

TO: FFA Farm Crop, Floriculture & Horticulture Exhibitors
FROM: FFA Entry Department

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Enclosed are tags for your Farm Crop and/or Floriculture and/or Horticulture entries. Please fill out the tags completely with all information before bringing your entries to the State Fair. **No extra tags will be available for purchase at check-in.**

Please read all FFA Department and General and Rules and Regulations listed in the Premium Book sections online.

Exhibitors will not be allowed in roped areas during judging. Exhibitors are expected to attend the Award Ceremony and wear their exhibitor t-shirts.

Farm Crops Exhibitors can view this video for tips and pointers on preparing exhibits for the Iowa State Fair.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AtCrpvOFsNSwlcng61uXwJLeF3dcvjwd/view?usp=sharing>

FARM CROPS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 12

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Entries may arrive

Thursday, August 13

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Entries may arrive

9:00 a.m. Entries must be in place

9:00 a.m. Judging begins

4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony (Participating FFA members are expected to attend and wear their exhibitor t-shirts.)

Friday, August 14

3:00 p.m. Entries released (All entries in **classes 1-55 and 59-62** receiving ribbon placing 1 through 3 will be required to be displayed until 7:00 p.m. release time on the last day of the Fair provided room for display exists.) **Removal of entries or ribbons placing 1st through 3rd prior to the last day can result in loss of premiums.**

3:45 p.m. Entries not receiving ribbon placing must be removed or entries will be taken care of by supervisor of exhibits. The Sunday pick up of entries must be completed between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. or the supervisor of exhibits will take charge of them.

FLORICULTURE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 13

6:30 a.m. Entries may arrive

8:45 a.m. Must be checked in

9:30 a.m. Entries must be in place

10:00 a.m. Judging begins

4:00 p.m. Award Ceremony (Participating FFA members are expected to attend and wear their exhibitor t-shirts.)

Friday, August 14

3:00 p.m. Entries released

4:30 p.m. Entries must be out or will be disposed of

Floriculture Tips:

Refrigeration will be available for arrivals on Tuesday or Wednesday. Bottles will be provided by the Iowa State Fair. NO leaves should be in water (other than gladiola blades). Please include specific varieties rather than colors, for example appropriate entries would include a yellow Tulip variety called "Strong Gold."



Scan to watch video

HORTICULTURE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 12

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Entries may arrive*

Thursday, August 13

6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Entries may arrive*

8:45 a.m. Entries must be in place

9:00 a.m. Judging begins

4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony (Participating FFA members are expected to attend and wear their exhibitor t-shirts.)

Friday, August 14

3:00 p.m. Entries released (Please have a representative of your chapter come pick up exhibits and ribbons.)

3:30 p.m. Entries must be out or will be disposed of or donated to a food bank

*Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own paper plates to display entries

Horticulture Exhibitors can view this link for tips and pointers on preparing exhibits for the Iowa State Fair.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Harvesting-and-Preparing-Vegetables-for-Exhibit>

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!