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Notes from the Extension Office

It has been a busy summer so far, we have enjoyed seeing so many members at contest practices! We appreciate the hard work and effort that the members have put in during the practices. We encourage everyone to attend the Curry County Contest Awards Sunday, June 8 at 3pm to help us celebrateour member's accomplishments! If you still needmeetings for attendance, please reach out to your club leader and see if attending the awards will count towards your meeting attendance. We ask that if you plan on attending, please call the office at 575-763-6505 and RSVP by Friday. Curry County 4-H will be hosting the Southeast District Contest this year, June 17-19th and we will need LOTS of help in all the contest areas.

We encourage all members participating in contests at District and State to use their spare time to study and improve. We have provided many resources for members to use, please call us if you need help with those resources.

Now that summer has officially begun, many of you are shifting gears and have begun working with your livestock projects to prepare them for the fair, please do not hesitate to contact Kandy if you need help, have questions or would like advice on feed and work routines! I would love to help! There is lots of information in this newsletter regarding livestock and the fair, please read the newsletter carefully and take note of that information. I encourage everyone to attend jackpots and pursue other opportunities to improve your showmanship and knowledge.

Sincerely,

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New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

The 2025 Southeast District 4-H Contest will be hosted by Curry County and we need all the help we can get! If you can volunteer, please contact Kandy or Mindy and let her know what you can help with. If you would like to help but cannot be there, we need items for the hospitality room as well and would greatly appreciate donations!

We are looking forward to welcoming our fellow counties to Curry County June 17th - 19th.

It's a 4-H Thing

Southeast District 4-H Contest 2025

4-H County Council Report

This month has been a busy and productive time for our county as we continue to support leadership, prepare for contests, and plan fun events for our members. The county council voted to support Reece Robb, Kyle Wood, and Shaylee Priest with $275 each if they are selected to serve on the State Leadership Team. We are proud of their efforts and excited to see their leadership potential recognized at the state level. We brainstormed several ideas for an upcoming Family Fun Night. The goal is to host an event that encourages fellowship among members and their families while promoting 4-H spirit and involvement. More details will be finalized soon. With District Contest quickly approaching, we need to remind members to stay on top of their practice schedule. It's important to be prepared, so please continue attending scheduled practices. We are specifically emphasizing to parents that we will need all hands-on deck for the District Contest, especially when it comes to helping administer and monitor contest tests. Your support is crucial to making this event successful for our youth. As always, thank you to all of our members and families for your continued involvement and support!

Curry County Council Reporter – Haylee Sharp

2025 Summer Workshop Schedule

2025 County Fair 4-H Exhibits

Indoor Entries

All indoor entries must be turned in at the fairgrounds on August 9. Make sure your entries are completely finished and ready to be judged when you bring them. Indoor entries will be accepted from 1:00 pm to 4 p.m. in the Home & Arts building at the fairgrounds.

All updates are included in the fair book that is online at currycountyfair.com or at curryextension.nmsu.edu. If you have any questions or would like a hardcopy of the book, please contact the extension office.

Rodeo & Horse News

Tentative 4-H Rodeo Schedule 2025

Farmington - July 12-13
Tucumcari - July 25-26
TorC -Aug. 16-17
Pecos - Aug. 30-31
Farmington - State Finals Sept. 19-21

Rodeo paperwork was required to be submitted in February. If you need to complete entries or need your contestant number, please email Kandy at khutchin@nmsu.edu.

TENATIVE NM HORSE SHOW DATES

- June 28th – Roosevelt County, at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds
- August 9th - Curry County, at the Curry County Fairgrounds
- September 6th - NM State 4-H Horse Show, at the NM State Fairgrounds

Livestock News

Validation Dates

Livestock validations were scheduled for June 2nd , 6th and 7th. If you have animals and you missed the tag-in date, please contact the extension office immediately. No animals may be tagged in after June 15th to be shown at county or state fair. The ownership deadline for Eastern New Mexico State Fair is June 30th for swine, sheep, goats, breeding does and dairy heifers. Please call if you have questions on ownership deadlines for any other species.

Curry County Fair & NMSF Livestock Ownership Deadlines

June 15,2025 - Beef, Swine, Goats, Lambs, & Dairy Heifers
June 11,2025 - Poultry
July 11,2025 - Rabbits

*Please reach out to Kandy for ownership deadlines for ENMSF.

LIVESTOCK JACKPOTS

Off the Rails Pig Jackpot (Clovis)–June 6-7 -Pig
Summertime showdown Jackpot (Farmington) –June 13-15 –Pig
Border classic Jackpot (Deming) –June 13-14 –Pig, Cattle, Sheep & Goat
Lincoln County War (Capitan)-June 14 –Sheep & Goat
Rawhide Days Jackpot (Tucumcari) –June 20 -Pig, Sheep & Goat
Three Crosses Classic (Las Cruces) –June 21 –Pig, Sheep & Goat
Denim & Diamonds Jackpot (Cortez, CO) –June 21-22 –Pig, Sheep & Goat
NMBLA Independence Day Jackpot (Roswell) –June 27 -28 –Sheep & Goat
Roosevelt County All American Classic (Portales) –July 5 –Sheep & Goat
Copper Classic Jackpot (Cliff) –August 2-3 –Pig, Cattle, Sheep & Goat

SAVE THE DATE!!!
The Curry County Fair is scheduled for **August 11-16, 2025.**

REMINDER:

All youth showing livestock are REQUIRED to attend at least four (4) club meetings.

Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.

2025 Curry County Fair Judges

Swine: Jake Dawson
Goats: Clay Burson
Sheep: Steve Sturtz
Beef: Ty Gillespie
Dairy: Leo Hoff Jr.
Rabbits: Teresa DeSautell
Poultry: David Frazier

2025 NM State Fair Jr. Livestock Judges

Goat Judge - Cade Halfmann
Lamb Judge - Jordan Amburgey
Swine Judge - David Ammann
Jr. Breeding Heifer/Jr. Market Beef Judge - Scott Greiner

FYI:

As you plan ahead for fair, please note that it is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the rules, fair books will be ready in July, so please make sure to request a copy from the office. entry fees will increase this year. For 2025, please note that entry fees will increase.

2025 ENMSF Judges

Rabbit Judge –Jason Platt
Market Goat Judge –Skylar Scotten
Breeding Does Judge –Skylar Scotten
Market Swine –Miles Toenyes
Market Lambs –Ryan Mortvedt
Poultry –Lee Wilcox
Dairy Heifers –Anthony Reis
Breeding Heifers –Miles Toenyes
Land of Enchantment –Michael Schertz Market Beef –Miles Toenyes

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Read your newsletter and post-cards!

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4-H ENROLLMENT

- Enrollment is open from October 1- March 1.
- Previous/Current Members Enrollment Deadline – January 15
    - Have been a member of 4-H in 2023-2024 or prior
- ***New Membership Enrollment Deadline– March 1st***
    - ***Have never been enrolled in 4-H and are brand new members***
- The deadline to add projects is July 1.

4-H AGES for the 2024-2025 4-H Year

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	K, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th & Up
Age as of January 1, 2024 - the current 4-H Year (October-October)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September). Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

Active Membership

Curry County 4-H members must maintain an "Active Membership" status prior to participation in 4-H Rodeo, County Contests, District and State Conference, or Junior Divisions of the Curry County Fair. An "active" member will be considered one who completes enrollment prior to January 15th or March 1, attends four (4) or more regularly scheduled 4-H meetings. No more than two (2) meetings in any given month will count toward the membership requirement. Meetings count during the 4-H year which is October 1st through September 30th.

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
June 8	County Contest Awards
June 11	***Ownership Deadline for Poultry***
June 15	***Ownership Deadline for dairy, goats, sheep & swine*** ***DNA Deadline for NM State Fair***
June 17-19	District 4-H Contests Curry County
June 23	Project Workday
June 27	Baking Workshop
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 7-10	State 4-H Conference
July 11	***Ownership Deadline for Rabbits***
July 16	Cloverbud Workshop
July 23	Project Workday
August 11-16	Curry County Fair
September 6-14	NM State Fair
Sept. 29-Oct. 4	Eastern NM State Fair

J.T. Mitchell Scholarship

One scholarship in memory of J.T. Mitchell is available to 4-H and/or FFA members in Curry County that have been active for 4 or more years (Seniors only). The scholarship amount is $500. If you would like an application, email khutchin@nmsu.edu. The applications need to be typed and mailed or hand delivered to the Curry County Extension Office.

Application deadline is July 15. The scholarship will be awarded at the Curry County Fair Livestock Sale Meeting.