

Monroe County Fair Complete Schedule

TIME	TIME	2026 EVENT LINE UP	LOCATION
PRE FAIR SATURDAY JULY 25th			
8:00 a.m.		Fair Clean Up - We Need Everyone!!!	Fairgrounds
PRE FAIR MONDAY JULY 27th			
9:00 a.m.		Dog Show	Fairgrounds
2:00 p.m.		Clothing & Communications Judging	Exhibit Building
7:00p.m.		Opening Ceremony Event/Fair Queen & King Crowning	Exhibit Building
PRE FAIR TUESDAY JULY 28th			
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	FFA Exhibit Check In	Exhibit Building
WEDNESDAY JULY 29th			
8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Swine Weigh - In	Swine Barn
10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Rabbit & Poultry Check In	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Horse Check In (Trailers Enter West Gate)	Horse Barn
6:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Supper Sponsored by Monroe County Cattlemen	Food Stand
5:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Bucket of Junk Challenge Project Entries	Exhibit Building
5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In (Trailers Enter East Gate)	Swine Barn
5:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Clover Kids Bottle Lamb & Goat Check In (Trailers Enter East Gate)	Swine Barn
6:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Beef (Trailers Enter West gate)	Scale Area
6:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Clover Kids & 4-H Bucket Bottle Beef Check In (Trailers Enter West Gate)	Scale Area
THURSDAY JULY 30th			
LAMB & GOAT PRODUCERS DAY!			
7:00a.m.	9:00a.m.	FREE Breakfast by Hy-Vee / Albia	Food Stand
8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	All Open Class Exhibit Entry Event	Activity Building
8:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	4-H & Clover Kids Exhibit Project Judging Begins <i>Sheep, Goat & Beef Ultrasound/Carcass Exhibitors Judge First</i>	Exhibit Building
9:00 a.m.		Beef Ultrasound Evaluation	Beef Carcass Barn
9:00 a.m.		Live Carcass Beef Judging	Beef Carcass Barn
12:30 p.m.		All Open Class Judging/Building Closed	Activity Building
1:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Ottumwa Radio Live Event	Fair Board Office
1:30 p.m.		Exhibit Building Closes/State Fair Selection	Exhibit Building
3:00 p.m.		Beef Carcass Meat Cut Educational Event	Exhibit Building
4:00 p.m.		Sheep/Goat Show Bottle Entries begin Show	Showring
6:00 p.m.		Beer Garden Open	Grandstands North Side
3:00 p.m.		Open Pullers Event Begins	Grandstands
5:00 p.m.		Registration Pedal Tractor Pull Event	Fair Board Office
5:30 p.m.		Pedal Tractor Pull Event	Grandstand North Side
6:30 p.m.		Midwest Pullers Association Event	Grandstands
8:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Punching Pandas Live Music Performance	Grandstand/North Side
FRIDAY JULY 31st			
PORK PRODUCERS DAY!			
7:00a.m.	9:00a.m.	FREE Breakfast by Quality Ag	Food Stand
8:00 a.m.		Swine Show	Showring
10:00 a.m.		Cookie Stacking Contest	Exhibit Building Stage
2:00 p.m.		Poultry/Rabbit/Cat/Cavy Show	Showring
4:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	KIDZ ZONE OPEN <i>Inflatables and More Added Daily!!!</i>	Carnival Area
5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	<i>Baby Contest Registration</i>	Exhibit Building
5:00 p.m.		Hot Dog Eating Contest	Grandstand/North Side
5:30 p.m.		Baby Contest	Exhibit Building
6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Mutton Bustin Registration	Showring
6:00p.m.		Beer Garden Open	Grandstand/North Side
6:30 p.m.		Buckaroo Family Bash	Showring
7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Fine Line Bluegrass Performance	Exhibit Building
8:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Cory Waller and The Wicked Things Live Music Performance	Grandstand/North Side

SATURDAY AUGUST 1st**BEEF PRODUCERS DAY!**

7:00a.m.	9:00a.m.	FREE Breakfast by Smith Fertilizer & Grain	Food Stand
8:30 a.m.		Unhalted Cow/Calf Class Judging	Stalling Area
9:00 a.m.		Beef Show	Showring
10:00 a.m.		Fun with Agriculture Scavenger Hunt	Fair Board Office
12:00 p.m.		Monroe County Farm Bureau Ice Cream Fun Feed	Showring Area
3:00 p.m.		2026 Governor's Charity Show Announcement	Showring
3:00 p.m.		Dog Exhibitor Recognition Event	Showring
3:00 p.m.		Monroe County Cattlemen Presentation	Showring
3:00 p.m.		South Central Iowa Showdown Parade of Champions	Showring
4:00 p.m.		Bucket Calf/Bucket Calf +1 Judging & Show	Showring
4:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	KIDZ ZONE OPEN	Carnival Area
		<i>Inflatables and More Added Daily!!!</i>	
5:00 p.m.		Husband Calling Contest	Grandstand/North Side
5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	KIIC Live Party Box Event	Grandstand/North Side
6:00 p.m.		Beer Garden Open	Grandstand/North Side
6:00 p.m.		Clothing & Communications Event & Awards Show	Exhibit Building
7:00 p.m.		Demolition Derby	Grandstand/All Open
9:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Live Music Event / One Eye Open	Grandstand/North Side

SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

7:00a.m.	9:00a.m.	FREE Breakfast Falvey Lumber	Food Stand
8:30 a.m.		Horse Show	Horse Arena
9:00 a.m.		Worship Service led by Rev John Sowers, First Christian Church	Exhibit Building
10:00 a.m.		4-H Clover Kids Bottle Lamb & Goat Show	Showring
		4-H Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Calf Show	Showring
1:30 p.m.		Open Pet Show Registration	Showring
2:00 p.m.		Open Pet Show	Showring
2:00 p.m.		Beer Garden Open	Grandstands/North Side
2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Registration for Bags Tournament	Fair Board Office
3:00 p.m.		Bags Tournament	Grandstands/North Side
3:00 p.m.		Fun with Agriculture Scavenger Hunt	Fair Board Office
4:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	KIDZ ZONE OPEN	Carnival Area
		<i>Inflatables and More Added Daily!!!</i>	
4:00 p.m.		Registration for Little Prince & Princess Contest	Exhibit Building
5:00 p.m.		Little Prince & Princess Contest	Exhibit Building
5:00 p.m.		Beef Dinner for Meat Cut Educational Exhibitors	Fair Board Office
5:00 p.m.		South Central Iowa Showdown Watch Party Event	Fair Board Office
6:30 p.m.		Bill Riley Talent Search Contest	Exhibit Building
7:00 p.m.		Joke Telling Contest	Grandstands/North Side
8:00 p.m.		Release of Open Class Exhibits	Activity Building
8:00 p.m.		Release of 4-H, Clover Kids & FFA Exhibits-Exhibit Bldg	Exhibit Building

MONDAY AUGUST 3rd

7:00a.m.	9:00a.m.	FREE Breakfast sponsored by Agriland FS Moravia	Food Stand
6:00 a.m.		Fairgrounds Clean-Up- WE NEED EVERYONE!	
8:00 a.m.		Remove all Livestock Not Being Sold in Auction	
		Pending Clean Up is Approved by Fair Board President	
4:00 p.m.		4-H & FFA Livestock Exhibits Premium Payout	Fair Board Office
4:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Appreciation Dinner/ Free to the Public	Exhibit Building
5:00 p.m.		Livestock Auction	Showring