



2024 BLUE EARTH COUNTY FAIR 4-H SCHEDULE

The schedule is subject to change.

Pre-Fair Events

Saturday, July 20

9 a.m.

Fair Set Up - 4-H Exhibit Hall, 4-H Foodstand, Barns, and Judging Arena

Each exhibitor is expected to help with either set up or clean up in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Foodstand.

ALL Livestock Exhibitors are expected to help with barn set up and barn cleanup.

12 p.m.

Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

- ***Watch for an email to sign up for Food Stand Shifts***

Tuesday July 23

2:00-7:00 p.m.

4-H General Project Exhibits

4-H General Project Entry and Judging. Blue Earth County Fairgrounds 4-H Exhibit Hall

7:00 p.m.

4-H Exhibit Hall closed until Thursday

Wednesday, July 24 **4-H Exhibit Hall Closed except for Animal ID needs**

12-7 p.m.

Stalling for all animals (see check-in times for each species below)

4-7 p.m.

Rabbit Entry & ID Check - Rabbit Barn

4-7 p.m.

Animal Science Interviews in the Food Stand

4-5:30 p.m.

Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Weigh-In and ID Check - Swine Barn

5-7 p.m.

Beef and Dairy Weigh-In and ID Check - Beef Barn

5-7 p.m.

Poultry ID Check - Poultry Barn

5:30-7 p.m.

Sheep and remaining goat Weigh-In and ID Check - Sheep Barn

5:30 p.m.

Rabbit Showmanship Showdown Contest - Rabbit Barn

6:30-7 p.m.

Horse Verification - Horse Barn

7 p.m.

Horse Exhibitor and Parent Meeting - Horse Barn

At ID Check, exhibitors must declare which animals they will exhibit and final class selections.

Blue Earth County Fair OPENS!

Thursday, July 25 **4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public 10 a.m.-9 p.m.**

8 a.m.

4-H Poultry Show, Judging Arena

1 p.m.

4-H Lamb Lead and Sheep Show, Judging Arena

2-5 pm

General Project Premium Pickup. In the Fairboard Office

****Each club leader is responsible for picking up their club's general project premiums.**

Member Premiums will be organized by members and grouped by clubs.

Club leaders will sign off when they pick up and be responsible for getting these envelopes to their club members.

4 p.m.

4-H Dairy Goat Show followed by Meat Goat Show, Judging Arena

Friday, July 26 **4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public 10 a.m.-9 p.m.**

8 a.m.

4-H Rabbit Show, Rabbit Barn

8:30 a.m.

4-H Beef Show, Judging Arena

10:30 a.m.

4-H Dairy Show, Judging Arena

****12:00-1:00 p.m. 4-H Demonstrations - General and Livestock,** Free Stage & Livestock in the barns

3 p.m.

4-H Swine Show, Judging Arena

3:30 p.m.

Fashion Revue Interviews, 4-H Exhibit Hall

****5 p.m.-6:00**

Share-the-Fun and Performing Arts Exhibition followed by Fashion Revue, Free Stage

6 p.m.

Minnesota State Fair trip selection due, 4-H Exhibit Hall

All State Fair trips must be accepted or declined and registration paperwork picked up by this time

Trips not committed will go to alternates.

Saturday, July 27 4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Horse Verification for trailered horses
8:30 a.m. **4-H Horse Show**, Horse Arena
Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show paperwork will be immediately after the horse show is complete
9-11 a.m. **Staff Table:** Questions about filling out **State Fair Registration Paperwork**, 4-H Exhibit Hall
9 a.m.-12p.m.. **Chicken BBQ Contest, outside 4-H Exhibit Hall
Note time change: (set up will start at 8 a.m., be ready to start your grilling at 9 a.m. ***Kathy Severns will be leading this event.*
12 p.m. Premier Showmanship participation deadline, 4-H Exhibit Hall
12:00 p.m. **Pet and Cat Show- Judging Arena**
3 -5 p.m. **AgOlympics, Judging Arena ****Notice time change from last year
Hosted by Ambassadors (set up after pet and cat show)

Sunday, July 28 4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

9-11 a.m. Staff Table: Questions about filling out **State Fair Registration Paperwork**, 4-H Exhibit Hall
State Fair Registration Paperwork is due at 11:00 AM
10:30 a.m. Mandatory Meeting for Premier Showmanship participants
11 a.m. **4-H Premier Showmanship**, Judging Arena
12 p.m. **Awards Ceremony**, will follow Premier Showmanship in the Judging Arena
*results of premier showmanship will be tallied while the Awards Ceremony takes place.
3 p.m. Tri-County Fair paperwork due, 4-H Exhibit Hall
3-4 p.m. **Rabbit and Poultry Released**
4-5 p.m. **General Project Exhibits Released** and cleaning of 4-H Building and 4-H Foodstand
If you cannot pick up your projects during this time frame, please arrange for someone else to come.
Each exhibitor is expected to help with either set up or clean up in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Foodstand. Talk to your club leader for your assigned time.
Campers cannot pull their campers out of the camping site until 5 PM
4:30 p.m. **All remaining animals released** - Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine
ALL Livestock Exhibitors are expected to help with barn set up and barn cleanup.
6 p.m. **Cleaning of 4-H Exhibit Hall, Foodstand, and Barns to be completed**
If you finish in your area early, please ask what else can be done before you leave. We appreciate Everyone's help making sure all of the buildings are clean before leaving the fair!

Post-Fair events

State Fair Exhibitor Meeting, Blue Earth County Historic Courthouse: Wednesday Jul 31, 2024 6-8 p.m.

Envelopes given out: Gate Passes, Meal Tickets, Logistics for transportation discussed

*If you cannot make it to this meeting, please pick up your materials from our office.

*If you have any projects you can bring them to our office for us to transport to the State Fair.

4-H Dog Show: August 3rd, Key City Kennel Club, Mankato. Registration will start at 8 a.m.

Tri-County Livestock Fair and Ribbon Auction: Wednesday, Aug. 14

9:00 a.m. Show, Caledonia Curling Club in Mankato

6:00 p.m. Ribbon Auction, Caledonia Curling Club in Mankato

Minnesota State Fair: Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2023

- Livestock Weekend: Aug. 21-25 (Wed.-Sun.)
- General Encampment Blue Earth County's assignment Aug 31- Sept 2 (Sun-Mon)
- General state fair exhibits must be brought to the Extension office by Aug 12 (Mon) by 5 p.m. Large exhibits may need to be transported to the state fair by the exhibitor.

Minnesota 4-H Horse Show, September 13-16, 2024 _____, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

Minnesota 4-H Dog Show, September 23-24, 2024 _____ Minnesota State Fairgrounds