

General Sessions

- **Everybody else is doing it...Livestock Ethics! – Dr. Jeff Goodwin**
Director, 4-H and Youth Development Programs; Military Liaison for Colorado
Raising and showing livestock projects in competition is great fun and you learn so much. But...4-H livestock projects are about so much more than winning! Winning at all costs has never been okay! So maybe you're wondering how you can be sure you know right from wrong. This fun and interactive workshop will teach you to ask yourself key questions to be sure you are not crossing an ethics line! Dr. Goodwin will help you understand that if you learn to make good ethical choices in the show ring as a 4-Her, it will be much easier to make the right decisions every day outside of the show ring!
- **Livestock Health...Setting an example for all to see- Dr. Dave Van Metre**
Colorado State University, Veterinary Teaching Hospital Associate Professor
In recent years, isolated incidents of poor animal husbandry have made the news, and many people who are not familiar with livestock husbandry have been left wondering if such incidents are the exception or the norm. In this session, you will have the opportunity to discuss how maintaining healthy livestock creates a tremendous opportunity for 4-Hers to show the public the positive side of animal agriculture.

Animal Sessions

- **Meat Quality Assurance Training**
Colorado State University, Animal Science Students
You know the drill! Meat Quality Assurance and Pork Quality Assurance training is a requirement so that you can compete at the fair. Here is your chance to get it done before it's too late. Each youth will proceed through the fun, interactive stations at your own pace. You'll learn about everything from proper animal handling and transport to how to give an injection (on a life size calf!). Parents can walk through with their youth, but all youth must take a test on their own to become certified!
- **Show Pig Selection...How to pick a “squealing” winner? – Brett Kaysen**
Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences Instructor
Haven't bought your pig yet? No worries, because this session will fill you in on all you need to know to pick a blue ribbon pig. Do you want a gilt or a barrow, Hampshire or Duroc? What weight should you buy your pig at to make sure it's not light or too heavy at weigh-in? What are desirable factors the judge is looking for? The answers to all of these questions and more will be revealed, leaving you with the ability to find your very own show pig. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best... a nationally acclaimed swine judge.
- **Swine Nutrition...Feed em' Right – Dr. Steve Myer**

Purina Feeds Nutritionist

Now that you've bought your champion show pig, you need to make sure you feed it right. You'll learn which nutrients are essential for your pig's health, and what types of feed can be used. Additionally, you'll discover how important rate of gain is, and how to feed your pig to make sure you're not pushing it to gain weight, or holding its weight too much come fair time. Feeding show animals is tricky business, but this session will have you feeding like a pro!

- **Poultry Breed Selection and Chick Care...Choose a Champion Chick! – Marilyn Lasich, Mary Kirsten Wolf and Kathy Simon**

Colorado State University Extension, Larimer County 4-H Youth Volunteer Leaders

- It's that time of year again...time to pick out your new chicks. What breed should you get, what traits are important to look for, and how big should they be? Selection is the beginning step in determining how your animal will be raised, so make sure you are prepared. The speakers will also tell you how to take care of your new baby chicks. So, make sure you're prepared to go buy your own chicks with this selection session.

- **Poultry Health and Disease...Nobody wants a sick chick! – Marilyn Lasich, Dr. Kristy Pabilonia and Sarah Millonig**

Colorado State University Avian Disease Diagnostics Veterinarian and Program Staff Member

Learn how to keep your poultry healthy all year long from these poultry specialists. They'll give you the update on current health concerns, and how to treat your animal if it does get sick. Learn about poultry diseases and how to protect your coop. All the showmanship in the world isn't going to help if your animal isn't healthy, so learn all you need to know to keep your poultry kicking.

- **Poultry Showmanship and Coop Training...Show those birds like a champion! – Marilyn Lasich, Jerry Dill**

Colorado State University Extension, Larimer County 4-H Youth Volunteer Leaders

Ok, you've done all of the hard work of feeding and raising your poultry all year. Now it's time to make sure they're ready to show. This session will give you all the tips on how to train your poultry to be judged. Additionally, you'll discover the basics of coop training, another important aspect of being prepared for the fair. Remove all the guesswork of how to train your poultry with this informative session from a legendary judge!

- **Rabbit Breeds and Selection...Bunny Basics! – Jefferson County 4-H Leaders**

Colorado State University Extension, Jefferson County 4-H Youth Volunteer Leaders

You know how exciting it is to go pick out your new rabbit. Make sure you're prepared will all the inside information on how to pick a great rabbit. During this session, you'll learn about the different rabbit breeds and the pros and cons of each one. This talk will take all of the guesswork out of rabbit selection.

- **Rabbit Health and Care...Keep those rabbits healthy and happy! – Jefferson County 4-H Leaders**
Colorado State University Extension, Jefferson County 4-H Youth Volunteer Leaders
 You've brought your new rabbit home; now make sure you know how to take care of it. During this talk, you'll discover the major health concerns with raising rabbits, such as diseases, infections, etc.

- **Rabbit Showmanship...Show off your bunny! – Jefferson County 4-H Leaders**
Colorado State University Extension, Jefferson County 4-H Youth Volunteer Leaders
 Now that you have taken the time to feed and raise your rabbit, it's time to make sure that you are ready to show! This session will give you all the tips necessary to prepare your rabbit for the show. You will learn practices that you will need to perform before you go to the show, during the show, and after the show.

- **Some of my most favorite pages...Livestock Record Books – Barbie Garnett**
Colorado State University Extension, Jefferson County Extension Agent
 Completing your record book can be tricky business. Have you ever gotten stuck on the Inventory page or were confused on how to calculate the market animal summary page? If so, we're here to help you learn how to fill out the more confusing parts of your book. Bring all of your frustrations and questions, because they'll be sure to be addressed at this very informative session.

- **Sheep Selection...How NOT to pick a “bah..d” animal. – Travis Hoffman**
Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences Research Associate
 It's showtime! Make sure you're prepared for the fair with an exceptional animal. During this session, you'll discover what judges are looking for when it comes to show lambs. You'll learn about some of the different sheep breeds, what are the important factors for selection and some basics on how to get them started out on the right “hoof”. Make sure you're prepared to show with this valuable advice from a nationally acclaimed sheep judge.

- **Beef Animal Nutrition...How to keep all four compartments ticking. – Dr. Jason Ahola**
Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences Professor and Seedstock Team Advisor
 Feeding is tricky, especially when you are feeding cattle. This session will fill you in on all the important details of ruminant feeding and nutrition, specifically cattle. What makes feeding a steer or heifer different from a pig? Is there something special needed just because they have more than one stomach compartment? Come to this informative session and learn from Dr. Ahola.

- **Goat Selection...Pick a grr..eat goat!- Bo Bigler,**
Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences Student and Larimer County 4-H Assistant Livestock Judging Coach
 Prepare yourself for fair with a goat that is sure to bring in the blue ribbons! During this workshop, you will learn what it takes to select a good goat. Often times judges may be confusing, but you will learn first hand from a judge what to look for when selecting a goat project animal. Plus, you'll have fun while learning!

- **Sheep Nutrition...Keep your sheep growing!- Dr. Steve Myer**
Purina Feeds Nutritionist
 Help to keep all four compartments of your sheep's stomach moving! You will learn all aspects of nutrition and feeding for your sheep project. Ruminant animals require special attention because they have more than one stomach compartment. Sign up here to successfully feed show lambs!

- **Goat Nutrition...keep em' coming back for more!- Dr. Kraig Peel**
Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences, Professor
 You may think goats can and will eat anything but, learn the truth behind this myth! Goats just like cattle and sheep are ruminant animals and require proper feeding to be sure that all four compartments are functioning properly! Learn from a nutrition specialist on how to keep your goat hungry and happy!

- **Show Cattle Fitting and Showmanship...Grooming for Success!- Northeastern Junior College Animal Science Students**
 Showing cattle is a tough job. Not only do you have to wash and clip them, you have to make sure they're fit before you enter the show ring. Come to this session to learn how to get your animal ready for competition. You work hard all year to ensure that your steer or heifer is ready, so make sure you can make them look their best on show day! Plus, you'll learn valuable showmanship tips too!

- **Show Lamb Fitting and Showmanship...successful sheep showing!- Northeastern Junior College Animal Science Students**
 You may think that showing sheep looks easy, but take a deeper look into all the little details that help show day become a great success! During this session you will have the opportunity to experience bracing a lamb and the proper way to walk them without letting them get away. Plus, you'll learn the basics of your lamb for show!

- **Show Goat and Fitting and Showmanship...get your goats ready!- Northeastern Junior College Animal Science Students**

A growing project in Colorado! Come and learn all the specifics on fitting and preparing your show goat for the county fair! You will learn how to get your goat ready and how to ready yourself! It takes more time than just the day of show!

- **Show Pig Fitting and Showmanship...oink your way into the ring!- Northeastern Junior College Animal Science Students**

There is more to showing pigs than getting them to the show ring. Learn how to clean and prepare the show ring, and what to do once you reach the ring. If your pig takes off in the ring or doesn't respond to your maneuvers, the judge can see the effort put forth during the year. There will be demonstrations on how to practice showing your pig and how to prepare yourself and your pig for the ring!