

# PHILLIPS COUNTY

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## MARCH

- 19 Phillips County Fair Board meeting
- 24 Livestock Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- 31 Adams County Livestock Judging Contest
- 30 Market Beef state fair nominations due in office

## APRIL

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 3 MQA/PQA, Phillips County Event Center, 4-7 p.m.
- 7 Otero County Livestock Judging Contest
- 14 Weld County Livestock Judging Contest
- 15 Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 15 District 5 4-H Council meeting, Yuma
- 16 Phillips County Fair Board meeting
- 23 Animal Care & Housing Forms due (only for members who do not keep their animals at their house)
- 28 Logan County Livestock Judging Contest

## MAY

- 1 Horse ID's due in 4HOnline
- 5 Eastern Slope Livestock Judging Contest, Kiowa
- 6 Market Sheep/Goat weigh-in, time & location TBD

## MAY (continued)

- 7 Swine ID's due in 4HOnline
- 18 Tri-River Area Livestock Judging Contest, Montrose
- 19 Western Slope Livestock Judging Contest, Gunnison
- 21 Phillips County Fair Board meeting
- 28 Memorial Day, Extension Office CLOSED
- 29 Ronald McDonald House Community Pride Activity
- 29 Cloverbud Camp #1, 9-11:30 a.m., Ortner Room
- 30 Be Somebody Program, Burlington
- 30 Market Swine, Sheep and Goat state fair nominations due in Extension office

## JUNE

- 1 Ownership deadline for rabbits and all breeding animals
- 8 Kearney Livestock Judging Contest
- 10-17 See Colorado Tour
- 15 Ownership deadline for all poultry
- 19-22 State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins



## Add/Drop Deadline



The deadline for 4-H members to add or drop a project is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to give serious consideration to the projects they are enrolled in. 4-H members must complete a record book and the exhibit requirements for each project they are enrolled in. General projects will also participate in interview judging. Projects that do not meet these requirements are incomplete. Incomplete projects go on the member's record and count against the overall completion of their 4-H club. Also, you will not be able to re-enroll in that project again during the next 4-H year. 4-H members are required to complete at least one project during the 4-H year. Now is the time to review your projects and consider the time and expense it will take to complete each project. If you feel you are not going to be able to complete one or more of the projects you are enrolled in please call the Extension office or visit with your club leader about your concerns. Those of you who think you may want to try another project that you have not yet enrolled in should also visit with your club leader or call the Extension office. You will want to add any new projects by April 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to participate with that project at the Phillips County Fair. To add or drop projects, please call or email Carrie or Kindra at 970-854-3616. Carrie's email address is: [coopext\\_phillips@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:coopext_phillips@mail.colostate.edu). Kindra's email

address is: [kindra.plum@colostate.edu](mailto:kindra.plum@colostate.edu).

## Swine ID

Swine identification for 2018 will be online (there is no market swine weigh-in). You will still need to pick up ear tags and taggers, which will be available in the Extension office starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members will need to tag their pigs, take pictures of both sides of the pig and a picture of the pig's ear with the tag in place. You will then go online to complete the ID sheet and upload and attach your pictures. To complete your online ID go to [www.pc4hffa.com](http://www.pc4hffa.com). All ID's are due Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. No Exceptions!



## Shooting Sports

Shooting sports members: it's time to start thinking about shooting sports practices! Watch your email inboxes, mailboxes and the Phillips County Extension Facebook page to find out when your practice starts and where it will be held.

## Attention Graduating Seniors

Make sure to check out the 4-H Scholarships that are available to graduating seniors. For more information go to: <http://www.co4hffoundation.extension.colostate.edu/benefits/colorado-4-h-foundation-scholarships/>.



## MQA Date Set!

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) date for Phillips County will be **Tuesday, April 3, 4-7 p.m.** at the Phillips County Event Center. If you are new to a 4-H livestock project, you are required to participate in the training the first two years of your project. You will need to re-certify when you are 12 and again when you are 15. The exception to the rule is the market swine project. Market swine members will need to take MQA/PQA each year he/she is a junior in 4-H. At ages 12 and 15, market swine members are eligible to “test out.” Please contact the Extension office if you have questions about this. Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry. Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) is included in the MQA training. If you haven’t met this requirement by **June 11, 2018**, you will not be eligible to show at fair.

## Market Livestock Weight Ranges

Swine: 230-300; Lamb: 100-160; Goat: 55-110; Beef: 1000-1500; Poultry: Broilers/fryers, 3-6 lbs; Roasters, 6 lbs. minimum

## Livestock Judging

Have you ever attended a livestock show and wondered why the judge placed the animals in a certain order? Or maybe you heard the judge giving oral reasons for his or her placing and asked yourself, “Where did the judge learn to talk like that?” One area of 4-H that teaches 4-H members about livestock selection and evaluation is 4-H Livestock Judging Teams. Phillips County is fortunate enough to have three livestock judging coaches and they are very excited about the upcoming judging season. Livestock judging is open to any currently enrolled 4-H member; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to participate on the livestock judging team! Practices are being held Tuesday evenings starting at 6 p.m. in the Ortner Room at the Event Center.

## Project Mentors/Leaders

If you are in need of a project mentor or leader, please contact the Extension office ASAP so we have plenty of time to find someone to help you with your project.

## Jr. Livestock Sale Thank You’s

All thank you’s (general fair thank you and Jr. Livestock Sale thank you) must be turned into the Extension Office prior to release on Sunday of fair. You will need to submit all thank you’s before you are able to obtain a check out sheet. Please keep this in mind.

## Display Boards and Record Covers

The Extension Office has display boards (show boards) and green record book covers available for \$3.00 each.

## Record Book and Project Requirements

It’s not too early to start thinking about your project’s requirements and record books! Electronic record books for all projects are available online. Go to: [http://www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/erecords/index.php](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/index.php) for your livestock and general project record books. If you are enrolled in a general project, it is a very good idea to read through the State Fair Exhibit Requirements for your project; *these are the requirements you will be judged on in Phillips County*. To find your project requirements, go to: [http://www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf).

## Be Somebody Program Review

Eighteen youth in grades 3-6 participated in Phillips County’s 1<sup>st</sup> ever Be Somebody program, which was held in conjunction with the annual New 4-H Year party in December. Many thanks to the following program leaders for an outstanding job with the younger youth: Lauren Bergner, Tristen Roll, Kylee Workman, Brooklyn Plumb, Taylor Hendrix, Addison Oliver, Braden Plumb, Tate Michael, Janessa Lutze, Kylie Donovan, Drew Stewart, Aly Lock, Isaac Strauss, Theron Roll and Rebecca Owens. Be on the lookout for our next Be Somebody program!

## See Colorado Tour

Attention 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students! Do you like to travel? Do you want to see some new parts of Colorado and meet new people? Consider applying to go on the inaugural See Colorado Tour, which will be June 10-17. Participants will gather in Pueblo on June 10 and leave the following morning, heading to Salida and Gunnison. The tour will make a loop through Montrose, Meeker, Fort Collins, Loveland then back to Pueblo. Participants will have hands-on experiences in agriculture and commerce, water and transportation and learn about careers and issues in agriculture. Contact the Extension Office for the application procedure. Don’t wait to apply – applications are due March 15!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Tempel Vet Clinic for hosting market beef weigh-in! We really appreciate it!

**Don’t forget! Phillips County 4-H is on Facebook! Like our page and receive 4-H and general Extension updates!**