

2021 POST-FAIR SPONSORSHIP REPORT









THANK YOU!

WF'RF BACK!

AFTER A CHALLENGING YEAR AND A CANCELLED 2020 IOWA STATE FAIR, VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE ONCE AGAIN WALKED THE AVENUES, THRILL PARKS, BARNS AND BUILDINGS ENJOYING THE BEST IOWA HAS TO OFFER.

BEAUTIFUL AUGUST WEATHER, EXCEPTIONAL GRANDSTAND ACTS, 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

Yes, we're back! And nearly 1.1 million people were glad to be back on the lowa State Fairgrounds acting on their favorite question: How Do You Fair? Which concert, amusement ride, Fair attraction, food on a stick, livestock barn, competition, exhibit booth or spot to people watch were the most appreciated in 2021? Hopefully, many of these options and more were included in Fair visits this year.

THANK YOU for being a Fair sponsor and for working with us to make it a success!

We didn't set many records this year but that is OK. Attendance was good; in fact, it was better than we expected and we are grateful for this. Just under 1.1 million visitors walked through the gates in 2021. The Grandstand Concert Series with new sponsor Homemakers Furniture drew 117,493 concert-goers over 11 nights of quality entertainment. We did set one record - eclipsing the 2019 Slip Knot concert - with 17,320 people in the Grandstand for Chris Stapleton.

For more than 150 years, the lowa 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 lowa 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 1.1 million people!

89 sponsors helped make the 2021 Fair an exciting place to eat, shop, play, be entertained, and experience what's special about our state and its people. Collectively you contributed nearly **\$2.4 million** in cash and inkind services. Yes, that's another all-time record!

Here's a shout out to the 23 NEW sponsors who joined the Fair in 2021:

Broadlawns Medical Center
Diabetic Equipment and Supplies
Firestone Ag Tire
General Mills
HealthPartners UnityPointHealth
Henning Companies

Homemakers Furniture

Iowa Bankers Association

Iowa Department of Transportation Iowa Egg Council Iowa Healthiest State Initiative Iowa Lottery Iowa Select Farms Kemps Dairy Kwik Star Medigold MercyOne Renewable Energy Group Simpson College Sylvan Learning Centers Titan Tire Urban Air Adventure Park WeWash Laundry Co

Fairgoers enjoyed several additions and renovations on the Fairgrounds this year – a stunning \$14 million renovation of the Bruce Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building, a utility building vibrantly featuring four different murals, The Garden behind the freshly-painted Little Hands on the Farm, a new location for the Reichardt Family Giant Slide and the first year for the new Elwell Family Park which held events over four days, including two days of tractor pulls not held at the Fair since 2017.

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!















2021 FAIR ATTENDANCE: 1,094,480 (1,115,496 5-year average)

Day 1 -- Thursday, August 12

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY DAY

77,700 (80,382)

Day 2 – Friday, August 13

IOWA 4-H DAY

104,177 (100,875)

Day 3 – Saturday, August 14

DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA DAY

111,603 (117,001)

Day 4 – Sunday, August 15

KEMPS DAIRY DAY

107,410 (106,056)

Day 5 - Monday, August 16

IOWA LOTTERY DAY

95,621 (97,517)

Day 6 - Tuesday, August 17

KWIK STAR DAY

90,688 (94,223)

Day 7 - Wednesday, August 18

91,510 (98,976)

SOLAR DAY

Day 8 - Thursday, August 19

96,064 (96,156)

IOWA CREDIT UNION DAY

Day 9 - Friday, August 20

101,952 (100,384)

IOWA CORN DAY

Day 10 - Saturday, August 21

117,764 (117,478)

CHRISTENSEN FARMS DAY

Day 11 - Sunday, August 22

STEM DAY

99,991 (102,244)













FUN FACTS & FIGURES

2021 TOTAL ATTENDANCE

1,094,480 (down 6.5% from record-setting 2019 attendance but 100% better than in 2020)

SINGLE LARGEST 1-DAY RIDERSHIP IN THE THRILL PARKS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

RECORD AMOUNT RAISED IN THE SALE OF CHAMPIONS

\$443,500 for the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement scholarship program

NUMBER OF GRANDSTAND CONCERT-GOERS

117,316 (128,502 all-time record in 2019)

RECORD ATTENDEES FOR A SINGLE CONCERT

17,320 for Chris Stapleton - Aug 18 (previous record was 17,032 for Slip Knot - Aug 10, 2019)

RECORD NUMBER OF VEHICLES PARKED ON GROUNDS

77,473 (75,554 in 2019)

2021 IOWA STATE FAIR APP

Total unique users: 25,900+

Unique clicks on sponsor US Cellular home screen-placed hyperlinked logo: 803

TOTAL DART RIDERS BETWEEN PARK + RIDE LOTS & FAIRGROUNDS TRANSIT HUB 141,050

AG FDUCATION SPECIAL EVENTS

- 45 families enjoyed Cuddles & Snuggles Chore Time with animals in Animal Learning Center
- 110 participants in three Barnyard Yoga sessions with bunnies, goats and llamas
- 158 participants in Moos & Brews and Beef, Beer & BINGO
- 357 students in vet camps and advanced vet camps
- 25,000+ youngsters learning about agriculture at Little Hands on the Farm

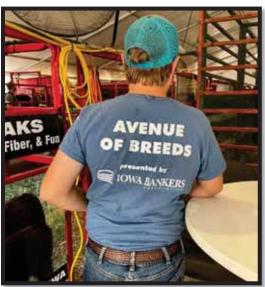
TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPERS

3,221

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOTTLES OF WATER SOLD ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

367,200













SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE ANALYTICS

FACEBOOK

209,479 likes - 6.5% increase over 2019

Top Posts: Zach Bryan-112.6K reach; Queen Congratulations-110K reach

TWITTER

68,392 followers - down slightly from 2019 due to Twitter deleting unsubstantiated accounts

INSTAGRAM

44,904 followers - 26.1% increase over 2019

Top posts: Good Night, Iowa State Fair-27.5K reach; Murals-28.5K reach; John Stamos-21.9K reach

TIK TOK

1,179 followers (NEW! August 2021 posts only) Top posts: 2021 Fair Highlight Reel–10.4K views

WFBSITF

Total page views

1,140,581

Total sessions

1.6% increase over 2019 (we saw a 30.4% increase from 2018 to 2019) 797,190 sessions (compared to 784,397 in 2019 and 601,674 in 2018)

Average session duration

00:03:49

<u>Devices used to access the Fair website</u>

68.6% mobile device 31.4% desktop

IOWA STATE FAIR E-NEWSLETTER

103K subscribers

July 20 issue open rate 15% - featured Van Wall Equipment in the "Sponsor Highlight" August 5 issue open rate 16% - featured Iowa Food & Family Project in the "Sponsor Highlight"



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS-TWEETS

Examples of sponsor recognition and shares/re-tweets through lowa State Fair social media channels.









Facebook









Instagram Twitter









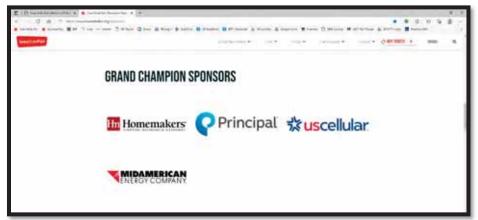


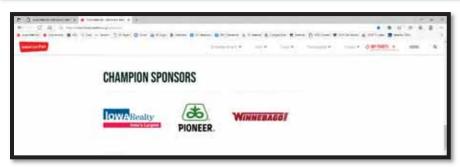


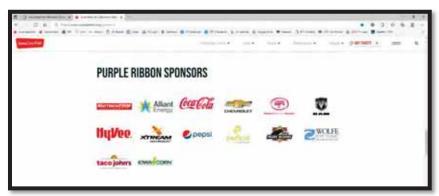
IOWA STATE FAIR WEBSITE

Beginning several weeks before Opening Day, the Fair's Best of Show, Grand Champion, Champion, Purple Ribbon and Blue Ribbon sponsor logos and Red Ribbon and White Ribbon sponsor lists are posted on the sponsorship page of the lowa State Fair web site.





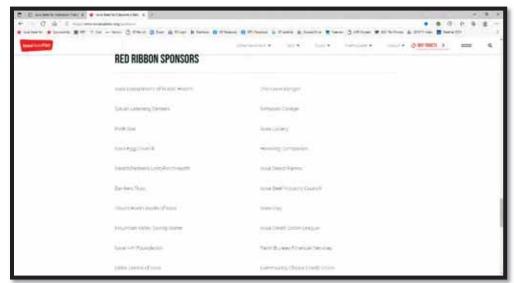


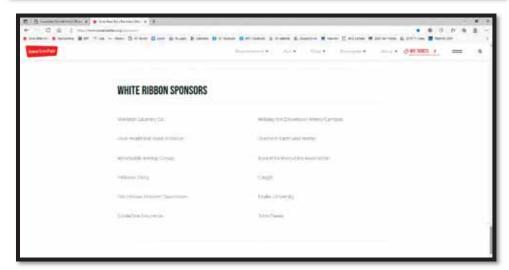




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JULY NEWSPAPER INSERT

501,752 copies were distributed in the July 11, 2021 edition of the Des Moines Sunday Register and local newspapers throughout Iowa.

392,615 to individual lowa newspapers60,914 to the lowa State Fair for distribution at gates48,223 to lowa Farmer Today



Front cover

36,000+ copies were distributed in the Sunday, August 8, 2021 edition of the Des Moines Sunday Register. Plus 20,000 copies were distributed at Fairgrounds' gates during the 11-day event.

Total number of unique users for the digital Des Moines Register on August 8: 69.83K

*As of publication of this report, the total number of digital page views for the Iowa State Fair Official Daily Program section were not yet available from the Des Moines Register. Please contact the sponsorship Director if you wish to receive this metric.





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Page 10 featured a listing of every stage, building, barn, program, attraction, exhibit and branding opportunity showcased by the 89 Iowa State Fair sponsors. Page 11 continues the listing on the following page.

Iowa State Fair: Sponsors

MAJOR FAIR PARTNERSHIPS

Van Wall Equipment: Official Tractor & Utility Vehicle Provider & Stalling Barn Homemakers Furniture: Grandstand Concert Series and Blue Line Tram System

U.S. Cellular: Iowa State Fair Mobile App and Gate 15

Accu-Steel Fabric Buildings: Official Sponsor of the Iowa State Fair Blue

Ribbon Foundation Principal: William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building & Principal Plaza at Legacy Terrace

Hy-Vee: Official COVID-19 Vaccination Provider, Information Booths and

Health and First Aid Center Winnebago Industries: Iowa State Fair Campurounds

MercyOne: Official Touchless Payments Sponsor

Wolfe Eye Clinic: Year-Round Big Bottle Recycling Program

Iowa Corn: Exhibitor ID Numbers Broadlawns Medical Center: Hand Sanitizer and Hand Washing Stations

STATE FAIR BUILDING SPONSORS

Alliant Energy: John Deere Agriculture Building

Christensen Farms: Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center

Corteva Agriscience: Swine Barn and The Garden MidAmerican Energy Company: MidA-

merican Energy Education Center
Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of
Iowa: Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits

Building Vermeer John and Emily Putney Fam-

ity: Cattle Barn Bankers Trust: Patty and Jim Cownie

Cultural Center Atrium
Urban Air: Ewell Family Food Center

FREE STAGES

Iowa Realty: MidAmerican Energy Stage

Pepsi Beverages Company: Anne and Bill Riley Stage

Prairie Meadows: Susan Knapp Amphitheater

Community Choice Credit Union: Fun Forest Stage

DAY OF THE FAIR SPONSORS

MidAmerican Energy Company Day:



Vinny Dvorak, of Ankeny, gets his hands dirty at the Little Hands on the Farm area at the lowa State Fair on August 16, 2019, REGISTER FILE PROTO

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STEM Day: Sunday, August 22

LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM SPONSORS

Cargill: Start Barn Fareway Meat & Grocery; Grocery Store Henning Companies: Chicken Barn Iowa Beef Industry Council: Cattle Barn Iowa Egg Council: Chicken Barn

Iowa Egg Council: Chicken Barn Iowa Pork Producers Association: Swine Barn

Swine Barn Iowa Select Farms: Swine Barn Iowa Soybean Association: Grain Bin John Deere: Tractor Shed Kemps Dairy: Dairy Barn Pioneer: Start Barn Renewable Energy Group, Inc.: Tractor Shed

Sylvan Learning Centers: Ag Venture

GENERAL SPONSORS

Atlantic Bottling Company: Marquee Sponsor

Select Iowa Buick GMC Dealers: DART Transit Hub

Cellular Advantage: Blue Ribbon Sponsor

Chevrolet Motor Division: Purple Ribbon Sponsor

Concept by Iowa Hearing Aid Centers: Blue Ribbon Sponsor Des Moines Marriott Downtown: Iowan

Des Moines Marriott Downtown: lowar of the Day Honoree hotel accommodations

Drake University: App-based Jay N.

Darling Scavenger Hunt Farm Bureau Financial Services: Don't

Text & Drive Campaign Home Solutions of Iowa: Blue Ribbon

Sponsor Iowa Department of Public Health: Public Health Messaging Iowa Soybean Association: Campground Tram System & Animal Learning Center SE Polk FFA T-shirts

The Lawn Ranger: Official Sponsor of the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation

LeafFilter: Blue Ribbon Sponsor LRI Graphics, Inc.: Grounds Map Directories

Mattress Firm: Purple Ribbon Sponsor Mediacom: Mobile Device Charging Stations

Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel: William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building Carpet

Midwest Ford Dealers: Blue Ribbon Sponsor

Perficut: Thrill Parks Beautification Premier Outdoor Management: Gate 15, Clydesdales Stabling Area and Grandstand Spectator Decks Beautifi-

RAM: Purple Ribbon Sponsor Taco John's: Advanced & Gate Admission Tickets

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EVENTS, AWARDS & ATTRACTIONS

Iowa Bankers Association: Avenue of Breeds

Firestone Ag Tire: Biggest Boar Contest and Exhibit

Titan Tire: Tractor Pulls August 17-18 Simpson College: Sand and Straw Sculptures

Cookies Food Products: Iowan of the Day Program

UPS: Thrill Parks Storage and Bags Tournament

GuideOne Insurance: Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Health Partners UnityPointHealth: Older lowans' Day Tent

Mountain Valley Spring Water: Disconnected K-9s

Pioneer: Way We Live Award Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus: Way We Live Award winner accommodations

Iowa Select Farms: Veterans Day Parade

Midwest Dairy: Fair After Dark - Moos &



The dance floor heats up at The Depot during East Side Night on Aug. 10, 2018, at the lowa State Fair. REGISTER FILE PHOTO

Brown

Stivers Ford Lincoln of Iowa: Outhouse Races on Tuesday, August 17 Agri-Pro Enterprises: Iowa State Fair Vet Camps and Advanced Vet Camps Iowa Healthiest State Initiative: Barnyard Yoga

Alliant Energy: Selfie Stations WeWash Laundry Co.: Pella Plaza Fountain Iowa Beef Industry Council: Fair After Work; Beef, Beer and Bingo

MEDIA

Iowa Farmer Today: Tractor Pull and Way We Live Awards, Anne and Bill Riley Stage

Des Moines Register: Distribution in the Campground/Daily Program/Pocket Guides Local 5: Local 5 Weather Lab Experience-East of the Giant Slide WHO 13: Thrill Parks Partner/Extreme Sunday

Iowa PBS: Fairground Event Coverage LAZER 103.3/93.3 KIOA-FM: Thrill Zone Des Moines Radio Group including STAR 102.5 FM: West Grandstand and Kid Find Bracelet Partner

Nash FM 97.3, 92.5 Nash Icon, 98.3 The Vibe, 1700 The Champ, 95 KGGO: West corner of the Administration Building KIX 101.1: Triangle and App Scavenger Hunt Partner

Pulse 101.7 FM: Little Hands on the Farm & The Garden

iHeart Radio: Crystal Studios and Sponsor of the Anne and Bill Riley Stage 1150 AM KWKY Catholic Radio: West of the Anne and Bill Riley Stage lows Agribusiness Radio: Cattle Barn

lowa Agribusiness Radio: Cattle Barn KXNO The Bus: The Depot WHO The Big Show: Avenue of Breeds,

Tractor Pull and Way We Live Awards, Anne and Bill Riley Stage KCCI: MidAmerican Energy Stage- Live

at 5 Broadcast KDSM: Susan Knapp Amphitheater-Lego Masters Competition Event Life 107.1: Christian Concert Presenting

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DAILY POCKET GUIDE SCHEDULES

Specific Day of Fair sponsors were recognized on each Daily Pocket Guide cover. **Between 24,000 and 35,000**Daily Pocket Guides were available to fairgoers at all entrance gates and five information booths spread throughout the Fairgrounds. **321,750** guides were printed over the 11-day run.







Quantities printed daily

Aug 12:	24,020
Aug 13:	30,974
Aug 14:	35,400
Aug 15:	33,503
Aug 16:	28,445
Aug 17:	25,916
Aug 18:	24,653
Aug 19:	27,181
Aug 20:	29,078
Aug 21:	32,870
Aug 22:	29,710

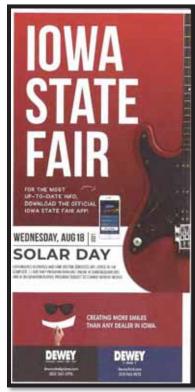


DAILY POCKET GUIDES







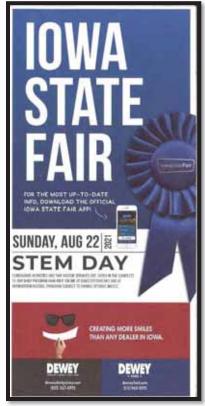


DAILY POCKET GUIDES











All five top-level sponsor slides held on screen for 7 seconds and cycled through as one of 10-15 slides 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.



















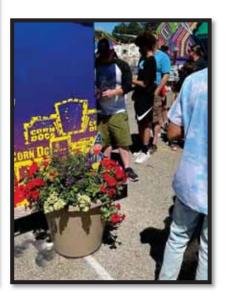






















SPONSOR RECOGNITION TOWERS

These attractive two-sided towers featured all 89 Fair sponsors and are located near Gate 11 and on the Triangle on the Grand Concourse/Rock Island Avenue corner.











SPONSOR TOWERS SIGNS



















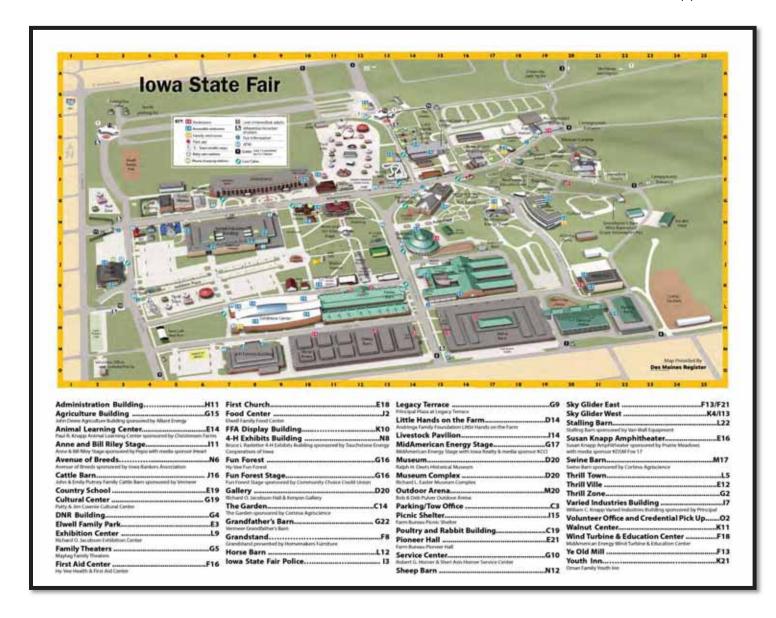




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OFFICIAL IOWA STATE FAIR MAP

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





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

Map Directory signs are posted at five gates on the Fairgrounds and include wayfinding across the Fairgrounds.



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 two 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.

The lowa State Fair hosted fewer mobile tours in 2021 due to the uncertainty caused by the global pandemic that lingered throughout the nation, Decisions and budgets had to be set by the spring of 2021, thus most tour organizers opted to wait for 2022. Thank you to these eight mobile marketers (down from 24 in 2019) who spent one or more days at the lowa State Fair this year:

American Welding Society
Budweiser Clydesdales
Diabetic Equipment and Supplies
General Mills

Iowa Department of Transportation Marsy's Law in Iowa Medigold Titan Tire – WHO Radio's The Big Show











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NOTES



We look forward to continuing our partnership at the

2022 IOWA STATE FAIR

August 11-21

See you next year!