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2026 IOWA STATE FAIR PREVIEW:  
THE SPIRIT OF SUMMER STARTS HERE

Running August 13-23, the 2026 Iowa State Fair promises the traditions Iowans wait for all year and new attractions, unforgettable entertainment, new foods and a red, white and blue spotlight commemorating the United States' 250th birthday.

## IT'S FAIR SPIRIT.

It's the feeling of generations of families gathering under the Pepsi Clock. It's cheering on a blue ribbon winner you've never met in a livestock barn or inside the Elwell Family Food Center. It's watching your first concert in the Grandstand or a first-time Fairgoer standing in line for the Butter Cow. It's staying longer after sunset for the fireworks — simply because you don't want the day to end.

The Iowa State Fair is where summer memories are made. There's an energy people carry with them long after the Fair closes each year. We often say, "Nothing Compares," but in 2026, we're calling that feeling Fair Spirit.

Named as a nod to the Iowa State Fair's "Spirit of 1976" bicentennial celebration, this year's theme weaves patriotic pride throughout the Fairgrounds while honoring Iowa's agriculture, innovation, entertainment, military service and community traditions.

## STILL, THE HEART OF THE FAIR REMAINS THE SAME.

The barns will fill with early morning chatter as exhibitors prepare livestock for their version of the big game. You can smell Fair



foods you've waited all year for or maybe you are crossing the new foods off your bucket list. Listen closely and you'll hear local talent, dance groups, bands and live music. Rides, games and nightly Grandstand entertainment keep the Fair buzzing well after dark.

**WHETHER YOU GO FOR THE CONCERTS, THE COMPETITION, THE FOOD OR SIMPLY THE FEELING, THE IOWA STATE FAIR IS SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE WHO WALKS THROUGH THE GATES.**

For 11 days this summer, the Fair becomes Iowa's gathering place — where traditions are continued, memories are made and Fair Spirit comes alive.

THE  
COUNTDOWN  
IS ON

### INSIDE THIS SPECIAL FAIR PREVIEW SECTION, YOU'LL FIND:

- + Entertainment lineup
- + Top 11 things to do at the Fair
- + Ticket information
- + Can't-miss experiences
- + Helpful tips for planning your Fair day

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# FAIR INFORMATION

## ADVANCE ADMISSION TICKETS

Adults: \$11 (\$16 at the gate)  
Children (Ages 6-11): \$7 (\$10 at the gate)  
Children (Ages 5 and under): FREE  
Iowa State Fair tickets sponsored by Maverik

Three ways to purchase:  
+ Online at [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org)  
+ Iowa Hy-Vee & Fareway stores (through August 12)  
+ Iowa State Fair Ticket Office (beginning July 6)

## TICKET OFFICE

Open beginning July 6 on the Fairgrounds Administration Building porch.

Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sat., August 8: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sun., August 9: 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Gate 15 ticket windows open the weekend before the Fair.



## THRILL PARK DEALS

Advance Thrill Pass\*  
+ \$30 for 50 credits (\$20 savings)  
+ Valid daily for Thrill Town & Thrill Ville rides and games. Additional credits available for purchase. Most rides require 4-6 credits.

Advance One Day Ride Wristband\*  
+ \$40 for unlimited rides Monday-Wednesday in Thrill Town & Thrill Ville.

Advance Thrill Passes and Advance One Day Ride Wristbands available online through July 31 or at the Iowa State Fair Ticket Office through August 12.

During the Fair, Thrill Park Wristbands and credits are available at booths in Thrill Town & Thrill Ville. \$1 per credit.

\*Admission not included. Not valid in Thrill Zone. Excludes Sky Glider, Ye Old Mill & Giant Slide.

Thrill Ville presented by Travel Iowa

## Dollar Discount Days

Monday-Friday, rides and games in Thrill Town (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Thrill Ville (11 a.m.-4 p.m.) are \$1 off.

## STATE FAIR VALUE PACK

\$33 value for \$20

Includes:  
+ 1 Ye Old Mill ticket  
+ 1 Snakes Alive OR Train Exhibit ticket  
+ 1 Rock Wall OR Krazy Maze ticket  
+ 2 Giant Slide tickets  
+ 1 Sky Glider ticket  
+ 1 ticket for a cup of Barksdale's State Fair Cookies  
\*Admission to the Fair is not included.

Available online through July 31 or at the Iowa State Fair Ticket Office through August 12.

## SPECIAL DISCOUNT DAYS

+ Monday-Thursday Evenings (5-10 p.m.)  
\$12 adult admission | \$8 child admission (ages 6-11)  
+ Veterans Day presented by Hy-Vee — Monday, August 17 | \$12 admission for active/former military members and companion  
+ Older Iowans' Day presented by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield — Wednesday, August 19  
\$12 admission for Fairgoers ages 60+ with ID  
+ Sunday Funday — Sunday, August 23 |  
\$12 adult admission | \$8 child admission |  
\$9 adult admission with 3 non-perishable food donations

## FOOD TICKETS

Available in packs of 5 for \$5. Each ticket is valid for \$1 toward food or beverages on the Fairgrounds. Available only at the Iowa State Fair Ticket Office while supplies last.

## FAIR HOURS

| Date         | Grounds                                                 | Buildings       | Thrill Parks                                                                                           |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 13-22 | 8 a.m. - midnight                                       | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Thrill Ville: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.<br>Thrill Town: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.<br>Thrill Zone: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. |
| August 23    | 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.                                         | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Thrill Ville: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.<br>Thrill Town: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.<br>Thrill Zone: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.    |
| August 12-22 | No ticket sales or entry/re-entry allowed after 10 p.m. |                 |                                                                                                        |

## ON GROUNDS PARKING

Lots A, B and C, accessible from University Avenue: \$10 (cash and card accepted)

Motorcycle Parking: \$10  
Bicycle Parking (inside Gate 13): FREE  
Buses: FREE

## PARKING OPTIONS

### Free Bus Service

For 2026, the Iowa State Fair and CIT Charters will be offering a complimentary busing option from Southridge Mall.

The new CIT Transportation buses will be free for all riders. Free parking will be marked in the Southridge Mall parking lot and buses will run continuously from 8 a.m. to midnight (service to the Fair will end at 9 p.m. on Sunday, August 23).

### DART Park & Ride

Park for free at locations around the metro and ride a DART bus to the State Fair. All buses are accessible by mobility devices. Services available from 8 a.m. to midnight (service to the Fair will end at 9 p.m. on Sunday, August 23).

+ 7th & Center St. Park & Ride  
830 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309  
+ Iowa State Capitol  
Located on E 12th St., between E. Grand Ave. & E. Walnut St.

For bus tickets and more information about DART Park & Ride Services, visit [rideDART.com/fair](http://rideDART.com/fair) or contact DART Customer Service at 515.283.8100.

CIT Transportation buses and DART buses pick up and drop off at Gate 10 presented by Select Iowa Blue GMC Dealers.

## GETTING AROUND

Golf cart mini-shuttles from Lots A, B and C to inner gates operate daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A free Blue Line Parking Shuttle runs daily from 5:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. with stops including Gates 13 & 15.

Clearfield Lions shuttles run between First Church, Pioneer Hall and the campgrounds. Sponsored by Iowa Soybean Association.

Scooters and wheelchairs are available through HomeTown Mobility at Gates 8, 10, 11, 13 & 15. Call 712.938.2029 to reserve a scooter or wheelchair ahead of time.

## SAFETY

Your safety is our top priority. With over a million visitors at the Fair, we take every precaution so you can focus on making memories.

Weapons, including firearms, are prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Please allow extra time for bag checks, park entry and metal detectors. Grandstand bags and backpacks are subject to search.

For more information go to [iowastatefair.org/safety](http://iowastatefair.org/safety).

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## FAIR SPIRIT IS FOUND IN EVERY...

**1 FLAVOR**, with must-have Fair foods that capture the heart, heritage and happiness of the Iowa State Fair. The Best New Food Event will take place Tuesday, July 14 at 1 p.m. – check it out on Facebook Live for the Top 11 New Foods you can find at the 2026 Fair, plus the Red, White or Blue Food and Drinks you can try.

**2 COMPETITION**, with blue-ribbon competitions that showcase the pride and passion of Fairgoers. Check out the Iowa Arts Council art contest in the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building south hallway and the Iowa Department of Education's essay contest in the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center hallway, plus numerous contests and competitions commemorating America250.

**3 ENTERTAINMENT ACT**, with 11 days packed with over \$500,000 in nighttime shows, strolling acts and special entertainment, all FREE with your Fair admission! Plus, check out the nightly Grandstand shows; buy tickets at iowastatefair.org.

**4 SHOW RING**, with livestock shows, blue-ribbon competitions and contests and more. Watch the Big Ram and Super Bull weigh in at 7 p.m. on August 13 in the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion.

**5 EVENT**, with special moments taking place on Sensory-Friendly Mornings presented by ChildServe (August 19). Plus, check out the new Euchre Tournament on August 14 in the Oman Family Youth Inn or check out the list of VIP experiences (\$) at iowastatefair.org.

**6 CREATIVE EXPRESSION**, where Fairgoers and exhibits meet the Fairgoers. Whether it's shopping in The Marketplaces under the Grandstand, exploring artwork in the Patty and Jim Cowrie Cultural Center, purchasing Iowa-made crafts in the Walnut Center or taking in the new Legacy Sculpture in Ruan Plaza, Fairgoers will find creativity around every corner.



**7 SENSE OF COMMUNITY**, where the volunteers, staff and Fair fans' dedication fuels the Fair year-round. Thank a local community hero for their service on Red, White and Blue Day August 13 or a veteran during the Veterans Day Parade August 17.

**8 ADVENTURE**, where the rides, thrills and attractions put the "fun" in Fair fun. With over 40 rides and games in Thrill Ville and Thrill Town, check out the new Arctic Blast roller coaster in Thrill Ville, and buy your Advance Thrill Pass, One Day Ride Wristbands and State Fair Value Packs now at iowastatefair.org.

**9 LEARNING EXPERIENCE**, with demonstrations in the Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building, Cultural Center, and John Deere Agriculture Building, plus hands-on activities throughout the Fairgrounds that inspire curiosity across all ages.

**10 ACT OF GIVING**. Through the Blue Ribbon Foundation, Fairgoers have supported the grounds they love, including a \$45 million barns renovation project. The Horse Barn is the latest renovation project to be completed, with new flooring, stalling, relocated offices, remodeled and brand-new restrooms and more.

**11 BUTTERY TRADITION**. The 2026 Butter Cow companion sculpture, "Meet Me at the Pepsi Clock," will celebrate the people, celebrations and diversity that make Iowa shine. The sculpture will showcase the rich heritage and vibrant spirit that bring Iowans together.



## CELEBRATING AMERICA250 AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

- A legacy sculpture in Ruan Plaza
- "Spirit of '76 - Iowa celebrates America250!" Exhibit in the East Marketplace under the Grandstand
- 250 Years of the American Flag Display in Heritage Village
- Iowa Veterans Memorial Walkway on Expo Hill
- Official America250 Tree
- Nightly Drone Shows presented by T-Mobile, JPMorganChase and Iowa Lottery
- Iowa Air National Guard flyover
- Daily "O Say Can You See?" National Anthem from military personnel and veterans
- IAFE Education Foundation Family Art Project
- Veterans Day Parade
- Star-Spangled Fireworks Spectacular following Grandstand shows presented by JPMorganChase

Plus, we're celebrating America250 with other initiatives, including statewide student art and essay contests, a children's coloring contest, the Freedom250 Truck mobile museum, numerous special competitions and commemorative red, white and blue ribbons, rosettes and banners.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE:



## ELWELL FAMILY PARK

- Iowa State Fair PRCA Pro Rodeo (\$): Thursday, August 13 and Friday, August 14, 1 p.m.
- Short Course UTV & ATV Cup (FREE): Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m.
- Charras Performance (FREE): Sunday, August 16, Noon and 3 p.m.
- Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pulls (\$): Wednesday, August 19, Noon
- Sponsored by Titan Tire, Maker of Goodyear Farm Tires with media partner WHO-The Big Show
- Iowa's Electrical Utilities Lineman Rodeo (FREE): Friday, August 21, 8 a.m.
- Demolition Derby (\$): Saturday, August 22, Noon
- Figure 8 Races (\$): Sunday, August 23, Noon

Purchase advance discount tickets for Elwell Family Park events at iowastatefair.org, the Iowa State Fair Ticket Office beginning July 6 or by calling 800.545.3849.

## MORE FREE FAIR FUN

- Daily demonstrations by the Hot Glass Academy glass blowing and Chainsaw Carvers on Expo Hill
- Old-time demonstrations in Heritage Village and Pioneer Hall
- Strolling Acts: Hillbilly Bob, The AmirrorCAN Men, Bandaloni
- Paul Bunyan's Lumberjack Show sponsored by Mountain Valley Spring Water on The Lawn
- Shenanigans! Wild West Comedy Show near Gate 15
- Art Attack and Art Fair in the Cultural Center
- The Kitchen Demonstrations and All-Iowa Classroom events in Maytag Family Theater
- Water features in Pella Plaza
- Variety Star Playground, an inclusive playground for Fairgoers of all ages, located in Fun Forest

## KIDS' CLUB

There's no better place to be a kid than at the Iowa State Fair! Make sure your Fair plans include Blue Ribbon Kids' Club, the Fair's club for kids ages 10 and under. Members must be registered by August 1, 2026.

Sign up at:



# IOWA STATE FAIR

Iowa State Fair Grandstand presented by Iowa Lottery - Krause Group Stage

| THURSDAY, AUGUST 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                       | FRIDAY, AUGUST 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                               | SATURDAY, AUGUST 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
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| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY DAY<br>HEROES' DAY/ RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                       | FARMFLUENCERS DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                               | CHEVRON DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          |
| <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>HARDY<br>with McCoy Moore<br>8 p.m. - \$54.40-\$109.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Josh Baldwin<br>Tonic Sol-fa<br>Jake Worthington            | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Rod Stewart<br>with Richard Marx<br>8 p.m. - \$69.40-\$134.40<br>The Nadas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Montgomery Gentry ft. Eddie Montgomery<br>Tonic Sol-fa<br>The Nadas | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Red Clay Strays<br>with The Bends<br>8 p.m. - \$54.40-\$109.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Moon Taxi<br>Iowa State Fair Queen Coronation<br>Jenny Buffet  |
| <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Opening Ceremonies-Horse Barn<br>+ Iowa State Fair PRCA Pro Rodeo (\$)<br>+ Twins, Triplets and More Contests<br>+ Duck & Turkey Calling Contests<br>+ Pioneer 100 Years Celebration Day                                                                       |                                                                                       | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Iowa State Fair PRCA Pro Rodeo (\$)<br>+ Big Pumpkin Contest<br>+ Classic Car Display on the Grand Concourse<br>+ Cowgirl Queen Contest<br>+ 4-H Poultry Show<br>+ Iowa State Patrol K9 Demonstration<br>+ Youth and Junior Fiddlers' Contest<br>+ Cuddles and Snuggles Chore Time (\$)*                                   |                                                                                               | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Iowa State Fair Tumbling Competition<br>+ Fiddler, Guitar & Mandolin Contests<br>+ Governor's Charity Steer Show<br>+ 93.3 KIOA's Mullet Contest<br>+ STAR 102.5's Mr. Legs Contest<br>+ FFA Parade of Champions                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |
| <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef & Dairy Cattle<br>+ Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Swine                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                       | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef & Dairy Cattle<br>+ Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Poultry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                               | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef & Dairy Cattle<br>+ Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Poultry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |
| SUNDAY, AUGUST 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                       | MONDAY, AUGUST 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                               | TUESDAY, AUGUST 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                          |
| MAVERIK DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                       | IOWA LOTTERY DAY<br>VETERANS DAY presented by Hy-Vee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                               | DOLLAR DISCOUNT DAYS<br>MONDAY-FRIDAY DURING THE FAIR, EVERY RIDE AND GAME IS \$1 LESS UNTIL 4 P.M. IN THRILL VILLE AND THRILL TOWN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
| <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Lainey Wilson<br>with Tiggylii Gold<br>8 p.m. - SOLD OUT                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>La Sonora Dinamita<br>Tribute to the Troops<br>Jammy Buffet | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Staind<br>with Hoobastank<br>8 p.m. - \$54.40-\$89.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Hairball<br>Tribute to the Troops<br>PetRock                        | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>TLC & Salt-N-Pepa with En Vogue - IT'S ICONIC<br>8 p.m. - \$44.40-\$104.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Hairball<br>The Brits<br>Tyler Halverson                       |
| <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Fiddler and Banjo Contests<br>+ Backgammon Tournament<br>+ Spin & Koi<br>+ Farm to Fair - America's Picnic (sign up for a chance to win tickets at iowastatefair.org)<br>+ Farmer Chats<br>+ Wood Show<br>+ Learn How to Pitch Horseshoes<br>+ Micro Mini Pull |                                                                                       | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Veterans Day Parade sponsored by the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation at 11 a.m. on the Grand Concourse<br>+ Iowa State Patrol K9 Demonstration<br>+ Iowa Air National Guard flyover<br>+ Military Tribute Concert<br>+ Harmonica & Accordion Contests<br>+ Military Veterans' Band<br>+ Cuddles & Snuggles Chore Time (\$)* |                                                                                               | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Farm Bureau Cookout Contest<br>+ Iowa Auctioneers Association Bid<br>+ Barmyard Dairy Cow Yoga (\$)*<br>+ Beard Growing Contest<br>+ Timber Sports Contest<br>+ 4-H Breeding (Sheep Show)<br>+ Barmyard Dairy Cow Yoga (\$)*<br>+ Farm Bureau Members Day                                                                                                      |                                                                                          |
| <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Horses<br>+ Draft Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Mini Horses<br>+ Poultry                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                       | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Horses<br>+ Draft Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Mini Horses<br>+ Poultry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                               | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Horses<br>+ Draft Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Mini Horses<br>+ Society Horses<br>+ Poultry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                       | THURSDAY, AUGUST 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               | FRIDAY, AUGUST 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                          |
| SOLAR DAY<br>OLDER IOWANS' DAY Presented By Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                       | IOWA CREDIT UNION DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                               | IOWA CORN DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                          |
| <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>AJR<br>with Em Behlhold<br>8 p.m. - \$54.40-\$94.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Asleep at the Wheel<br>The Brits<br>Cort Ford               | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Riley Green with MacKenzie Carpenter<br>8 p.m. - \$54.40-\$109.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>The Sugarhill Gang<br>Dirty Rotten Scoundrels<br>Slaughter          | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Alabama<br>with Exile<br>8 p.m. - \$31.40-\$81.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Eli Young Band<br>Ron Diamond, Hypnotist<br>Not Quite Brothers |
| <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ BINGO sponsored by AARP Iowa<br>+ Central Iowa Tractor Club Display<br>+ Scholastic and Speed Chess<br>+ Stock Dog Trials<br>+ Older Iowans' Cookie Decorating<br>+ Barmyard Goat Yoga for Pedal Tractor Pulls                                                 |                                                                                       | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ BINGO sponsored by AARP Iowa<br>+ Iowa Parks and Recreation Display<br>+ Mario Kart Time Trials<br>+ Kids' Cookie Decorating<br>+ Singing, Yodeling & Whistling Contests<br>+ Fair After Dark - Hot Bar and Kahoot! at the Bubbly Bar (\$)*                                                                                |                                                                                               | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Adaptive Sports<br>+ ISU Marching Band parade<br>+ Youth Checkers Tournament<br>+ Decorated Diaper & Diaper Derby Contest<br>+ Mom, Husband and Hog Calling Contests<br>+ Children's Joke Telling<br>+ Largest Rabbit Contest                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          |
| <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Society Horses<br>+ Meat Goats<br>+ Stock Dog Trials<br>+ Swine                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                       | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Society Horses<br>+ Meat Goats<br>+ Dairy Goats<br>+ Swine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                               | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Society Horses<br>+ Meat Goats<br>+ Dairy Goats<br>+ Swine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |
| SATURDAY, AUGUST 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                       | SUNDAY, AUGUST 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                               | <b>GET YOUR TICKETS</b><br>+ ADVANCE ADMISSION TICKETS<br>Iowa State Fair Tickets sponsored by Maverik<br>+ GRANDSTAND<br>+ ELWELL FAMILY PARK<br>+ VIP EXPERIENCES<br>+ THRILL PARKS DEALS<br>+ ATTRACTIONS<br>+ BARKSDALE'S STATE FAIR COOKIES<br><small>Tickets include facility fees charged on all tickets. Pricing varies due to Dix service fees for online and phone orders.</small> |                                                                                          |
| CHRISTENSEN FARMS DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                       | SUNDAY FUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>BigXthaPlug<br>with XOLEX<br>8 p.m. - \$29.40-\$69.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Chancey Williams<br>Ron Diamond, Hypnotist<br>Jason Brown   | <b>GRANDSTAND</b><br>Josiah Queen<br>with Ben Fuller<br>8 p.m. - \$19.40-\$59.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>FREE STAGE ACTS</b><br>Aaron Watson<br>Ron Diamond, Hypnotist<br>Dwayne Gretzky            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Adult Checkers Tournament (\$)*<br>+ IFAA Sale of Champions<br>+ Horse Pulling<br>+ Bench Press Contest<br>+ Cuddles and Snuggles Chore Time (\$)*<br>+ Fair After Dark - Adults ONLY Night at the Animal Learning Center (\$)*                                |                                                                                       | <b>EVENTS/HIGHLIGHTS</b><br>+ Supreme Six-Horse Hitch<br>+ Cornhole Tournament (\$)<br>+ Ag. Building Plant Sale<br>+ Food Bank of Iowa on the Grand Concourse<br>+ Bill Riley Talent Search Finals<br>+ Mother/Daughter Look Alike Contest<br>+ Cribbage Tournament (\$)<br>+ Barmyard Bunny Yoga (\$)*<br>+ Woodcarvers Auction                        |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Draft Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Meat Goats<br>+ Rabbits<br>+ Swine                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                       | <b>LIVESTOCK IN THE BARN</b><br>+ Beef Cattle<br>+ Draft Horses<br>+ Sheep<br>+ Boer Goats<br>+ Rabbits<br>+ Swine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |
| Free entertainment with your Fair admission!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                       | * Pre-Registration Required (S) Tickets Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                               | <b>SCAN HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS</b><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                          |

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Please consult the Official Daily Program, distributed in the Sunday, August 9 Des Moines Register, download the Official Iowa State Fair app or visit iowastatefair.org for specific times and locations.

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