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Looking Back at Your Market Project

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Many Canyon County 4-H members participate in market animal projects each year. This year during project interviews, interviewers told me that quite a few youth were confused by the three production metrics they had been asked to do in their record books. More importantly, these youth were confused why this was important. So, let's review these, why they are important, why you should look at the actual figures for the year, and what it means for next year.

Profit/Loss – This is probably the most straightforward of all the math equations in your book: Total Income – Total Expenses = Profit (or loss). Maybe you compared real life market prices for your book and maybe you looked at last year's 4-H/FFA Market Sale prices, but I encourage youth to now look at what they received from the 2024 sale. Hopefully it is a profit, but if it is not or not enough of a profit, now is the time to see where you can cut costs and/or how you can recruit buyers/add-ons in 2025. What was your largest expense? Can that cost be cut? Talk to your leader, do some research, and call the Extension office. We are all here to help.

Average Daily Gain (ADG) – Average Daily Gain is one of the most common market metrics used to calculate how efficient your animal is. ADG is calculated by: Total pounds gained on Test (final weight at fair minus first weight at tagging or initial weigh-in) ÷ number of animals fed ÷ number of days on test (number of days from tagging or initial weigh-in to fair) = ADG. A higher number means a more efficient animal. Compare this to previous animals you have raised, to other animals in your club, and to market expectations for your species. [From the Idaho 4-H Animal Science Lesson Plan on ADG](#), "Industry average for average daily gain (ADG) for each species is as follows: Beef 2.5 lbs/day, Swine 1.7 lbs/day, Sheep .5 lbs/day and Meat Goat .3lbs/day."

Feed Cost per Pound of Gain – Feed Cost per Pound of Gain is an efficiency metric that helps you see how cost effectively you are putting weight on your animal. It is calculated by: Total Feed Cost (a line in your Expense page) ÷ total pounds gained (same used in calculating ADG) = Feed Cost per Pound of Gain. The lower this number is, the more efficient your animal is. This can be tricky though, because you don't want to spend too much, but you also don't want to use cheap, low quality feed. Again, compare animals that you have raised in the past (remember inflation) and other animals in your club.

Of course, in 4-H, our first goal is to help young people develop into responsible leaders of tomorrow. In the meantime, we also want to give them the tools to succeed in business. Having discussions about the finances of their projects can help them understand business practices. Hopefully they also choose to also be the livestock producers of tomorrow and if so we want them to be successful at it. So, it is important to review how the 2024 animals did while looking to improve in 2025.

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4-H Event Calendar

September

- 2 Closed—Labor Day
- 10 Southern District Horse Council Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 860 1441 0090](#)
- 12 Canyon County 4-H Endowment Meeting - 6:30pm - Canyon County Extension Office
- 12 Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 859 8073 8110](#)
- 13-14 Indian Creek Festival
- 21 Cascade Lake 4-H Camp Annual Fundraiser & Gathering—Go to Jail!
- 23 Canyon County 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 836 1292 9965](#)

October

- 1 Start of the 2024/2025 4-H Year!
- 1 4-H Enrollment Opens at 4h.zsuite.org
- 4-6 CALS Days—University of Idaho, Moscow
- 4-6 Idaho LEADSummit—YMCA Camp, Horsethief Reservoir
- 6-12 National 4-H Week—Beyond Ready
- 14 Closed—Columbus Day
- 15 Canyon County Market Livestock Sale Committee Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 896 8437 3045](#)
- 22 Canyon County 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night—Bowmont Church Community Center
- 28 Canyon County 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting - 7pm—[Meeting ID: 897 9908 8081](#)

Great Job to our Super Round Robin Large Animal Participants!





Important Dates to Remember



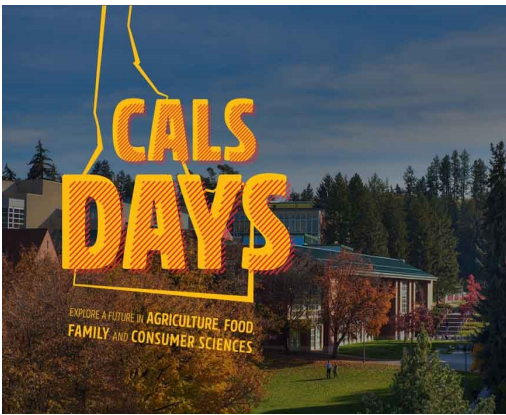
September

- 27 Application for I Dare You Award Due
- 27 Application for Idaho Key Award Due
- 27 Application for County Medal Awards Due
- 27 Nomination for 2024 Friend of 4-H Due

October

- 22 Canyon County 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night

CALS Days 2024



October 4–6

CALS Days offers high school students the chance to experience college life, compete in livestock and dairy judging and FCCLA skill demonstration events, meet faculty, staff and students, and learn about everything the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has to offer.

A full schedule of events will be available closer to the event at: uidaho.edu/cals-days.

Questions? Contact CALS Academic Programs at 208-885-7984 or calsadvisiting@uidaho.edu.

2024 Friend of 4-H Nomination

Each year, Canyon County recognizes an individual, organization, agency or company that has supported the 4-H program in an outstanding way. This is not usually a 4-H volunteer as we have other awards for them. Below is a nomination form. Please fill it out, detach, and return it to the Canyon County Extension Office by **September 27**.

I would like to nominate _____ as the 2024

“Friend of 4-H” award recipient because (please give enough information for evaluation):

2024 Canyon County Fair Judging Contests

Congratulations to the top participants in the 2024 Canyon County Judging Contest!

Livestock Judging

Junior

1st Harrison I., Cowpokes 4-H

Senior

1st Gwen S., Cowpokes 4-H

2nd Sawyer W., Cowpokes 4-H

3rd Rena S., Cowpokes 4-H

Junior Teams

4th Dirty Boots 4-H

5th Rocky Mountain 4-H

6th Red Top Wranglers

Senior Teams

1st Cowpokes 4-H

2nd Whistle Pigs

3rd Saddle Tramps

Thank You Stampede Breakfast & Concessions Volunteers

A huge THANK YOU to everyone and every club that volunteered at this year's Buckaroo Breakfast and Snake River Stampede Concessions fundraisers. We appreciate the dedication from our 4-H clubs across the county that stepped up and brought extra help. Many families volunteered multiple nights to raise funds for Canyon County 4-H. It was a great year and we look forward to next year!

Thank you to the following individuals who organized and chaired the fundraisers:

Breakfast—Kaley Beverlin & Steve Jackson

Concessions Team—Dylan Fuller, Amber Stensland, & Riley Allen

Volunteers, YOU ROCK!!!

- Baa..d Company
- Clever Clovers
- Critters of Gold
- Dead End Ranchers
- Dirty Boots 4-H
- Farm to Table 4-H
- Kaveman Kritters
- Middleton Wranglers

- Mtown Kritters
- PawsAbilities
- Purple Sage 4-H
- Ranchers and Riders
- Red Top Wranglers
- Saddle Tramps
- Shooting Stars
- Sunny Ridge

Special Thanks to the following Ada County Clubs for help during rodeo week

- Little Explorers
- JC Riders
- Urban Ag 4-H

Western Idaho Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Congratulations to the top participants in the 2024 Western Idaho Fair 4-H Livestock Judging Contest!

Dairy Judging

Junior:

- 3rd—Avery F., *Ranchers & Riders*
- 4th—Troy E., *Rocky Mountain 4-H*
- 6th—Jovi E., *Happy Valley Livestock*

Livestock Judging

Junior:

- 8th—Troy E., *Rocky Mountain 4-H*
- 9th—Brinley E., *Rocky Mountain 4-H*

2024 Canyon County Style Revue Results

Constructed Garment

Junior I

- 1st Maeleigh M., *Middleton Wranglers*
- 2nd Kylie B., *Red Top Wranglers*

Junior II

- 1st Maren M., *Middleton Wranglers*
- 2nd Cecily P., *Red Top Wranglers*

Intermediate

- 1st Hazel C., *Middleton Wranglers*
- 2nd Charlotte B., *Busy Bugs*

Senior

- 1st Riley S., *Saddle Tramps*
- 2nd Delenn B., *Clever Clovers*

Purchased Garment

Junior

- 1st Zoreatha S., *Kaveman Kritters*

Intermediate

- 1st Shira K., *Sunny Ridge 4-H*

Senior

- 1st Julia H., *Sew In Stitches*
- 2nd Delenn B., *Clever Clovers*

2024 Canyon County 4-H Cupcake Wars

Junior Teams

- 1st Ava L. & Ryder L., *Larsen Team*
- 2nd Maren M. & Camilla C., *C&M Decorators*

Intermediate Teams

- 1st Andrew J. & Anna J., *The Double A's*
- 2nd Kamryn D. & Rhease H., *R Kakes*
- 3rd Maclin M. & John E., *The Winners*

Senior Teams

- 1st Laura W. & Brooklyn W., *Bullseye Sweetness*
- 2nd Jaelynn L. & Abygale J., *Barnyard Bakers*

2024 Idaho State Horse Bowl Contest Results

Horse Bowl Individuals

Junior

1st Rex A., *Ranchers & Riders*

Senior

1st Ruby B., *Ranchers & Riders-Ada*

5th Kayla A., *Ranchers & Riders*

2024 Southern District 4-H Oral Presentation Results

Congratulations to the following Canyon County 4-H Members that participated at the Southern District Oral Presentation Contest:

Family Consumer Science Presentations

Intermediate

Theodore B.—*Blue Ribbon & 1st Place*

Livestock

Intermediate

Marcus B.—*Blue Ribbon & 2nd Place*

2024 Canyon County 4-H Oral Presentation Results

Family Consumer Science—Junior I

1st Leif A., *Busy Bugs*

Family Consumer Science—Intermediate

1st Theo B., *Busy Bugs*

2nd Charlotte B., *Busy Bugs*

3rd Rafael G.C., *Busy Bugs*

Family Consumer Science—Senior

1st Sophia G., *Shooting Stars*

2nd Elizabeth G., *Shooting Stars*

Livestock—Intermediate

1st Marcus B., *Critters of Gold*

Southern District Fashion Revue Results

Congratulations to the following Canyon County 4-H Members that participated at the Southern District Fashion Revue Contest:

Constructed Garment

Reserve Champion Junior

Cecily P., *Red Top Wranglers*

Grand Champion Intermediate

Charlotte B., *Busy Bugs*

Oral Presentation

Livestock Intermediate 2nd

Marcus B., *Critters of Gold*

FCS Intermediate 1st

Theodore B., *Busy Bugs*

2024 4-H Volunteer Recognition Night

6:30-8:30pm, Tuesday, October 22nd

Bowmont Community Life Center

Canyon County 4-H loves to honor it's volunteers, the true pulse of the program. Join us Tuesday, October 22 as Canyon County Extension will be recognizing some of our outstanding volunteers, members and supporters, as well as long serving volunteers and members. Dinner and a good time are guaranteed. This event is open to all 4-H families and members.

Thank you for all you do for Canyon County youth.

Please **RSVP** by [October 17th](#) to mckinsey@uidaho.edu or call the Canyon County Extension office at 208-459-6003.



2023 - 2024 Southern District Working Ranch Horse Program

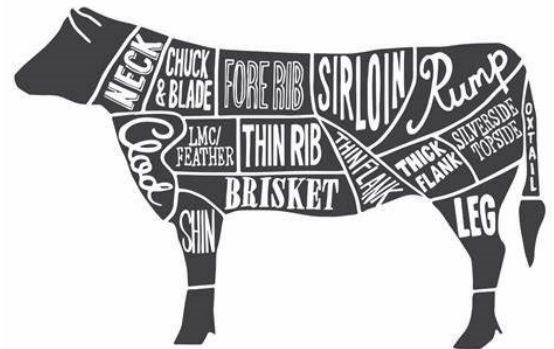


Information coming soon! Please watch for any updates on Friday emails.

Beef Carcass Contest Donations Needed!

We're seeking donations for the 2024 Canyon County 4-H and FFA Market Beef Carcass Contest! If you are interested in donating, please contact the Canyon County Extension Office at 208-459-6003 or canyon@uidaho.edu.

You can also donate online at: my-site-100817.square.site/shop/canyon-county-4-h/8 (select the amount you would like to donate and designate Beef Carcass Contest under "4-H Donation").



Special County Medal Awards

Due **Friday, September 27**

4-H members have an opportunity to receive special recognition for the 2023/2024 4-H year by applying for a County Medal Award. 4-H members who received a blue ribbon on their Fair exhibit or a gold award on their interview evaluation, are eligible to apply. County Medals are available for all project areas.

County Medal Awards are designed to recognize outstanding achievement in a member's total 4-H experience, above and beyond the project level at the Fair. It takes into account the development of the youth in areas of goal setting, accomplishments, knowledge and skills gained, leadership and citizenship, communication and promotion. Some project areas can be combined at the discretion of the County Awards Committee.

Applications can be found through a link on the Friday email.

Application Requirements:

- Must have exhibited at the current county Fair.
- Must have received a blue ribbon or a gold medal on the project.
- Must have a 4-H Leader recommendation returned by **September 27**.
- Application must be returned by **September 27**.
- Award eligibility is based on a point system.
- The number of medals a 4-H member (by age category) can apply for are: Junior (2); Intermediate (4); and Senior (6).
- There is no limit to the number of times a member may be awarded the same County Medal.

Top 4-H Youth Leadership Awards

Due **Friday, September 27**

There are a number of awards that honor 4-H members for their outstanding overall contributions and abilities. Two of these awards are awarded in the fall: the **Idaho 4-H Key Award** and the **I Dare You Award**. Applications for these awards are due **September 27** to the Extension Office.

The **Idaho 4-H Key Award** gives recognition to 4-H members who have achieved significant leadership on both the club and county level. It is open to youth who have passed their 15th birthday by January 1 of the current year, have completed four years of 4-H work (including the current year) and have completed one year of teen leadership. The award is a gold key and a certificate. The wearer of the Idaho 4-H Key can be proud of his/her contribution to their club and community. Youth can complete an application found at the Canyon County Extension Office. Applications can be emailed on request.



The **I Dare You Award** gives recognition to 4-H members of excellent character, well-balanced personal development and demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership. Nominees must be either in their junior or senior year of school. Award recipients will receive a certificate and a copy of *I Dare You!* by William H Danforth. Award recipients are also eligible to apply for a scholarship to attend the National American Youth Foundation (AYF) Leadership Conference. The application process for this award is through leader recommendations.

2024 Cascade Lake 4-H Camp Fundraiser

Saturday, September 21

Old Idaho Penitentiary—Boise

Bail your county out of jail with a donation to support Cascade Lake 4-H Camp! Each county in our district is competing to raise funds for camp. When you purchase tickets to the event, be sure to also donate to your county's "bail fund." We hope to see you at the event, but if you are unable to attend, you can still contribute to a "bail fund" and make a donation to support camp.

The event will also feature a limited silent auction, family-friendly games, and an opportunity to visit the historic Idaho State Penitentiary after hours. A delicious Dutch oven dinner and beverages will be provided by Vallivue 4-H.

Visit <https://auctria.events/cascadelake4hcamp> to purchase tickets, contribute to a "bail fund," and get other details about the event.

We look forward to seeing you in jail!



2024 4-H State Shoot Results

Air Rifle

Senior

7th—Urijah B.

Compound Archery

Intermediate

3rd - Keegun B.

Senior

3rd - Garrett L.

Shotgun

Junior

5th - Wyatt L.

Intermediate

4th - Cash M.

10th - Kaylee R.

Senior

6th - Ford S.

7th - Quintin M.

8th - Joseph C.

9th - Garrett L.

10th - Weston W.

11th - Kaleb R.

Club Financial Summaries & Audits

At the conclusion of each 4-H year, all 4-H clubs and entities are required to submit a financial summary and financial audit to the Extension Office. **These are due by November 1.** Please read and follow the audit guidelines carefully. Clubs may lose their 4-H status if they fail to submit these forms in a timely manner.

As a reminder, members will not be able to order project materials or re-enroll until their club's financial summary and audit are turned in to the Extension Office. You can find this report at on the State 4-H website under club documents or click the links: [State 4-H Website](#).

Idaho LEAD Summit—Registration OPEN in Zsuites!

Registration and payment must be submitted by September 6, 2024.



The summit will be held **Friday to Sunday, October 4-6** at the YMCA's Retreat & Conference Center in Cascade, Idaho on the Horsethief Reservoir. It is open to youth in grades 8-12 from all delivery modes (Club, Camp, Afterschool, In-School, Military Partnership, Juntos, etc.). Bussing is provided. This new program promotes Sparks, Belonging, and Relationships while empowering Youth Voice to Lead to Change within their 4-H Program, school, and/or community. With an emphasis on leadership development, the program provides learning and teaching opportunities for teens in the areas of Agricultural Sciences, Health & Well-being, STEM, and Expressive Arts. There is not a project record required for this event, however youth may include this experience in their 4-H Leadership Record. Youth who attend will be eligible to apply to serve on the Steering Committee for the 2025 Idaho 4-H LEADS.

The cost to attend is \$175 for youth (\$175 for Chaperones).

Register at: <https://4h.zsuite.org/events>. Scholarships available in registration.

Indian Creek Festival—Volunteers Needed!

Friday—Saturday, September 13th—14th

Downtown Caldwell

All 4-H Clubs are encouraged to participate

Teen and Adult volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 14th, from 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed to help set up, provide youth activities, volunteers to man the 4-H information table, and clean up.

2 hour shifts available from: 9—11am & 11am—1pm

For more information or to sign up to volunteer please contact the Canyon County Extension Office at canyon@uidaho.edu or 208-459-6003.

Indian Creek Festival began in 2003 as a celebration of when the first section of Indian Creek in downtown Caldwell was uncovered. What was once a small gathering in a parking lot has become a two-day festival that spans blocks in downtown Caldwell.

Get ready for a fantastic time at the Indian Creek Festival! Friday night, the Plaza features live music on the ICCU Main Stage by JR and the Stingrays, along with a Classic Car Show in downtown Caldwell. Saturday kicks off bright and early with the Fireman's Breakfast from 7-10 AM, followed by an exotic car show. The day is packed with family-friendly activities: a dancing competition hosted by Dirt Road Dancing, the age-old tradition of Tug-of-War over Indian Creek, and the crowd favorite Cardboard Kayak Race! Don't miss out on this fun-filled weekend!



Needs for the 2024/2025 4-H Year



As a result of Canyon County 4-H being such a positive influence on youth, each year we have a growing list of youth that are interested in joining 4-H. At this time there are over 100 new youth interested in joining Canyon County 4-H. This list is growing daily. We like to place youth with clubs that are close to their homes and that have similar interests.

Some of the common recurring interest' for this upcoming 4-H year are: beef, dairy goat, pygmy goat, meat goat, horse, small animal (cat, dog, rabbit, pygmy goat), shooting sports, STEM and Robotics, foods, leather craft, sewing, Horticulture, Photography and astronomy and Clovebuds.

If you would like information on starting a new club, or becoming a certified 4-H volunteer, please call the Canyon County Extension Office at 208-459-6003.

All clubs will be sent an annual update form. Please let us know if your established club can accept new members.

Canyon County Market Livestock Sale

Huge THANK YOU to Farm to Table, Red Top Wranglers, Dirty Boots, Middleton Wranglers, & Kaveman Kritters (water) for their help during CCMLS!

Market Livestock Sale Checks



Checks from the Canyon County Market Livestock Sale will be mailed, starting early—late October, to individual youth members whose buyer's have paid in full. Checks will be sent to the address members listed on their fair entry. If your address has changed, please contact the Canyon County Extension Office ASAP.

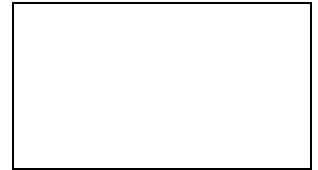
Please remember to send your thank you cards promptly to your buyer and/or supporters.



We would like to offer our appreciation to everyone that helped out during Interview Evaluations. Only through your dedication does it allow the Canyon County 4-H to continue thriving.

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Idaho 4-H Round Up Podcast
It's FUN! 😊 It's ENGAGING!! 🌟 It's the Idaho 4-H Roundup
PODCAST!! 🎧 Take a listen! You'll be GLAD you did!! 🌟
Click on the link [HERE](#).

