

2026 4-H/FFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Subject to change

Thursday, July 9th		
Time	Event	Location
4:00pm – 8:00pm	Project Interviews: Horse, Livestock/Small Animal, Dog/Cat	Exhibit Building #4
Friday, July 10th		
8:00am – 10:00am	Horse: Check-In, bit check, warm up	Anderson Arena
10:00am – 12:00pm	Horse Show: Jumping & Dressage	Anderson Arena
12:30pm	Horse Projects <u>Mandatory</u> Exhibitor/Judges Meeting	Grandstands
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Horse Shows: English Horsemanship, Driving, English Horsemanship, & English Colt to Maturity/Green Horse	Anderson Arena
6:00pm	Horse: "Check-In and Chill Out" ice cream social	Anderson Arena
4:00pm – 8:00 pm	Project Interviews: Horse, Livestock/Small Animal, Dog/Cat	Exhibit Building #4
Saturday, July 11th		
7:30am	Horse: Check-In, bit check, warm up	Anderson Arena
8:00am	Horse Projects <u>Mandatory</u> Exhibitor/Judges Meeting	Grandstands
8:30am – 5:00pm	Horse Shows: Showmanship, Bareback, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Western Colt to Maturity/Green Horse, Trail	Anderson Arena
Sunday, July 12th		
8:00am	Horse: Check-In, bit check, warm up	Anderson Arena
9:00am	Cowboy Church (optional)	Grandstands
9:30am	Horse Projects <u>Mandatory</u> Exhibitor/Judges Meeting	Grandstands
10:00am – 2:00pm	Horse Shows: Working Ranch Horse - Knowledge, Trail, Roping, Sorting, Ranch Riding/Working Cow Horse Pattern	Anderson Arena
12:00pm – 5:00pm	ALL Indoor Exhibits Check-in - Indoor Project Interviews & Exhibit Judging	Exhibit Building #4
12:00pm	1 st Year Swine Member Tour	Swine Barn
2:00pm	Horse Games (following Working Ranch Horse Show)	Anderson Arena
6:00pm	Horse Awards	AgWest Tent
8:00pm	Horse: Check-Out & Barn Clean Up	Horse Barns
Monday, July 13th		
8:30am	Set up Dog Show equipment	AgWest Tent
9:00am – 12:00pm	Swine Check-In and Vet Checks	Swine Barn
10:00am – 4:00pm	Dog Shows: Obedience & Agility	AgWest Tent
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Set up 4-H Club Displays	Exhibit Building #3
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Cat Vet Check	Exhibit Building #3
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Cat Showmanship	Exhibit Building #3
4:00 – 6:00pm	Rabbit Check-in	Indoor Arena
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Goat (Dairy & Market) Check-In & Ultrasound	Indoor Arena
5:00pm	Swine Project <u>Mandatory</u> Meeting	AgWest Tent
5:30pm – TBD	Poultry Check-in & Vet Check	Poultry Barn
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Sheep Check-in & Ultrasound	Indoor Arena
6:00pm	Dairy & Market Goat <u>Mandatory</u> Meeting	Indoor Arena
9:00pm	Livestock Areas Close for the night	All Barns
Tuesday, July 14th		
8:00am	Sheep Project <u>Mandatory</u> Meeting	Treasure State Tent
8:00am – 12:00pm	Set up 4-H Club Displays	Exhibit Building #3
8:00am – 12:30pm	Beef Check-In, Ultrasound & Vet Check	AgWest Tent

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8:00am – 8:00pm	Dairy Cattle Open Check-In	Livestock Barn West
9:00am – 11:00am	Rabbit Showmanship	Small Animal Tent
9:00am – 3:00pm	Swine Weigh-in & Ultrasound	Swine Barn
12:00pm	Market Poultry Weigh-in	Poultry Barn
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Indoor Building Closed for 4-H Club Display Judging	Exhibit Building #3
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Rabbit Breed Show	Small Animal Tent
3:00pm	Rabbit Market Pictures	Indoor Arena
3:00pm	Beef Market Pictures	Beef Barn
4:00pm – TBD	Poultry Showmanship – Junior & Senior Levels ONLY	Small Animal Tent
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Swine Breeding Show	AgWest Tent
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Sheep Market Show	AgWest Tent
6:30pm	Beef Project <u>Mandatory</u> Meeting & Test	Beef Barn
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Sheep Market Pictures	Indoor Arena
9:00pm	Livestock Areas Close for the night	All Barns
Wednesday, July 15th		
8:00am – 12:00pm	Dairy Goat Show	Small Animal Tent
8:00am – 12:30pm	Swine Market Show	AgWest Tent
10:00am	Dairy Cattle must be in place	Livestock Barn West
10:30am	Gates locked – no vehicles on the Fairgrounds	
11:00am	Indoor Exhibits & 4-H Promotional Booth Open	Exhibit Building #3
11:00am	Indoor Projects Silent Auction Bidding Opens	Exhibit Building #3
12:30pm – 8:00pm	Poultry Breed Show (cage judging)	Poultry Barn
1:30pm – 6:30pm	Beef Market Show	AgWest Tent
3:00pm – TBD	Poultry Showmanship – Cloverbud & Novice Levels ONLY	Small Animal Tent
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Market Goat Show & Showmanship	AgWest Tent
8:00pm	Market Goat Pictures	Indoor Arena
8:00pm	All Market Sale Animals MUST be declared	4-H Office
9:00pm	Livestock Areas Close to Public	All Barns
Thursday, July 16th		
8:00am – 9:30am	Sheep Showmanship & Breeding Show	AgWest Tent
10:00am – 12:30pm	Swine Showmanship	AgWest Tent
10:30am	Gates locked – no vehicles on the Fairgrounds	
11:00am	Indoor Exhibits & 4-H Promotional Booth Open	Exhibit Building #3
1:00pm – 2:30pm	*NEW - Livestock Judging Contest	AgWest Tent
3:00pm	Market Poultry Pictures	Poultry Barn
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Pack Goat Show & Goat Costume Contest	AgWest Tent
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Beef Breeding Show	AgWest Tent
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Beef Showmanship	AgWest Tent
8:00pm	Set up Market Sale Tech Equipment	Sale Pavilion
9:00pm	Livestock Areas Close to Public	All Barns
Friday, July 17th		
8:00am	Round Robin Packets distributed	Sale Clerk Tent
8:30am – 11:00am	Dairy Cattle Breed Show & Showmanship	AgWest Tent
10:30am	Gates locked – no vehicles on the Fairgrounds	
11:00am	Indoor Exhibits & 4-H Promotional Booth Open	Exhibit Building #3

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12:00pm	Set up Market Sale Seating/Staging	AgWest Tent
2:00pm – 6:00pm	4-H/FFA & Market Sale Buyers Check-in	Sale Clerk Tent
3:00pm – 6:00pm	4-H/FFA Market Sale Buyers BBQ Served	Small Animal Tent
3:45pm	4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners Presented	AgWest Tent
4:00pm – 12:00am	4-H & FFA Livestock Market Sale	AgWest Tent
11:00pm	Livestock Areas Close to Public	All Barns
Saturday, July 18th		
8:00am	Horses arrive back on Fairgrounds	Anderson Arena
8:30am	Set up for Round Robin	Tents & Barns
9:00am – 10:00am	Rabbit Jumping & Racing Contest, - Rabbit Awards to follow	Small Animal Tent
10:00am	Sheep Project Awards	AgWest Tent
10:30am	Goat Project Awards	AgWest Tent
10:30am	Gates locked – no vehicles on the Fairgrounds	
11:00am	Indoor Exhibits & 4-H Promotional Booth Open	Exhibit Building #3
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Round Robin Showmanship Competition	Tents & Barns
2:00pm	Graduating Senior Recognition Ceremony, Herdsmanship Awards & Round Robin Awards	AgWest Tent
3:00pm	Pastries & Pictures – <u>ALL</u> exhibitors for group photo	AgWest Tent
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Poultry Project Awards	AgWest Tent
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Swine Project Awards	AgWest Tent
5:30pm – 5:45pm	Beef Project Awards	AgWest Tent
6:00pm – 8:30pm	4-H Family Fun Night Dance - Swing & Line Dancing led by 4-H Teen Leaders	AgWest Tent
9:00pm	Livestock Areas Close to Public	All Barns
Sunday, July 19th		
6:00am – 6:00pm	4-H/FFA Livestock Areas CLOSED to the public	Check-out times TBD per species
10:30am	Gates locked – no vehicles on the Fairgrounds	
11:00am	Indoor Exhibits & 4-H Promotional Booth Open	Exhibit Building #3
6:00pm	Indoor Project Silent Auction Bidding CLOSES	Exhibit Building #3
6:00pm	Indoor Project Pick-Up	Exhibit Building #3
Monday, July 20th		
10:00am – 12:00pm	Indoor Project Pick-Up & Club Booth Tear-Down	Exhibit Building #3

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR LIVESTOCK

The **4-H/FFA Livestock Areas** will be **closed to the public** on the **last Sunday (07/19)** of the 2026 Big Sky Country State Fair. Trucks, semis and trailers will be moving through the livestock areas throughout the day, so to ensure the **safety** and **wellbeing** of the general public, exhibitors, and animals, the areas will be closed off from the rest of the Fair.

For the mutual benefit of the Fairgrounds and 4-H/FFA exhibitors, Sunday will now become a processor load-out and barn clean-up day. 4-H/FFA market animals that are sold through the Market Livestock Sale are terminal projects intended for meat consumption. At the request of the meat processors, animals are to be transported to their final destinations beginning Sunday morning. All other 4-H/FFA animals will be released from Fair intermittently throughout Sunday at the discretion of each species.

Exhibitors are **still required** to be at the Fairgrounds for this day, as they are expected to care for their animals until release, help clean barns and assist species committees.

4-H/FFA families with reserved RV camping spots will be permitted to move **onto** the Fairgrounds beginning on Saturday, July 11th. All RVs must be in place **no later than** Monday, July 13th at 6pm. RVs will be allowed to **leave** the grounds at any time starting Sunday, July 19th with attention to livestock transport trailers and load-out schedules.