



Morgan County



4-H Crossroads

MARCH 2009

IN THE NEWS!

Congratulations to Christine Dreitz, Zach Lebsock and Jake Lockhart! They were selected this week to attend Citizenship ... Washington Focus this summer.

Trever Carritt, Rachel Catlett, Megan Griffith, Makenzie Griffith, Kelly Griffith, Molly Link, Trevor Link, Trey McBride, Toby McBride, Brook Mortensen, Emma Mortensen, Aaron Nichols, Kyle Rosenbrock, Merritt Singley, Morgan Smith and Shelby Wolever attended Youth Fest near Larkspur over President's Day weekend. Megan McMinn and Ryan Dreitz served as counselors, Hayley McMinn is a State Officer and Kristen Catlett, Brad and Cyndi Hofmeister chaperoned the delegation.



YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS

We need the help of 4-H youth who would like to help with the 2009 Morgan County Fair events. This is a wonderful way to share your leadership and be part of the excitement of fair. Enclosed with the February's newsletter was a Volunteer Application form. We need help with interview judging, exhibit display, office assistance, marketing, and much, much more! Please fill out the application and return to the Extension Office by **March 31**.

Reminder

Important 2009 Fair Deadlines

ALL Livestock Entry Forms and Livestock Record Books are DUE Wednesday, July 15!!!!

Add/Drop Deadline: May 15



Junior Camp

4-H Council representatives will visit with their clubs at their March meeting about Junior Camp this summer. Please give them your input so that a decision can be made at the March 4-H Council meeting.

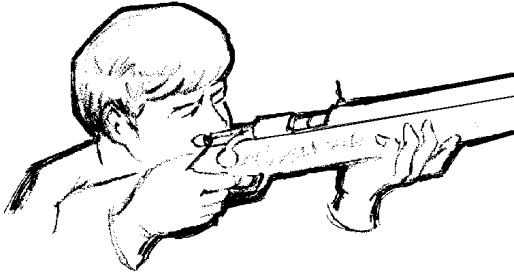
County Fundraising

Plans for the County Fundraising will be April's newsletter. April will be the month for fudge and coffee sales.

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4-H Activities



SHOOTING SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

1. All participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project.
2. Juniors: 8—13 years old as of 1/1/09 Seniors: 14—18 years old as of 1/1/09
3. Appropriate safety equipment is the shooter's responsibility.
4. All youth MUST complete record books and participate in interview judging for scores to count.

You must have participated in at least three(3) County *Certified shoots in each of the divisions entered to compete at the County Fair. For safety reasons, a shotgun shooter must shoot at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. *Certified shoots are shoots shot in front of the contest superintendent or assistant superintendent of the discipline.

*For emergency situations, the superintendent and shooting sports committee will take it under consideration for county only results. Youth not participating in county shoots will not be eligible for State Fair Shoot.

*Guidelines for Classes and equipment will be same as the current rulebook. You may view the Colorado Shooting Sports Rule Book at:
http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/ss_contest/index.html Click on rule book

Shooting Sports Leader Meeting...

March 12th 5:30 pm
Extension Office

ARCHERY

Archery practice is scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 4-6 pm at Jon Flair's home. Practice Dates: APRIL 7 & 21 MAY 5 & 19 JUNE 2, 16 & 30

Archery practice is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm at Paul Oliveira's home. Practice Dates: APRIL 9 & 23 MAY 14 & 28 JUNE 11 & 25

AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

Practices will be held from 6—8:30 pm. at the Multi-Purpose Building at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. If you have questions, please call Steve Kehm 542-9291 or George Trujillo 542-9134. Practice Dates: MARCH 5 & 26 APRIL 9 & 23 MAY 7 & 21 JUNE 4 & 18

SHOTGUN

Shotgun practice will be held at Paul Oliveira's home on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Practice Dates: APRIL 1, 15 & 29 MAY 6 & 20 JUNE 3 & 17

.22 RIFLE

Practice will be held at the Morgan Gun Club on the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 9am. Practice Dates: APRIL 11 & 25 MAY 9 & 23 JUNE 13 & 27

DOG OBEDIENCE

6:30 p.m.—1st year or new dog
7:30 p.m.—2nd year same dog
Multipurpose Building/Indoor Arena, Fairgrounds
March 2, 9, 16, 30—No Class March 23
April 6, 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18 – No Class May 25

Showmanship classes will be held at DuWest Kennels in Ft Morgan at 7:00 pm
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July 20
No Class July 6
Record Book Class—July 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Interview Judging – July 29
County Fair Dog Show—July 30 8:00 a.m.

4-H Meetings

Leaders Advisory Committee	– Monday, March 16, 2009	5:30 p.m.
4-H Council	– Monday, March 16, 2009	7:00 p.m.
4-H Exchange	– Monday, March 16, 2009	7:30 p.m.

4-H Scholarships

***Please note:** Except for scholarships distributed directly by Morgan County 4-H, all information and forms can be found on the state website at

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml

Applications for these scholarships are available on the internet or you can stop by the Extension Office and pick one up!

Due in April

Colorado Agricultural Development Authority - Due April 1, 2009

CSU Collegiate 4-H Scholar – Due April 1, 2009

Portow Family 4-H Photography - Due April 1, 2009

Smith Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

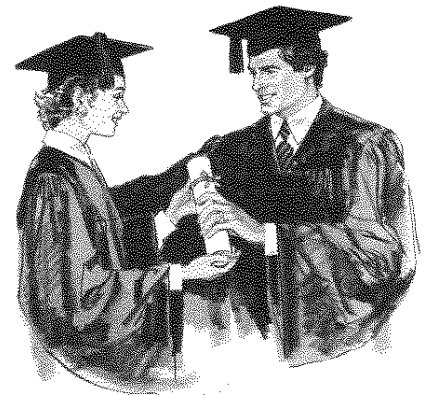
Holthas Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Kimberling Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Sanstead Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship – April 17, 2009

Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship – April 21, 2009



4-H Information

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Morgan County **“Relay For Life”** planning committee is looking for individuals and groups that would be interested in volunteering at this year's relay. The event will take place on **Friday, June 12th**. Individuals are needed beginning in the morning at Legion Field in Fort Morgan. There are various jobs that help is needed with during the house prior to Relay starting at 6:00 p.m. and throughout the night until about 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. If your club is interested in participating in the great community service project, contact Cara Draegert, Relay Chair at 380-2272 or 842-3570

Family & Consumer

NE Colorado Consumer Choices Invitational

Saturday, April 18

Mark Arndt Event Center, Fairgrounds, Brush

This event includes Consumer Choices as well as Consumer Bowl and a Consumer Skill-A-Thon. Consumer Choices is open to ALL 4-H members of any age. You'll have the opportunity to meet youth from other counties in Colorado. If you enjoyed the quiz event that was held in the Multi-Purpose Building while you waited for Interview Judging this year—that was Consumer Bowl.

Although we would like to see you attend one of the upcoming Consumer Choices activities held on Wednesday afternoons at the Extension Center, you can attend this event on April 18 without any experience.

A flyer with more information will be in the April newsletter, but put it on your calendar now. In the meantime, call Luann for more information.

Consumer Choices Activities

Consumer Choices activities will be held on most Wednesday afternoons from February 25 through April 15. Participants will be encouraged to attend events in Arapahoe and Adams County as well as the Northeast Invitational in Brush on April 18. Consumer Choices uses skills of decision-making in a fun activity. You will learn this skill to use in making wise choices. This activity is open to all 4-H members regardless of all projects. There is no cost and we will have lots of fun!!! Contact Luann at 542-3544 for more information.

Cake Decorating Workshops

March 23 - 25; 1 to 3 p.m.

Extension Office Meeting Room

Cake Decorating training will be a little different this year. We are doing a series of workshops Monday through Wednesday of spring break with different skill levels covered each day. Monday will cover basics of covering a cake board and preparing the cake (ideal for Unit 1 but good for anyone that needs a refresher); Tuesday will be icing the cake and learning design principles for decorating. Wednesday will focus on specific skills for Units 2, 3 and 4.

See the enclosed flyer with details on the workshop. Even if you're not enrolled in Cake Decorating, you might want to attend and learn more about this project.

Fiber Fun Day - Wednesday, June 10

4-H Building, Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush

This day-long event will let 4-H members spend intensive time on any project that involves fiber and/or fabric. Watch for details on special fiber activities that will be available.

Kid's Kulinary Kamp - Friday, June 19

Location TBA

Another day-long event that provides lots of hands-on skills for youth to learn actual food preparation techniques. Registration will be limited based on facility and this activity is for 4-Hers 8 years and older. More details in the March newsletter

Livestock

NEW! (COOL)

Country of Origin Label

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) was implemented starting on September 30, 2008 by the USDA. As a result, all beef, pork, lamb, and goat must have documentation as to the origin of the animals to be marketed in the U.S. and international meat industry. This act will require effective documentation of 4-H or FFA market animal projects that will be sold for meat purposes.

Please contact Marlin with questions or visit our website to print the form.

2009 Beef Weigh In

March 7, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Pinneo Feedlots (2 miles east of Brush on Hwy 34)

All market steers and heifers must be processed to compete at the Morgan County Fair. The Colorado Brand Inspectors require that all market beef animals be inspected at the tag day. On that day, all participants must bring their papers (**Bill of Sale, purchase invoice, COOL Affidavit**) to be properly inspected. Breeding beef are not to be tagged.



HORSE ID FORMS

DUE MARCH 2, 2009

Only NEW horses or NEW members with horses are required to turn in a horse ID.

ID's turned in for 2008 are valid for 2009. Check with Marlin if you have questions.

Horse Council Meeting

March 9th 7:00 p.m.

Extension Office

Horse Council is open for all youth enrolled in or interested in horses. Horse Council will meet once every month. An agenda will be available about future meetings in the April Newsletter.

Pair of Breeding Rabbits to be Donated to Qualified Youth

Animals will be distributed in the spring.

Contact the Extension Office for an application

Applications are DUE to the Extension office on March 31

HORSE JUDGING ...

March 5th 7 pm

Extension Office

Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

Jr Swine Field Day

March 14, 2009 - Morgan County Fairgrounds

Jr Sheep & Goat Field Day

March 21, 2009 - Adams County Fairgrounds

Jr Beef Field Day

March 28, 2009 - Morgan County Fairgrounds

LAMB, GOAT, PIG & BEEF

NUTRITION PROGRAM

March 30, 2009 – 4-H Building

6:00 p.m. Lamb & Goats

7:00 p.m. Pigs

8:00 p.m. Beef

Randy Peonio, Nutritionist for Purina Mills, Inc. will present the programs on feeding a balanced ration and minimizing your feed costs.



New Fair Board Livestock Rules for 2009 Morgan County Fair

DAIRY

NO STRAW ALLOWED. Only wood shavings and they will be provided.

GOATS

Breeding Goat show; Junior Kid—Born after Jan 1
Senior Kid—Born before Jan 1
Less than one year of age and kids teeth must be intact

HORSE

The County Fair 4-H Horse Show will remain on Sunday

POULTRY

Selling two pens of market poultry. If the Champion poultry pen is also the champion Catch-It Chicken, the Reserve Champion pen of market poultry will sell.

SWINE

Market Swine must be at the fairgrounds by 6:00 pm Sunday
Pens will have two 2" X 10" boards bolted on the top of pens for tack

MARKET BEEF, GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE

Classes will be broken down with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes may be broken with same weight animals in two different classes. This will be more equitable for determining sale eligibility.

Contact Marlin if you have any questions - 542-3543

County Fair Dates July 31 - August 6, 2009

Identification and Weigh-In Dates (2009)

Forms available on our website and may be turned in earlier than due date

Species	Primary Care Begins	Weigh-In	I.D's
Horse	March 2		March 2
Beef (Market)	March 7	March 7	
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Dairy (Cattle)	May 1		May 1
Breeding Animals (Sheep/Goats)	May 1		
Sheep/Goats (Market)	May 2	May 2	
Swine (Market)	May 4		May 4
Rabbits & Poultry (Breeding)	June 1		
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Rabbit	June 25		June 25

2009 Fair Schedule Changes

FRIDAY:

RABBITS AND POULTRY

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Check in Rabbits
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Check in Poultry
9:00 a.m.	Poultry Judging
11:00 a.m.	Rabbit Judging

2009 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Market Swine Exhibitors

The National Pork Board, sets the requirements for swine exhibitors, these requirements are as follows;
(youth age as of January 1 of the current year)

CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION

-Not available for 8-11 age level

-Completing and passing an examination appropriate for their age level (must score 70% or greater to pass)

-Valid until they enter the next age level

-Valid for a minimum of one year

Age as of Jan 1 of Current Year	Certificate Expiration	
	Annual Class	Test Out
8 - 11	One year from Class/entry date	Not Applicable
12 -13	One year from class/entry date	December 31 st of the year they turn 15
14	One year from class/entry date	One year from test/entry date
15 - 17	One year from class/entry date	December 31 st of year they turn 19
18	One year from class/entry date	One year from test/entry date

Members that don't meet these requirements cannot participate at the Morgan County Fair, Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show or other major shows. If you want to take the exam, Contact Marlin by April 6

PREMISES ID:

The Fair Board voted to continue the rule: ***ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS (including horses, rabbits and poultry) MUST HAVE A PREMISES ID TO EXHIBIT AT THE MORGAN COUNTY FAIR.***

Contact Marlin if you need a PREMISES ID Number

Meat Quality Assurance Programs

April 21, 2009

May 12, 2009

There will be two programs offered in 2009. Guidelines according to the State 4-H Office; anyone with a market livestock or breeding project who has not attended a training must do so, including poultry, rabbits and goats; anyone who was a junior last year and moving to senior (14 years old before January 1, 2009 or born in 1994) must also attend a training. Those individuals in the Market Swine project have different guidelines that are set by the National Pork Producers Council. Everyone enrolled in a market livestock or breeding project must sign a quality assurance statement on a yearly basis. This includes all new 4-H members with livestock projects. Members that don't meet these requirements cannot participate at the county fair, State Fair, National Western or other major shows.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Fair Board is requiring that all 4-H/FFA Members meet this requirement in order to show at the Morgan County Fair.

Extension News

Conserving Water in the Landscape

Learn how you can be more efficient with using water in your landscape on Thursday, March 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Christ Congregational Church, 730 Ensign Street in Fort Morgan. There is no charge for this program sponsored by Colorado State University Extension in Morgan County and OneMorgan County.

Working Effectively with Children

The second program in our 5-part series will be Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Extension Center meeting room. Topic for March 7 is How to Be Brainwise, discussing why problem solving skills are important in the development of resilient. Christine Cerbana, CSU parent education coordinator, is the presenter for this series. Other programs will be April 4, May 2 and June 6. Participants receive 3 hours credit toward child care licensure renewal for each program.

Registration is \$10 per program with a discount when registering in advance for 2 or more programs. Call the Extension Center at 542-3540 for more information or to register.

Order Seedling Trees

Deadline for ordering seedling trees and shrubs through CSU Extension is March 16. Rural landowners with 2 acres can plant seedlings for windbreaks, erosion control and wildlife habitat. Bare roots are sold in bundles of 50 per species; potted trees are sold in containers of 30 per species. Trees arrive April 2, 2009.

Contact the Extension Center for help in planning your seedling tree or shrub needs before you order. Call Joanne Jones, 542-3542, or come to the office, 914 E. Railroad. An order form is also on the Morgan County Extension website, www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan.



Native Plant Master™

Would you like to learn more about the beautiful plants that grow in nature? Would you like to learn to use them in your landscape? Would you like to learn to distinguish native plants from noxious weeds? You can do all that when you become a Native Plant Master! A series of programs to become a Native Plant Master will be given in May 2009. Deadline to register is mid-March to prepare materials. For details, contact Joanne at the Extension Center, 542-3542.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 2 - **4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE** (*for fair participation*)
- 2 - Horse ID's DUE
- 5 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 7 - Market Beef Weigh in, Pinneo Feedlot
- 14 - Jr Swine Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- 21 - Jr Sheep & Goat Field Day, Adams County Fairgrounds
- 23 - 26 - Cake Decorating Workshops, 1-3 p.m., Extension Office
- 26 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 28 - Jr Beef Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- 30 - Purina Mills Nutrition Program, 4-H Building

April

- 9 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 18 - NE Invitational Consumer Choices, Fairgrounds
- 23 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds

May

- 1 - Breeding Beef ID's DUE
- 1 - Dairy Cattle ID's DUE
- 2 - Market Sheep/Goat Weigh In
- 4 - Market Swine ID's DUE

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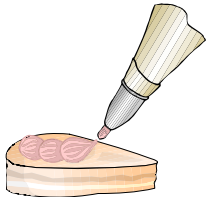
Hours: Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Janice Dixon
Extension Agent, 4-H/Youth

4-H Cake Decorating



March 23, 24, 25

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Extension Center Meeting Room



Monday, March 23 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Preparing the Cake Board

Preparing the Cake & Crumb Coating

Tuesday, March 24 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Tips and Techniques for Icing Cakes

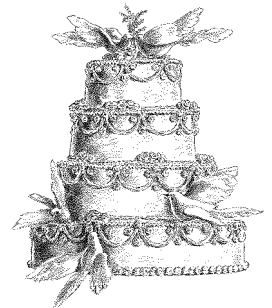
Unit 1 - Designing Cake Decorations

Wednesday, March 25 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Unit 2 Techniques - Character Cakes

Unit 3 Techniques - Layer Cakes

Unit 4 Techniques - Cut-Up Cakes



Cost: \$5.00 per day

Call 542-3540 by Friday, March 20

Participants Provide:

- Unit 2 - Character Cakes (baked & cooled)
- Units 1, 3, 4 - round, square, or 9"x13" cake baked & cooled (2 cakes for Units 3 & 4)
- 1/4 inch thick Masonite board (board cut to cake size and shape, see page 3 of Unit 1-4 Manual)
- Sharp Paper Cutting Scissors

Workshop Provides:

- Supplies to cover Cake Board
- Icing
 - Icing Spatulas
- Tubes, Bags & Colored Icing
- Unit 1 Decorating Materials

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Jr. Swine Producers Field Day

Saturday, March 14, 2009

- 8:15 Registration
- 9:00 Introduction to Hog Judging
Brett Kaysen, CSU Instructor in Department of Animal Sciences
- 10:00 Judging Contest – Shane Bedwell
Breeding
Market Hogs
Written Quiz
- 11:15 Official Placings, Critique, and Test Results
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Swine Quiz Bowl Stations
1. Animal Welfare
2. Nutrition/Feed
3. Retail Cuts – I.D.
- 2:30 Awards
- 3:00 Adjourn

Registration fee: \$8.00 (in advance), includes entry in judging contest and lunch, and must be received by March 12. Adult Jackpot: \$3.00; Lunch: \$5.00
Judging team coaches call in entries: Adams County, (303) 637-8100; Morgan County, (970) 542-3543

Email: eisenach@coop.ext.colostate.edu

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE: March 12, 2009

Program sponsored by Colorado Livestock Association and Colorado State Extension

Registration – Jr. Swine Producers Field Day

Saturday, March 14, 2009 - \$8.00 per youth

Name (s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to: Morgan County Extension Fund

Return to:
Jr. Swine Producers Field Day
Morgan County Extension Office
PO Box 517
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Pre-Entry Deadline March 12, 2009

Jr. Sheep & Goat Producers Field Day

Saturday, March 21, 2009

- 7:30 - Registration*
- 8:15 - Wool Orientation with Wool Judge
Travis Hoffman
- 8:45 - Sheep and Goat Selection
Wrex Phipps, Sheep and Goat Producer
- 9:30 - Wool, Sheep, and Goat Judging and Sheep Quiz
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 12:45 - Judging Class Critique
- 1:30 - Feeding Show Lambs and Goats
Marlin Eisenach, CSU Extension
- 2:00 - Livestock Quiz Bowl – Practice for Teams
Amy Star
- 3:15 - Quiz Review
- 3:30 - Awards

For more information, please contact: Tom at 303-637-8110
Email: tmcbride@co.adams.co.us

Registration - \$8.00 per person (includes lunch)

- ♦ The adult entry fee for the jackpot contest will be \$3.00; Lunch \$5.00
- ♦ Judging team coaches are asked to call in numbers by March 18, if possible.

Sponsored by
Colorado Sheep and Wool Board
Colorado State University Cooperative Extension

Registration - Jr. Sheep and Goat Producers Field Day

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to: Adams County
Mail to: Jr. Sheep and Goat Producers Field Day
Adams County Extension Office
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, CO 80601-9114

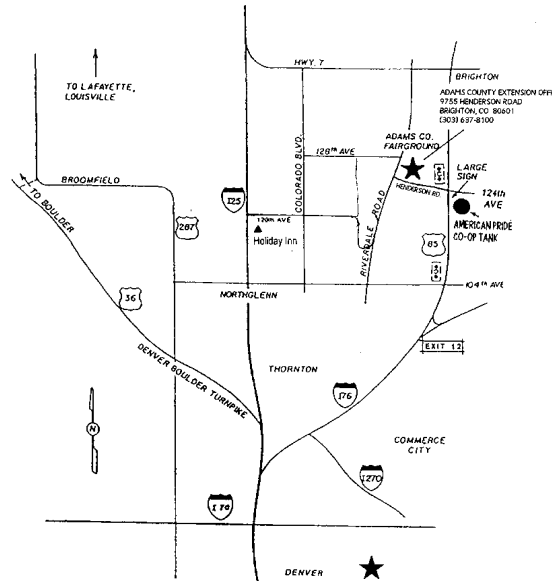
Deadline: March 18

Jr. Sheep & Goat Producers Field Day

The program will consist of competitive judging of sheep, goat and wool classes. Junior and Senior teams as well as individuals will be allowed to enter the contest. There will be no reasons given. We ask that you get the word out to your county 4-H members and other sheep and goat exhibitors. There will be **six** classes of sheep and **two** goat classes. These classes will include both breeding sheep and market lambs and goats. Participants will also judge three classes of wool and grade 10 fleeces.

This event will serve as the Colorado State Wool Judging Contest. The top two senior wool teams will be permitted to compete at the national contest in Texas scheduled for June 2008. There will be both a junior and senior wool contest. This year we will again have an adult jackpot with the proceeds to be split 60/40.

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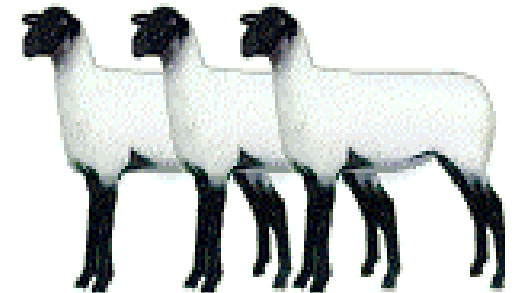


The program is open to judging teams, 4-H sheep and goat exhibitors and adults. Registration is \$8.00 per person, which includes the workshop, judging contest, and lunch. The adult entry fee for the jackpot contest will be \$3.00. Additional meals can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Judging team coaches are asked to call in numbers by March 18, if possible.

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

JR. SHEEP AND GOAT PRODUCERS FIELD DAY

March 21, 2009
7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Adams County Fairgrounds
Brighton



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University

Extension

Jr. Beef Field Day

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Morgan County Fairgrounds

- 8:30 Registration - \$8.00 (includes lunch)
- 9:15 Selection of Market Beef and Heifers
Ben Cooley
- 9:45 Judging Contest and Written Test – Brett Kirch
Judging classes may include breeding heifer classes,
a fat cattle class or a class of prospect market steers.
- 11:15-11:45 Official Placings, Critique, and Test Results
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 BioSecurity for County Fair Animals
Tom McBride
- 2:00 Awards
- 3:00 Adjourn

\$8.00 – Jr. Registration, includes lunch

\$3.00 – Adult Jackpot – Lunch \$5.00

Email: eisenach@coop.ext.colostate.edu

REGISTRATION Jr. Beef Field Day

Seminar - \$8.00

_____, participants who will attend the
Beef Seminar at \$8.00 per person
(includes lunch).

Name(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Deadline: March 25, 2009

Send payments and registrations
to:

Morgan County Extension Office
ATTN: Jr. Beef Field Day
PO Box 517
Fort Morgan, CO 80701-0517

Adams County: 303-637-8100

Morgan County: 970-542-3543
FAX: 970-542-3501