

# 2023 BLUE EARTH COUNTY FAIR 4-H SCHEDULE

*The schedule is subject to change.*

## Pre-Fair Events

### Saturday, July 15

- 9 a.m. Fair Set Up - 4-H Exhibit Hall, 4-H Foodstand, Barns, and Judging Arena  
***Each exhibitor is expected to help with either set up or clean up in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Foodstand. Talk to your club leader for your assigned time.***  
***ALL Livestock Exhibitors are expected to help with barn set up and barn cleanup.***
- 12 p.m. Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

**Sign up for Food Stand Shifts for the Fair Here: [z.umn.edu/BEFoodstand](https://z.umn.edu/BEFoodstand)**

### Tuesday July 18

- 2:00-7:00 p.m. **4-H General Project Exhibits**  
**4-H General Project Entry and Judging**, Blue Earth County Fairgrounds 4-H Exhibit Hall
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall closed until Thursday

### Wednesday, July 19 **4-H Exhibit Hall Closed except for Animal ID needs**

- 12-7 p.m. Stalling for all animals (see check in times for each species below)
- 4-7 p.m. Rabbit Entry & ID Check - Rabbit Barn  
*Sign up to Volunteer throughout the fair in the rabbit barn [z.umn.edu/BEbunnybarn](https://z.umn.edu/BEbunnybarn)*
- 4-7 p.m. Animal Science Interviews in Judging Arena**  
*Sign Up Here [z.umn.edu/BEanimalinterviews](https://z.umn.edu/BEanimalinterviews)*
- 4-5:30 p.m. Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Weigh-In and ID Check - Swine Barn
- 5-7 p.m. Beef and Dairy Weigh-In and ID Check - Beef Barn
- 5-7 p.m. Poultry ID Check - Poultry Barn
- 5:30-7 p.m. Sheep and remaining goat Weigh-In and ID Check - Sheep Barn
- 5:30 p.m. Rabbit Showmanship Showdown Contest - Rabbit Barn
- 6:30-7 p.m. Horse Verification - Horse Barn
- 7 p.m. Horse Exhibitor and Parent Meeting - Horse Barn
- At ID Check, exhibitors must declare which animals they will exhibit and final class selections.**

## Blue Earth County Fair OPENS!

### Thursday, July 20 **4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public 10 a.m.-9 p.m.**

- 8 a.m. **4-H Poultry Show**, Judging Arena
- 1 p.m. **4-H Lamb Lead and Sheep Show**, Judging Arena
- 4 p.m. **4-H Dairy Goat Show followed by Meat Goat Show**, Judging Arena
- 4:30-6:30 PM **General Project Premiums Given Out by Fairboard**, Table outside Fairboard Office  
*Make plans to stop by the fairboard office to pick up premium money for general projects. Robin Tietz will be handing out the cash prizes. (This is a strict pick up time for general project premiums, livestock premiums will still be mailed after the fair.)*
- 6:00 PM **Extension Farm Family Recognition & Award Plaques given out to Static/General Projects**  
**Ag Olympics Contest**, Judging Arena  
*(Sign up sheet [z.umn.edu/AgOlympics](https://z.umn.edu/AgOlympics))*

### Friday, July 21 **4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public 10 a.m.-9 p.m.**

- 8 a.m. **4-H Rabbit Show**, Rabbit Barn
- 8:30 a.m. **4-H Beef Show**, Judging Arena
- 10:30 a.m. **4-H Dairy Show**, Judging Arena
- 1 p.m. **4-H Demonstrations - General and Livestock**, 4-H Exhibit Hall
- 3 p.m. **4-H Swine Show**, Judging Arena
- 3:30 p.m. **Fashion Revue Interviews**, 4-H Exhibit Hall
- 5 p.m. **Share-the-Fun and Performing Arts Exhibition followed by Fashion Revue**, Free Stage
- 6 p.m. **Minnesota State Fair trip selection due**, 4-H Exhibit Hall  
All State Fair trips must be accepted or declined and **registration paperwork picked up by this time**.  
Trips not committed will go to alternates.
- 7 p.m.-11p.m. **Teen Dance Hosted by the Blue Earth County Fairboard**, Entertainment Stage Area

**Saturday, July 22**      **4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public**      **10 a.m.-9 p.m.**

- 8:00 a.m.      Horse Verification for trailered horses  
8:30 a.m.      **4-H Horse Show**, Horse Arena  
Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show paperwork will be immediately after the horse show is complete  
12 p.m.      Premier Showmanship participation deadline, 4-H Exhibit Hall  
12 p.m.      **4-H Pet & Cat Show**, Judging Arena  
2:30 p.m.      **Chicken BBQ Contest**, outside 4-H Exhibit Hall  
*Kathy Severns and Chris Hawkins will be leading this event.*

**Sunday, July 23**      **4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public**      **10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

- 9-11 a.m.      Staff Table: Questions about filling out **State Fair Registration Paperwork**, 4-H Exhibit Hall  
**State Fair Registration Paperwork is due at 11:00 AM**  
10:30 a.m.      Mandatory Meeting for Premier Showmanship participants  
11 a.m.      **4-H Premier Showmanship**, Judging Arena  
3 p.m.      Tri-County Fair paperwork due, 4-H Exhibit Hall  
3-4 p.m.      **Rabbit and Poultry Released**  
4-5 p.m.      **General Project Exhibits Released** and cleaning of 4-H Building and 4-H Foodstand  
If you cannot pick up your projects during this time frame, please arrange for someone else to come.  
***Each exhibitor is expected to help with either set up or clean up in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Foodstand. Talk to your club leader for your assigned time.***  
***Campers cannot pull their campers out of the camping site until 5 PM***  
4:30 p.m.      **All remaining animals released** - Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine  
***ALL Livestock Exhibitors are expected to help with barn set up and barn cleanup.***  
6 p.m.      **Cleaning of 4-H Exhibit Hall, Foodstand, and Barns to be completed**  
*If you finish in your area early, please ask what else can be done before you leave. We appreciate Everyone's help making sure all of the buildings are clean before leaving the fair!*

## Post-Fair events

### **State Fair Exhibitor Meeting, Blue Earth County Historic Courthouse: Wednesday July 26th**

Envelopes given out: Gate Passes, Meal Tickets, Logistics for transportation discussed

\*If you cannot make it to this meeting, please pick up your materials from our office.

\*If you have any projects you can bring them to our office for us to transport to the State Fair.

### **4-H Dog Show: Nicollet County Fairgrounds: Saturday, August 5th**

### **Tri-County Livestock Fair and Ribbon Auction: Wednesday, Aug. 16**

9:00 a.m. Show, Caledonia Curling Club in Mankato

6:00 p.m. Ribbon Auction, Caledonia Curling Club in Mankato

### **Minnesota State Fair: Aug. 23-Sept. 4, 2023**

- Livestock Weekend: Aug. 23-27 (Wed.-Sun.)
- General Encampment (Blue Earth County's assignment): Sept. 2-4 (Sat.-Mon.) *Subject to change based on MN 4-H Schedules*
- General state fair exhibits must be brought to the Extension office by Wednesday, Aug. 16 by 5 p.m. Large exhibits may need to be transported to the state fair by the exhibitor.

**Minnesota 4-H Horse Show, September 15-18**, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

**Minnesota 4-H Dog Show, September 23rd-24th** Minnesota State Fairgrounds