge 2025

**Contests available at NM State Fair & Southern State Fair**

**Registration Fee: \$25 per team**

**Registration Due: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**\*Counties can only participate in one of the Food Challenge Competitions\***

**Where: NM State Fair Fairgrounds Albuquerque NM**

**When: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Where: Southern NM State Fair Fairgrounds Las Cruces NM**

**When: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Contest Resources**

**NM STATE UNIVERSITY**



## 2025 State 4-H Photo Contest

**Show off your photography skills!**

Enter your photos to have a chance of winning the 2025 State 4-H Photo Contest. Photos in either film or digital can be submitted through mail or Facebook by August 1st. (If picture is placed on Facebook, make sure to include the information below with the post). Photos submitted will then be placed on a link and voted on by the public. The information for the voting link will be made available on August 11th. The first, second and third place in each category will receive a rosette. The first-place winner in each category will receive a camera case and his/her photo will automatically be entered in the contest for overall winner. The overall winner will be chosen by a set of judges and will be awarded an overall rosette and a cash prize of a \$100



**2025 Adult Retreat**  
**November 8, 2025**  
**Albuquerque, NM**

**Smile 4-H Adults are Beyond Ready**

Any 4-H Member who is active in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) projects may "letter" in FCS.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES LETTERMEN



**Forms Due September 2025**

### THE FIRST YEAR

- RECEIVE A "CLOVER" LETTER AS YOU WOULD SEE ON A LETTERMAN JACKET.

### NOVICE:

- BRONZE "H" PIN

### JUNIOR:

- SILVER "H" PIN

### SENIOR:

- GOLD "H" PIN

IN ADDITION, TWO PLATINUM LETTERS WILL BE AWARDED EACH YEAR IN THE FORM OF A PLAQUE. THE PLATINUM LETTERS ARE BASED ON OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AND MAY BE RECEIVED AT ANY AGE LEVEL.

SEE BROCHURE AND APPLICATION FOR FULL DETAILS  
[HTTPS://NM4H.NMSU.EDU/RECOGNITION/LETTERMAN.HTML](https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/RECOGNITION/LETTERMAN.HTML)



Orders are now being taken for 2025 NM 4-H buckles. Buckles will be \$80.00. Order forms are available online or through Katy in the office and will be placed September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

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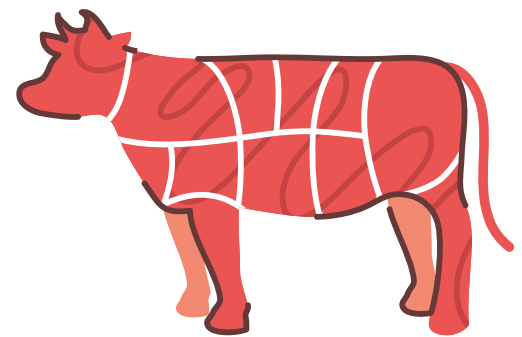
## How is Our Food Supply Kept Safe?

<https://animalsmart.org/feeding-the-world/food-safety>



There are numerous programs in place that effectively safeguard the United States food supply. Most of these programs are under the direction of the federal government. All raw meat products processed and sold in the United States are inspected by the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), which is a branch of the United States Department of Agriculture. Some states, however, have a state-run inspection system. Meat inspected by state organizations cannot be sold across state lines. Processors that produce raw meat for strictly private consumption can be exempt from inspection (an example would be a deer or other game processor). This meat can never be sold.

The FSIS inspection program is comprehensive. It starts when the animals arrive at the processing facility where inspectors look for any animals showing signs of sickness and make sure that the animals are handled humanely. Inspectors will also be throughout the facility to ensure that all precautions are taken to prevent the meat from becoming contaminated with bacteria during processing. The FSIS also tests finished meat products to make sure that they are free of chemical contaminants and are labeled properly. Failure to meet FSIS standards can result in fines and suspension of all processing. If there is a case where contaminated meat products are sold, FSIS then has the authority to order a recall, which can be extremely costly for the meat processor.



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