

2019 POST-FAIR SPONSORSHIP REPORT







THANK YOU!

FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN FIVE YEARS, THE IOWA STATE FAIR SET AN ATTENDANCE RECORD.

GREAT WEATHER, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ON THE SOAPBOX, MORE THAN 125,000 CONCERT GOERS, PLUS DOZENS OF PARTNERSHIPS CREATED THROUGH THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S SUCCESS.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN MAKING THE IOWA STATE FAIR ONE OF THE BEST ANNUAL ATTRACTIONS IN THE USA!

MESSAGE TO SPONSORS

The 2019 Iowa State Fair was another record-setter! In several ways!

First, with 2019 attendance. We smashed the record with a total of **1,1700,375 visitors**. That's more than 40,000 additional Fairgoers over 2018 Fair attendance. Why? Well, the weather was a HUGE factor plus a 51% increase in Grandstand concert tickets sold and nearly every Democratic Presidential candidate hopeful had their 20 minutes on the Des Moines Register's Soapbox. The Grandstand Concert Series with new sponsor Coors Light drew a record-setting **128,502 concert-goers**. WOW!!

For more than 150 years, the Iowa State Fair has been a source of family entertainment. Livestock competitions, concerts, thrill rides, food, or just to people watch, the crowds gather on the Iowa State Fairgrounds for the most fun-filled eleven days in August. As an official sponsor of the Fair, you had a tailored opportunity to interact with nearly 1.2 million people!

THANK YOU to all **84 sponsors** for making these milestones possible. The 2019 Fair was an exciting place to eat, shop, play, be entertained, and experience what's special about our state and its people. Collectively you contributed more than **\$2.3 million** in cash and in-kind services. Yes, that's another all-time record!

Special thanks to the **Best of Show** sponsors, who represent a new level of recognition at the 2019 Fair:

Corteva Agriscience

Van Wall Equipment/John Deere

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

Also thanks to the **Grand Champion** and **Champion** sponsors:

Coors LightMidAmerican Energy CompanyU.S. CellularPrincipalMattress FirmSleep NumberPioneerWinnebagoIowa Realty

Here's a shout out to the 15 NEW sponsors who joined (or re-joined) the Fair in 2019:

Corteva Agriscience Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Microsoft

AetnaExile Brewing CompanyIowa Total CareLeafFilterIowa Select FarmsMetro by T-MobileNintendoHilton Des Moines DowntownBetter Business Bureau

Power Up Iowa Wind Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus Solar Day

The newly renovated East 31st Street corridor was a busy thoroughfare featuring a new streetscape, sidewalks, grass, and light poles. Fairgoers were drawn to several new attractions here including Thrill Zone, the Clydesdales' stables, and Power Up Iowa Wind's 185-foot wind turbine blade exhibit.

The lowa State Fair is committed to maintaining the many traditions fairgoers expect as well as annual improvements and creative additions that keep this 11-day event a destination for lowans and visitors from around the nation and the world.

THANK YOU! This collective success is not possible without our many valued sponsors!

2019 FAIR ATTENDANCE: **1,170,375** (NEW RECORD!)

Day 1 -- Thursday, August 8 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY DAY

84,928

Day 2 – Friday, August 9 **IOWA 4-H DAY**

103,096

Day 3 – Saturday, August 10 **DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA DAY**

122,111

Day 4 – Sunday, August 11 **DES MOINES UNIVERSITY DAY**

108,283

Day 5 – Monday, August 12 **POWER UP IOWA WIND DAY**

97,682

Day 6 – Tuesday, August 13 IOWA TOTAL CARE DAY

102,953

Day 7 – Wednesday, August 14 SOLAR DAY

109,323

Day 8 – Thursday, August 15 IOWA CREDIT UNION DAY

104,247

Day 9 – Friday, August 16 IOWA CORN DAY

112,891

Day 10 – Saturday, August 17 OUTLETS OF DES MOINES DAY

119,276

Day 11 – Sunday, August 18 **IOWA STEM DAY**

105,585













FUN FACTS & FIGURES

RECORD ATTENDANCE

1,170,375

RECORD NUMBER OF VEHICLES PARKED ON GROUNDS

77,473 (about 2,000 more than 2018)

RECORD NUMBER OF CONCERT GOERS

128,502 (previous record was 87,558 in 2018)

RECORD ATTENDEES FOR A SINGLE CONCERT

17,032 for Slipknot on Saturday, August 10 (previous record was 15,775 at Thomas Rhett - Wednesday, Aug 15, 2018)

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CLICKS ON THE SPONSORSHIP PAGE OF THE FAIR WEB SITE

74.1% (about 100 hits per day)

TOTAL DART RIDERS BETWEEN PARK + RIDE LOTS & FAIRGROUNDS TRANSIT HUB

253,000+

WINNER 2019 BEST NEW FOOD

Georgie's Roast with the Most ... beef pot roast Mexican wrap

RECORD RAISED AT THE BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION WOODCARVER'S AUCTION

\$65,400 (2018 record was \$56,500)

TOTAL NUMBER CAMPERS

3,309

2019 IOWA STATE FAIR APP

Total downloads: Approximately 25,000+

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE ANALYTICS

FACEBOOK

196,556 likes – 3.9% increase over 2018

Popular Posts:

Time lapse of pavilion flooring being put down (676.3K impressions, 20.5K engagement) lowa State Fair Queen Pageant Live Stream (100.8K impressions, 21.5K engagement) Fair After Dark Fire Art video + contest (4.4 mil impressions, 94.9K engagement)

TWITTER

69,306 - 3.5% increase over 2018

INSTAGRAM

35,601 followers - **35.8% increase** over 2018

WEBSITE

Total users

27.86% increase

453,278 users in 2019 (compared to 354,519 in 2018)

Total page views

35.26% increase

2,291,942 total page views in 2019 (compared to 1,808,048 in 2018)

Total sessions

30.37% increase

784,397 sessions in 2019 (compared to 601,674 in 2018)

<u>Average session duration</u>

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Sponsorship page clicks

74.21% increase in the number of clicks on the sponsorship page

IOWA STATE FAIR WEBSITE

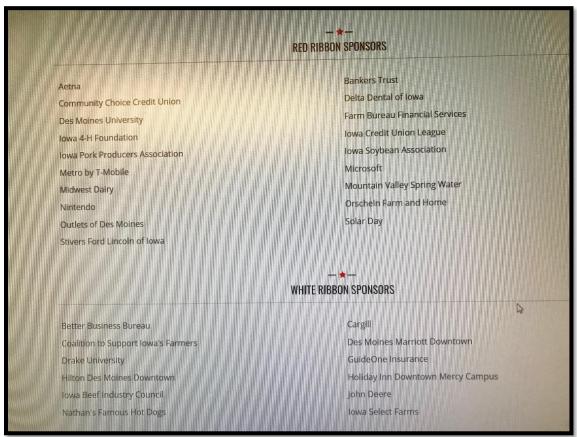
Beginning several weeks before Opening Day, all sponsors' logos and lists are posted on the sponsorship page of the lowa State Fair web site.





IOWA STATE FAIR WEBSITE





JULY NEWSPAPER INSERT

640,000 copies distributed in the Sunday, July 7, 2019 edition of the Des Moines Sunday Register and local newspapers throughout Iowa.















More than 100,000 copies distributed statewide in the Sunday, August 4, 2019 edition of the Des Moines Sunday Register. Plus a small quantity were available at Fairgrounds' gates during the 11-day event.



Page 3 inside the front cover



Page 17 featured a listing of every stage, building, barn, program, attraction, exhibit and branding opportunity showcased by the 84 Iowa State Fair sponsors. Page 18 continues the listing on the following page.





Sponsors

Sheri Avis Horner Service Center Blue Bunny Ice Cream: Elwell Family Food Center

Van Wall Equipment: Stalling Barn

Free Stage

Iowa Realty: MidAmerican Energy Stage (media sponsor: KCCI)

Pepsi: Bill & Anne Riley Stage (media sponsor: CW Iowa 23)

Community Choice Credit Union: Fun Forest Stage

Prairie Meadows: Susan Knapp Amphitheater (media sponsor: KDSM Fox-17)

General Sponsor

FCA RAM Dodge Jeep: Purple Ribbon Sponsor

Chevrolet: Purple Ribbon Sponsor Cub Cadet: Blue Ribbon Sponsor

LeafFilter: Blue Ribbon Sponsor Midwest Ford Dealers: Blue Ribbon

Concept by Iowa Hearing Aid Centers: Blue Ribbon Sponsor

Home Solutions of Iowa: Blue Ribbon Sponsor

Iowa Craft Beer Tent: Blue Ribbon Sponsor Cellular Advantage: Blue Ribbon Spon-

Nintendo: Red Ribbon Sponsor

Day of Fair

MidAmerican Energy Company Day: Thursday, August 8

Iowa 4-H Day: Friday, August 9

Delta Dental of Iowa Day: Saturday, August 10 Des Moines University Day: Sunday,

August 11
Power Up Iowa Wind Day: Monday,

August 12 Iowa Total Care Day: Tuesday, August

Solar Day: Wednesday, August 14 Iowa Credit Union Day: Thursday, Au-

gust 15 Iowa Corn Day: Friday, August 16

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Jackson Hoyt looks for apples at Little Hands on the Farm in 2016, FILE PHOTO

STEM Day: Sunday, August 18

Little Hands on the Farm

Pioneer: Start Barn

John Deere: Tractor Shed

Fareway Meat & Grocery: Grocery Store Iowa Soybean Association: Grain Bin

Iowa Corn: Grain Bin

lowa Beef Industry Council: Cattle Barn lowa Pork Producers Association: Pig Barn

Cargill: Start Barn

Farm to Fair Meal

lowa Select Farms: Grand Ticket Sponsor

Midwest Dairy: Crystal Cup Sponsor lowa Beef Industry Council: Golden Fork Sponsor

Iowa Corn: Golden Fork Sponsor

lowa Pork Producers Association: Golden Fork Sponsor

Iowa Soybean Association: Golden Fork Sponsor

lowa Egg Council/Iowa Poultry Associ-

ation: Silver Spoon Sponsor Iowa Turkey Federation: Silver Spoon

Events, Activities &

Awards

Cookies Food Products: Iowan of the Day

Aetna: Older Iowan's Day Tent UPS: Thrill Park Storage and Bean Bag Tournament

Farm Bureau Financial Services: Don't Text & Drive Campaign

Mountain Valley Spring Water: Sea Lion Splash

Pioneer: Way We Live Award Metro by T-Mobile: New Fair Foods

Passport

Drake University: The Red Trouser

Show Orscheln Farm and Home: FFA Live-

stock Exhibitor T-shirts Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs: Nathan's

Famous Hot Dog Eating Regional Contest

Des Moines Marriott Downtown: Iowan

of the Day awardee accommodations GuideOne Insurance: Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Agri-Pro Enterprises: Vet Camp and Advanced Vet Camp

Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers; Cattle Barn Avenue of Breeds

Better Business Bureau: Blue Ribbon

Foundation BINGO lowa Total Care: Nursing & Baby Care

Hilton Des Moines Downtown: Blogger

Tour accommodations
Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus:
Way We Live Award Winner accommo-

Stivers Ford Lincoln of Iowa: Outhouse

Media

Iowa Farmer Today; Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center and Stage, The Way We Live Awards

Des Moines Register: William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building

Local 5: We Are Iowa Giant Slide

WHOTV 13: In front of the Administration Building

lowa Public Television: Various loca-

LAZER 103.3/93.3 KIOA-FM: Thrill Zone STAR 102.5 FM: West gate of the

Nash FM 97.3, 92.5 Nash icon, 98.3 The Vibe, 1700 The Champ, 95 KGGO: Southwest corner of the Administration Building

KIX 101.1: Triangle

Life 101.1: For King and Country concert Pulse 101.7 FM: Near Andringa Family Foundation Little Hands on the Farm

WHO Radio: Crystal Studios

KISS 107.5: Thrill Ville

1150 AM KWKY Catholic Radio: West of the Anne and Bill Riley Stage

Iowa Agribusiness Radio: John and Emily Putney Family Cattle Barn KXNO/The Bus: The Depot

DAILY POCKET GUIDES

Specific Day of Fair sponsors were recognized on each Daily Pocket Guide cover. Between 25,000 and 42,000 Daily Pocket Guides were available to fairgoers at all entrance gates and nine information booths spread throughout the Fairgrounds. More than 380,000 total guides were printed over the 11-day run.







Quantities printed daily

| Aug 8: | 28,500 |
|---------|--------|
| Aug 9: | 36,750 |
| Aug 10: | 42,000 |
| Aug 11: | 39,750 |
| Aug 12: | 33.750 |
| Aug 13: | 30,750 |
| Aug 14: | 29,250 |
| Aug 15: | 32,250 |
| Aug 16: | 34,500 |
| Aug 17: | 39,000 |
| Aug 18: | 35,250 |
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All five top-level sponsor slides held on screen for 7 seconds and cycled through a minimum of four times per hour on both the East 33rd Street and East University Avenue marquees.













Each Day of Fair Sponsor had a slide that ran on their day of fair.





Thursday, August 8

Friday, August 9





Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11





Monday, August 12



Wednesday, August 14

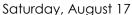




Thursday, August 15

Friday, August 16







Sunday, August 18

TRI-TRUSS SIGNS AT GATES 4, 8, 11, & 15

These attractive three-panel banners featured all 84 Fair sponsors, 11 Day of Fair sponsors, ten lowans of the Day, plus listed the Grandstand concert lineup.









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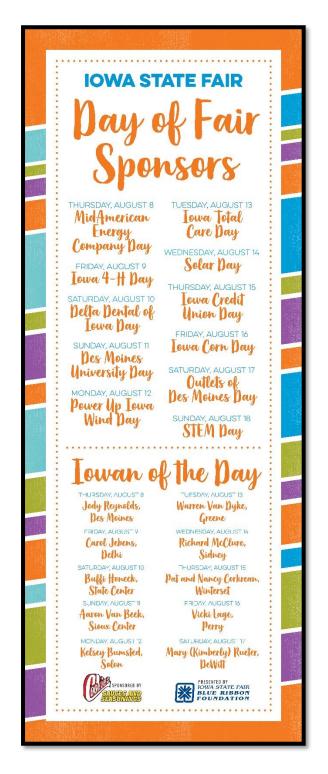






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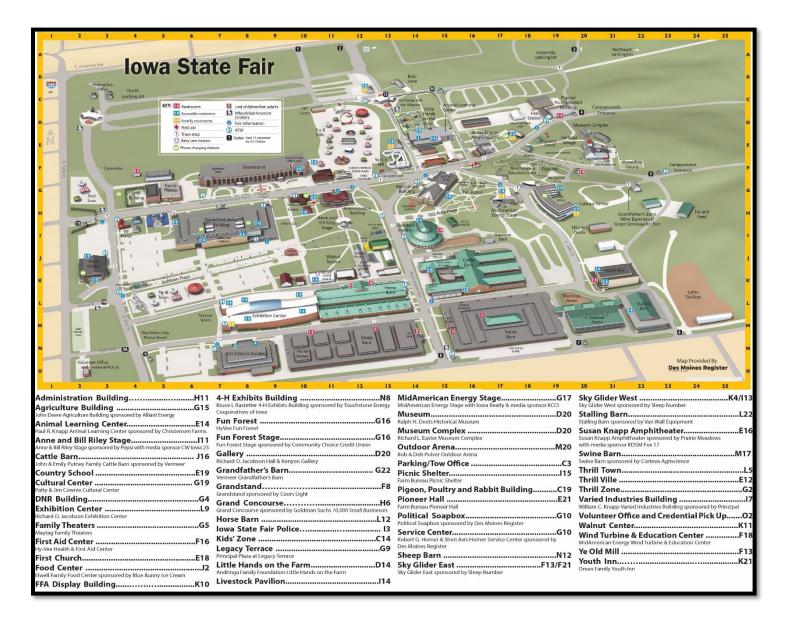






OFFICIAL IOWA STATE FAIR MAP

This map, designed by the Des Moines Register, appeared on all five fairgrounds Map Directories, 11 Daily Pocket Guides and in the Official Iowa State Fair Guide.



MAP DIRECTORY AT GATES 4, 8, 9, 11 & 15

Map Directory signs are posted at five gates on the Fairgrounds and include identification of numerous sponsored buildings, barns, stages, the Grandstand, both Sky Gliders, and more.



Gate 9 – along East 31st Street in SW area of Fairgrounds



Gate 4 – at NE entrance to the campgrounds



Gate 8 – SW corner of Swine Barn

MAP DIRECTORY AT GATES 4, 8, 9, 11 & 15



Gate 15 – at main entrance from North Parking Lot



Gate 11 – west end of Grand Concourse

IOWA STATE FAIR MOBILE MARKETING

Mobile Marketing is a key component of the sponsorship program at the lowa State Fair. Day to day changes taking place in three different locations provide new exhibits for Fairgoers to experience. These exhibitors share food and beverage samples or messages with passersby, or generate leads for future follow-up.

Thank you to these 24 mobile marketers who spent one or more days at the Iowa State Fair this year:

Budweiser Clydesdales

CBS Pop-Up Experience

Concept of Iowa Hearing Aid Centers

C-SPAN

Dr. Pepper

Drake University College of Pharmacy

Environmental Protection Agency

Haribo Gummi Bears

Iowa Speedway

Iowa Total Care

Iowa Wildlife Federation

Marsy's Law

Mediacom MusicChoice

Nintendo Switch Tour

Power Up Iowa Wind

Retire Safe

RXBAR

Senior Housing Management

Turning Point USA

United States Air force

Valley View Village

Washington Post

Winnebago Industries, Inc.

Wolfe Eye Clinic









We look forward to continuing our partnership at the

2020 IOWA STATE FAIR

August 13-23

Hope to see you next year!

Meg Courter