

**Contribution Summary Report**  
**Curriculum and Projects Work Team –4-H Youth Development CCA**  
**Program Year 2007**

This report details the work Agents/Specialists have done to implement the work of a specific work team during the identified calendar year and the results of that work.

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Work team(s) submitted to: Curriculum and Projects

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**Situation:**

Essential elements to positive Youth Development are belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. 4-H projects and activities contribute to all of these elements. The 4-H Curriculum and Projects work team engages in overseeing all aspects of 4-H projects and curriculum including; projects, materials, contests, and events. Our goal is to ensure that the Colorado 4-H program is a well integrated program where all aspects of projects and curriculum are consistent and complementary and are effective in providing high quality youth development materials. The Curriculum and Projects work team has set up sub-committees to cover all areas in the 4-H program; Livestock, Horse, General/Natural Resources, Family Consumer Science, Technology, Leadership, Global Citizenship and Small Animals.

**The information listed below is a consolidation of the data sent in from the agents.**

**Livestock –**

Goals:

- Review and adjust Livestock e-Records
- Development and implementation of MQA program

Counties Reported:

MQA Program:

- 7 MQA activities have been developed and posted on the 4-H website
- Approximately 2074 youth were involved in MQA programs across the state. In Mesa County 95% of youth showed increased knowledge of the good production practices through our pre-test and post-test survey.
- In Jackson County 91% of youth showed increased knowledge of the good production practices through our pre-test and post-test surveys.

Livestock e-records:

Mick Livingston and Brett Kaysen revised and updated the livestock e-records using comments from agents, leaders and members. Approximately every county has done training for leaders, parents and members on the livestock e-record.

Other areas reported on in livestock are:

- Field days, clinics, workshops, and catch-a-calf programs etc. ---800 youth were reported to have attended these
- Archuleta County had a 10% increase in livestock projects

**Horse –**

Goals:

- Implementation of Working Ranch
- Implementation of 4 Level Rater Trainings across the state
- Development and implementation of Level Program DVD for 4-H members to use an example
- Revision of the Horse Project Manual for 2007 4-H year

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Development and implementation of at least 3 Horse Leader Trainings across the state.

**Counties Reported**

4 Statewide level rater trainings with approximately 225 leaders in attendance

Created and implemented a new Working Ranch Horse program. Over 50 members were in attendance at the Colorado State Fair competition. Working Ranch Horse program has reached an untapped audience in that we have attracted more boys to the program and male leaders to instruct. This 4-H show ended up being the largest Versatility contest in the state including RMQHA, APHA and AQHA sponsored show.

Revised all level tests (written and riding) as well as putting together keys for agents to utilize when grading. A CD Rom with level tests was sent to all county offices and riding tests were put on the state equine website.

Two statewide horse committee meetings were conducted to plan levels program, update the rule book, plan state fair horse show and conduct horse related contests at the state 4-H conference.

Horse manual was revised for this year with the help of the horse committee –many agents contributed to getting the revision completed.

Alexa Lamm and Amy Star presented a workshop at the National 4-H Agents meeting in Atlanta, GA highlighting the success of Colorado's Working Ranch Horse program. As a result, four other states are going to start up this new program.

Counties also reported conducting workshops and clinics in the horse area.

**General/Natural Resources**

**Goals:**

25% of projects will be reviewed

**Counties reported work in this area as:**

Attached is an activity evaluation summary for the Golden Plains area on the 2007 Youth Hunter Education Challenge

One county reported that 489 youth attended a presentation on 4-H Sportsfishing in several areas of the county.

Development of the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports web site and online registration for shooting sports contests. 95% of all initial entries were made using the online entry system. 100% of all contest data entry and reports were degenerated using the Access SS Contest database (an increase of 20% from 2006). Overall entries: 2678 entries.

Shooting Sports contest involved 805 youth with 2678 individual entries with an estimate of over 1500 people attending the state competition.

**Family Consumer Science**

**Goals:**

Revision of the Heritage Arts Projects over the next 3 years

Revision of the Cake Decorating Project for 2008-09 4-H years

Revision of the Cloverbud project

Review and update the clothing project. Look at project requirements

Review and evaluate the contest and activities that are related to projects in this area

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Four conference calls were held for the revision of the Heritage Arts. Youth (2), leaders and agents participated in these calls. This committee is looking at New Mexico's quilting curriculum to use.

#### Counties reported:

Seven different workshops were offered with an average of 20 members attending them.  
100 potential 4-H members attending a 4-H promotion of family and consumer science projects  
One county reported doing a sew camp with 15 participants and 14 volunteers; a fashion revue clinic with 15 participants and 1 volunteer; a 4-H cloverbud camp with 14 participants

#### Technology

##### Goals:

Fully integrate the availability and use of computer based record keeping into all 4-H project areas by 2008.  
Integrate the use of technology in the delivery of 4-H Youth Development program information.  
Use of Internet based delivery of leader and member training curriculum and program updates in selected program areas by 2010.

##### Counties reported:

e-Record survey done in Boulder County reported:

79.7% agreed that youth should be required to complete record books  
63% rated the e-Records as "effective" or "very effective" in helping they accomplish their project and record keeping goals

Quality of all record books has increased.

Gunnison County reported 80% use of the e-Record.

Counties reported conducting e-Record training to their youth, volunteers and parents

Start of a state-wide Technology Team. This team edited video clips at the 2008 Leadership Development Conference

Production of 8 promotion digital videos for use by the 4-H program. Production of digital audio clips for use on the web.

Douglas County Suburban Cowboys TV show—collaborative effort with the DC8 TV station that highlights our 4-H kids "trading places" with kids from Highlands Ranch.

##### Clover Guide

Web based data information for 4-H and projects. Created by the Curriculum and projects work team sub-committee, to assist 4-H members, volunteers and professional staff in the selection of appropriate 4-H project areas for youth and volunteers.

#### General Outcomes:

District 11 and 12 Retreat provided areas for positive youth development and programming in curriculum and projects. 210 youth and 45 leaders attended this retreat. Evaluation of the retreat was:

93% of youth reported that they think 4-H is a fun place to learn new things

93% of youth reported that 4-H helps them learn that they can make a difference in their own lives.

94% of youth reported that 4-H encourages good ethical behavior

92% of youth reported that 4-H challenges them to do their best

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**Additional Input:**

100 Number of different agencies counties reported partnering with  
Over 400 volunteers engaged in this program effort  
\$20,360 counties reported as User Fees generated.

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