



Honoring Our Past Showing Our Future



Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair
July 18-24, 2026 | Iowa State Fairgrounds



Sunday, June 7

4:00 PM County Fair Shooting Sports Contest (*Izaak Walton*)

Saturday, June 20

8:00 AM Fair Royalty Interviews (*Polk County Extension Office*)

Saturday, July 11

8:00 AM Clothing Event Judging (*Polk County Extension Office*)

Friday, July 17

4:00-7:00 PM Club Booth Set-up
Livestock Barns **CLOSED until 5 pm** due to insecticide application
5:00-8:00 PM Stall Assignments posted- tack may be moved in

Saturday, July 18

8:00 AM- 4:00 PM Horse arrive
8:00 AM Advanced Cattle Feeder Arrival
8:30 AM-3:00 PM 4-H & FFA Conference Judging (*4-H Building*)
9:00 AM Advanced Cattle Feeder Weigh/Scan (*Sheep Barn*)
9:00 AM-12:00 PM Open Class Entries (*4-H Building*)
12:00 PM Open Class Judging (*4-H Building*)
3:00 PM 4-H Building Closed
3:00 PM Cat Show (*Jacobson Arena, Southwest Corner*)
4:00 PM Horse Check-in, Exhibitor Meeting to Follow
4:00-7:00 PM Poultry Arrival
4:00-7:00 PM Sheep and Goat Arrive- All Must Vet Check in Rock Island Parking lot
4:00-7:00 PM Sheep Weigh-in
4:00-7:00 PM Goat Weigh-in
7:00 PM Anything goes (*Jacobson Arena*)

Sunday, July 19

5:00 AM-7:00 PM Cattle arrival
5:30 AM-8:30 AM Swine Arrive- All Must Vet Check in Rock Island Parking lot
6:00 AM-8:00 AM Broiler & Turkey Arrival
8:30 AM Clover Dash 5K (*Near 4-H Building*)
9:00 AM Swine Weigh-in
9:30 AM Pedal Tractor Pull (*Sheep Barn*)
11:00 AM-12:30 PM County Fair Barbecue- Free will donation (*4-H Building*)
12:00 PM Clover Kid Graduation (*4-H Building*)
12:30 PM Polk County Fair Royalty Coronation (*4-H Building*)
1:00 PM Livestock Scans
2:00 PM Open Class Poultry (*Sheep Barn*)
3:00 PM Horse Show- Halter, Showmanship, and Trail (*Jacobson Arena*)
2:00-5:00 PM Rabbit Arrival
3:00 PM Market Poultry Show (*Sheep Barn*)
4:00 PM Bill Riley Talent Search (*4-H Building*)
7:00 PM Cattle Weigh-in (*Sheep Barn*)
7:00 PM Sheep & Meat Goat Fitting Contest (*Sheep Barn*)
8:00 PM 4-H Building Closed
9:00 PM Set-up Dog Show in Jacobson

Monday, July 20

8:00 AM Dog Show (*Jacobson Arena*)
8:00 AM Rabbit Showmanship (*Sheep Barn*)
8:00 AM Dairy Goat Show (*Sheep Barn Show ring*)
9:00 AM Communication Event (*4-H Building*)
10:00 AM Cattle Fitting Contest (*Sheep Barn*)
10:00 AM Open Class Dairy Goat Show (*Sheep Barn Show ring*)
10:00 AM Open Rabbit and Cavy Show (*Sheep Barn*)
10:30 AM Rabbit/Cavy Show (*Sheep Barn*)
11:00 AM Open Sheep Show (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
1:00 PM Horse Show (*Jacobson Arena*)
1:00 PM Breeding/Market Sheep Show (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
6:00 PM Polk County Cattleman Cook-out
Watermelon feed Sponsored by Aaron & Mandy Johnson
6:30 PM Lead line & Horse Fun Show (*Jacobson Arena*)
7:00-10:00 PM Teen Dance
8:00 PM 4-H Building Closed

Tuesday, July 21

7:00-10:00 AM County Council Pancake Breakfast (*4-H Building*)
8:00 AM Swine Show (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
9:00 AM Horse Show (*Jacobson Arena*)
3:00 PM Open Class Swine Show (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
3:00 PM Breeding Poultry Show (*Sheep Barn*)
4:45 PM Shooting Sport Recognition (*4-H Building*)
5:00 PM Fashion Show (*4-H Building*)
5-9:00 PM FOOD TRUCK- Snappy's Barbeque (*West of Jacobson*)
6:00 PM Goat Costume Class (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
6:00 PM Share the Fun (*4-H Building*)
7:00 PM The Schmidt Brothers Band (*Westside of Jacobson Building*)
8:00 PM 4-H Building Closed

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 AM Open Meat Goat Show (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
9:00 AM Meat Goat Show (*Sheep Barn Show Ring*)
9:00 AM Horse Show Games (*Jacobson Arena*)
10:30 AM Advanced Cattle Feeders Interviews (*Sheep Barn*)
11:30 AM Advanced Cattle Feeders (*Sheep Barn*)
12:30 PM Set-up Cattle Ring in Jacobson
1:00 PM Open Class Bucket/Bottle Calf Show (*Jacobson Arena*)
3:00 PM Cattle Show (*Jacobson Arena*)
7:00 PM Movie Night (13 years-12th grade) (*4-H Building*)
8:00 PM 4-H Building Closed

Thursday, July 23

8:30 AM Livestock Skill-A-Thon (*Sheep Barn Show ring*)
11:00 AM Horse Awards (*Warm-up Arena*)
1:00 PM Bacon Buddies (*Jacobson Arena*)
1:45 PM Skill-a-Thon Results (*Jacobson Arena*)
2:00 PM Supreme showmanship or following Bacon Buddies (*Jacobson*)
3:00 PM Release of Advanced Cattle Feeders
4:00-5:00 PM Release of all Conference Exhibits
5:00 PM 4-H Building Closed
5:00 PM Release of Poultry and Rabbits
5:00 PM Release of all Livestock Exhibits & Tack

Friday, July 24

11:00 AM Auction Meal
12:00 PM Livestock Auction- Auction order:
Goat, Swine, Beef, Poultry & Sheep

4-H Exhibit Building Hours

Friday, July 17 | 4:00 pm -7:00 pm
Saturday, July 18 | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday, July 19 | 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Monday, July 19 | 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, July 20 | 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, July 21 | 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday, July 21 | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm