

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Wow... June FLEW by! The Southeast District Contest was hosted by Curry County this year and we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the parents, members, volunteers, community members and sponsors that helped us make it a successful event! From helping us move tables and chairs, assisting with a contest area, managing kids, people, and food; we could not have done it without everyone's support! THANK YOU!!

We would like to extend a special thank you to our Southeast District Contest Sponsor's: Southwest Cheese, American Ag Credit, ADM Labs, Ag Trust Farm Credit, Creighton's Town and Country, Farmer's Electric, Melrose Grain & Elevator, One Stop Feeds and Willoughby & Willoughby.

We invite everyone to join us for Family Fun Night on July 28th at 6pm at Hillcrest Park behind the Senior Citizens Center. We will have water balloon fights, and ice cream! Families are welcome to bring their own food and enjoy a picnic together with other families. We hope to see many of you there.

As the fair quickly approaches be on the lookout for emails, and facebook posts for information about entries and deadlines. Fairbooks will be available soon, please contact the office to request a copy or if you have any questions regarding the rules for your species and projects. It is the exhibitors responsibility to know the rules. If you need any help with your animal projects, 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! I encourage everyone to seek out opportunities to improve your showmanship and knowledge.

Sincerely,

*Mindy
Turner*

FCS Agent
County Director

*Kandy
Hutchins*

4-H Agent

*Lindsay
Keller*

Ag Agent

*Diana
Wood*

Program Asst.

*Zandy
Bunch*

I-Can Coordinator

*Cindy
Boney*

Admin. Asst.

July – It's Time to Apply!

Planning to be an Aggie in Fall 2026? You can apply now—and it's free! The earlier you apply, the more access you'll have to scholarships, housing options, and orientation dates. Ready to take the first step? Head to admissions.nmsu.edu/apply.



4-H County Council Report 2025 Summer Workshops

Our county successfully hosted the Southeast District Contest this month, thank you to everyone who helped make it run smoothly! Contest practices went great, and members worked hard to prepare. Up next is State 4-H Conference in July, and we're excited to cheer on those moving forward. Let's keep the momentum going! We hope to see everyone at Family Fun Night on July 28th!

*Curry County Council Reporter –
Haylee Sharp*



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 curryextension.nmsu.edu. If you have any questions or would like a hardcopy of the book, please contact the extension office.



Livestock News

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

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

Entries for County Fair and NM State Fair are due August 1
– Please watch facebook and emails for information
regarding entry details.

Curry County Fairbook Livestock Rule Changes

** Entry Fee cost has increased to \$10/head
or meat pen or trio/species except Open
Cloverbud Poultry and Rabbit.

**Meat Rabbit and Poultry will be eligible to
sale two pens each in the Jr. Livestock Sale
dependent on the number of entries.

Livestock Division:

7. Livestock may be bedded on commercially
bought bedding as approved by department
superintendent. No hay/straw, or dirt will be
allowed in the barn as bedding.
8. Animals may NOT be fed in the wash racks.
16. Any person(s) caught damaging property or
facilities will be asked to leave.

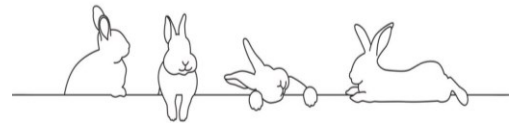
Poultry & Rabbit:

*Shows will be ran consecutively at 9:00am
on Tuesday morning following the County Bred
Swine Show.

Cattle:

Cattle may stay in tie-out pens overnight but
must be in place by 9:00am.

****Fairbooks will be available soon. Please
contact the office to request a copy of the
fairbook, it is the exhibitor's responsibility
to know the rules!**



Rabbit Tattoo Verification

Rabbit tattoos need to be verified each year. If
you will be showing rabbits, please contact the
office to schedule a time for me to verify
ownership and tattoos. Please have any
registration/breeder paperwork available when I
visit.



Tentative NM Horse Show Dates

- o August 9th - Curry County,
at the Curry County Fairgrounds
- o September 6th - NM State 4-H Horse Show,
at the NM State Fairgrounds

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.*



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County 4-H**

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email:
Look in your
junk, spam or
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and add us to
your safe
senders. If you
are not
receiving
emails, contact
the Extension
Office.**

**Read your
newsletter
and post-
cards!**

**Find past
newsletters
and info at
[https://curry
extension.n
msu.edu/](https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/)**

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, 1 st , 2 nd	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th	8 th & 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
<i>July 1</i>	<i>Last Day to Add Projects</i>
July 7-10	State 4-H Conference
July 11	<i>Ownership Deadline for Rabbits</i>
July 16	Cloverbud Workshop
August 1	<i>Entry Deadline – Curry County Fair</i> <i>Entry Deadline – NM State Fair</i>
July 23	Project Workday
August 9	Indoor Entries accepted 1-4 pm – Curry County Fairgrounds
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 (2025 or 2026 graduates 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.

4-H's Long-reaching Effects

Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

4x more likely to contribute to their communities



2x more likely to be civically active

2x more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices

