

TO: FFA Ag Mechanics & Technology Exhibitors
FROM: FFA Entry Department



Thank you for entering the Iowa State Fair! Your exhibitor admission ticket and pre-Fair vehicle permit have been sent to your advisor.

FFA AG MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 11

Noon Entries may arrive
6:00 pm Entries must be in

Friday, August 14

8:15 am Judges' Meeting
8:30 am Exhibitor Meeting- FFA Display Building Courtyard
Following Exhibitor Meeting Judging
2:30 pm Awards Program – Youth Inn Stage
3:45 pm Parade of Exhibits (following dismissal process)

Saturday, August 15

3:30 p.m. FFA Parade of Champions - exhibitors of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are encouraged to participate

Sunday, August 23

7:00 pm Entries released

Monday, August 24

8:00 am - 3:00 pm Entries may be retrieved (optional time to Sunday, no staff will be available)

Projects are **NOT** to be delivered to the FFA Ag Mechanics & Technology Show site prior to **Noon on Tuesday, August 11th**. Projects will be accepted only from **Noon until 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11th**. Any projects not brought to the Iowa State Fairgrounds during the specified times will not be judged and will not be awarded ribbons nor premium money. Early Arrivals **MUST** be approved by the supervisor of exhibits **PRIOR** to arrival.

Tractors will unload in Lot A (North parking lot). Please enter off University Avenue at Gate 2. DO NOT drive a truck and trailer with a loaded tractor down Walnut street close to the Ag Mech Check-In. You will be sent away.

Tractors may be drive down to the Ag Mech Check-in. They must stop in the FFA Foundation Building to check in before they are able to park in the exhibitor lot.

The exhibitor must provide his/her own labor in placing and removing his/her project(s) and is responsible for loading and unloading his/her projects. **Exhibitors that bring projects which require a forklift to unload and load should make arrangements PRIOR to his/her arrival to the Fair by contacting the supervisor of exhibits.**

Please read all FFA Department and General and rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book sections online.

Some exhibits will be outside. The Iowa State Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects exhibited. This rule applies before, during and after the Iowa State Fair. **Exhibitors may rope off their projects for display during the Fair.**

A tractor parade will follow the Award Program on a route to be determined. The parade is optional and not required.

Exhibitors are required to be present to demonstrate and answer questions about their projects to be judged. FFA exhibitors not present for judging, or making prior arrangements with the supervisor, will NOT be placed and no premium money will be paid.

Exhibitors must wear their FFA State Fair t-shirt while their project(s) are being judged and for the Awards Program. Exhibitor's numbers are **NOT** required as showmanship is not considered in the Ag Mechanics division.

All projects must remain until **7:00 pm on Sunday, August 23rd**. Any projects removed prior to the release time will forfeit premium money and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year.

There will be an official check-out time at **7:00 pm on Sunday, August 23rd**. You will receive a load out pass which allows your vehicle/trailer on the grounds at load out time (may not enter the grounds before 7:00 pm on Sunday). Admission will be charged at the gate until 7:00 pm on Sunday. **NOTE: On Sunday, August 23, the Fair is open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with no on-site ticket sales and no entry/re-entry allowed after 7:00 p.m. You MUST be on the grounds by 7:00 p.m.** There is an optional load out time on Monday, August 24th from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm; however, there will not be assistance for loading projects (i.e. forklift). A load out pass is not needed for Monday and there is no admission fee.

Exhibitors picking up projects on Sunday, August 23rd are asked to park trailers in SODA Lot, the parking lot south of Dean Avenue. Tractors will be driven out Gate 8 and across Dean Avenue to be loaded. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact the FFA Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

Thank you and good luck at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!