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## **Rustle up some fun with 4-H youth and animals at the Arapahoe County Fair**

*Come be a part of the excitement at the Youth Livestock Auction during the Fair, July 23-26*

**Aurora, Colo.** --- Mark your calendar for four days of family fun and entertainment at the 2015 Arapahoe County Fair, July 23-26, just east of E-470 on Quincy Avenue in Aurora. It's the best bargain of the summer and for those who visit the Fair on Saturday, general admission includes the 4-H Youth Livestock Auction at 6:30 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion.

The Youth Livestock Auction is a long-standing tradition at the Fair where citizens and businesses are invited to attend and bid on locally-raised lambs, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits and beef in support of local 4-H youth. Proceeds go directly to the individual 4-H exhibitor to invest in their future education and help to offset the cost of raising the animal.

4-H participants follow quality production practices in nutrition, health, the care and handling of their livestock. Animals are judged at the Fair by experienced livestock evaluators, and those that meet established market quality standards may be auctioned at the Youth Livestock Auction.

Arapahoe County's 4-H is a youth development program through Colorado State University Extension that brings together members, ages 5-18, to learn life skills, build friendships and have fun. 4-H has long been the heart of the Arapahoe County Fair. Local youth spend months preparing projects and animals for the Fair, where they contend for a judges' nod, prize ribbons and cash premiums.

In addition to the Youth Livestock Auction, discover the terrific handiwork of 4-H home economic and general projects from woodworking and baking to sewing, photography and cake decorating.

This year, there are 288 4-H active members in Arapahoe County. Next year, we anticipate that number to grow.

Enrollment for the 2015/2016 4-H program begins in October. Parents who are interested in finding out more about 4-H for their kids can do the following:

- Call the 4-H office at CSU-Extension at 303-730-1920.
- Go online and fill out a form: <http://arapahoe.wufoo.com/forms/request-more-information-from-arapahoe-county-4h/>
- Fill out a 4-H inquiry card available at the 4-H information table during the Fair.

If you are attending, remember, pre-sale daily admission tickets are available if you [buy online at www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com) right now for \$10, that's \$5 cheaper than at the gate.

Admission includes unlimited carnival rides, fireworks, concerts on the main stage, rodeos, the high-flying dock dogs, 4-H exhibits, open class contests, tractor pulls, and demo derby.

Find information and a schedule of events at [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

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**To see photos of the 2014 4-H Youth Livestock Auction click on link:**

<ftp://ftp.arapahoegov.com/Pub/Communication%20Services/FAIR/2015/2014%204H%20LiveStock%20Auction/>

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