



August 5 - 8, 2026

ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RULES MAY HAVE CHANGED. PLEASE REVIEW CATEGORIES

TBD – Fair Set up

July 26th, 2026 (Sunday)

9:00 AM Queens Contest – Interviews & Speeches will take place at the Extension Office, riding portion to follow at the Union County Fair Grounds Rodeo Arena

August 5, 2026 (Wednesday)

6:00 AM Fair Barn Open

8:00 AM **ALL** Livestock and Horse in place

8:15 AM Weigh & Classify Livestock

*Cattle will start followed by swine/sheep/goats

*Weigh & Scan Production Steers immediately following weigh in of all other livestock

8 AM to 10 AM Check in – Indoor Exhibits (Tin Barn)

10:00 AM **ALL** Rabbit/Poultry/Waterfowl in place

10 AM to 5PM Tin Barn Closed for Judging and Display Set Up

1:00 PM Production Cattle Test & Visual Judging

4:00 PM **Horse Show**

5:00 PM Doors open to Exhibition – Tin Barn

9:00 PM Fair Barn Closes – Everyone must exit

August 6, 2026 (Thursday)

6:00 AM	Fair Barn Open
8:00 AM	Tin Barn open for Peddlers Market set-up
9:00 AM	Judging Meat Pen Rabbit, Individual Rabbit to Follow
10:00 AM	Judging Meat Pen Poultry, Individual Poultry to Follow
10:00 AM	Peddlers Market Open
1:30 PM	Clayton FFA Fundraiser - Barnyard Olympics/\$2 Tug of War/Cornhole (Open to the Community) – Event TBD
6:00 PM	Judging Market Swine
9:00 PM	Fair Barn Closes – Everyone must exit

August 7, 2026 (Friday)

6:00 AM	Fair Barn Open
8:00 AM	Tin Barn Open for Peddlers Market Set-Up
9:00 AM	Judging Breeding and Market Sheep
10:00 AM	Tin Barn Open for Peddlers Market
11:00 AM	Judging Meat Goats (or one hour Following Sheep show)
1:00 PM	NSWCD Ranch Management Contest (immediately following goat pictures)
4:00 PM	Bucket Calf Contest
5:30 PM	Judging Breeding Cattle & Dairy
6:00PM	Judging Market Beef
9:00 PM	Fair Barn Closes – Everyone must Exit

August 8, 2026 (Saturday)

6:00 AM	Fair Barn Open
7:00	Swine Sale Photos
10:00 AM	Tin Barn Open for Peddlers Market
11:00 AM	Junior Pet Show (livestock show ring)
2:00 PM	Peddlers Market must be Cleared out

3:00 PM	Production Steer Results Meeting at Sale Ring
3:00 PM	OPEN INDOOR CHECKOUT ONLY (ALL 4-H INDOOR EXHIBITS WILL BE CHECKED OUT ON SUNDAY)
3:00 PM	Buyers Meal Set Up
4:00 PM	Buyers Meal (Hosted by Des Moines FFA Alumni)
5:45 PM	4-H Indoor Exhibit Awards Program
6:00 PM	Junior Livestock Sale
9:00PM	Fair Barn Closes – Everyone must exit

August 9, 2026 (Sunday)

9:00 AM **Tear Down/Clean Up/4-H Indoor Exhibit Checkout**

Buckles, Banners, and Showmanship Awards will be handed out at individual shows. A running Slideshow in the eating area will list winners.

All non-sale animals will be allowed, but not required, to be released following their shows with approval of the species superintendent. If you are unsure of which animals will be sale animals, they must be left on grounds.

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT WITH THE SUPERINTENDANT PRIOR TO LEAVING GROUNDS.

Fair Entry Deadline: July 26th

Entry Fees

Tin Barn (4-H & Open Indoor Exhibits)	\$10/Entry
Cattle.....	\$35/Head
Production Cattle.....	\$15/Head
Horse.....	\$30/Head
Swine.....	\$30/Head
Sheep.....	\$25/Head
Goat.....	\$25/Head
Individual Rabbit.....	\$10/Entry
Meat Pen Rabbit	\$20/Pen
Individual Poultry.....	\$10/Entry
Meat Pen Poultry	\$20/Pen

CASH/CHECKS MUST BE POST MARKED BY July 26th AND SENT TO: