

2026 Richland County Junior Fair Schedule

Wednesday, July 1	Official Still Project Judging Day (Youth Hall), scheduled by clubs All animal fair entries are due
Tuesday, July 7	Official Livestock Interview Judging Day (Fairhaven Hall), scheduled by clubs
Thursday, July 9	Make-up Still Project Judging, 4:00-5:30 pm By appointment only; requires parental permission note & pre-registration By 1:00 pm, July 1, arrive by 5:00 pm FINAL CUT-OFF FOR STILL INTERVIEW JUDGING, 6:00 PM
Saturday, July 11	Pre-Fair Activities 9:00 am Junior Fair Dog Show (Draft Horse Arena)
Monday, July 13	Ambassador Interviews 5:00 pm Horse 7:00 pm Canine, Alpaca, Rabbit & Poultry
Wednesday, July 15	Make-up Livestock Project Judging, 4:00-6:30 pm By appointment only; requires parental permission note & pre-registration by 8:00 pm July 7, arrive by 6:00 pm FINAL CUT-OFF FOR LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW JUDGING, 7:00 PM
Thursday, August 6	Pre-Fair Activities 2:00-7:00 pm 4-H Booth set-up (Youth Hall) 6:00-7:00 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Gardening, Plants & Crops (John Hartz Building)
Friday, August 7	Pre-Fair Activities 4:00-8:00 pm 4-H Booth set-up (Youth Hall)
Saturday, August 8	Pre-Fair Activities 8:00 am-5:00 pm Market Livestock brought onto the fairgrounds 9:00 am-12:00 pm Arrival & Weigh-In: Market broilers, turkeys & ducks (Poultry Barn) All birds must be in by 12 pm. No poultry weigh-ins after 12 pm 9:30 am-4:00 pm 4-H Booth set-up (Youth Hall) 12:45 pm Jr. Fair King & Queen Contest Orientation (John Hartz Building) 1:00 pm Jr. Fair King & Queen Social (John Hartz Building) 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Arrival & Weigh-In: Market rabbits (Rabbit Barn) No rabbit weigh-in after 4:00 pm 1:30 pm Jr. Fair King & Queen Interviews (Sr. Fair Office) 4:30 pm All 4-H & FFA booths in place (Youth Hall) Building closed to public 5:00 pm Jr. Fair MARKET livestock in place 6:00 pm Weigh-In: Market hogs (Old Show Arena) & Market lambs (Steer Barn) Skill-a-Rama & Bake-a-Rama Entry Forms due (Jr. Fair Office) 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes 8:00 pm All non-market Jr. Fair animals (i.e., horses, breeding, alpacas) in place
Sunday, August 9	11:00 am-12:00 pm Bake-a-Rama & Skill-a-Rama items brought to John Hartz 12:00 pm All Jr. Fair Still Exhibits in place Weigh-Ins: Steers, goats & feeder calves 2:00 pm Hartz Building CLOSED (Bake-a-Rama judging) 3:00 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Alpaca/Llama Show (Show Arena) 5:00 pm Jr. Fair King & Queen Pageant/Coronation (John Hartz Building) 6:00 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Gymkhana Show (Horse Arena) 7:00 pm Bake-a-Rama Awards & Auction (John Hartz Building) 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes 8:30 pm Jr. Fair Exhibitors Line Dancing (John Hartz Building)

Monday, August 10	8:30 am Judging: Jr. Fair Poultry-showmanship, breeding & market classes (Poultry Barn) 9:00 am Judging: Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Western Show (Horse Arena) 10:00 am Judging: Jr. Fair Feeder Calf Show (Show Arena) Judging: Jr. Fair Draft Horse Hitches (Draft Horse Arena) 3:00 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Alpaca/Llama Show (Show Arena) 5:00 pm Coronation: Horse Ambassadors (Horse Arena) 5:30 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Sheep Show-showmanship, breeding & market Classes (Show Arena) 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes
Tuesday, August 11	8:30 am Judging: Jr. Fair Goat Show-showmanship, breeding & market Classes (Show Arena) 9:00 am Judging: Jr. Fair Saddle Horse English Show (Horse Arena) Judging: Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship (Poultry Barn) 2:00 pm Jr. Fair Horse Versatility Show (Horse Arena) Jr. Fair Small Equine Show (Draft Horse Arena) 5:00 pm Jr. Fair Born & Bred Steer Show (Show Arena) Judging: Jr. Fair Draft Horse & Pony Halter/Showmanship (Draft Horse Arena) 6:00 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Market Beef Show (Show Arena) 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office Closes
Wednesday, August 12	8:30 am Judging: Jr. Fair Rabbits: Breeding & Market (Poultry Barn) Judging: Jr. Fair Beef Breeding (Show Arena) 9:30 am approx. All Beef Showmanship (Show Arena) 4:00 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Market Hog Show-showmanship, market classes (Show Arena) 7:00 pm Jr. Fair Talent Show (John Hartz Building) 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes
Thursday, August 13	9:00 am Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Speed Challenge (Horse Arena) 10:00 am-noon Barnyard Olympics (Show Arena) Sponsored by Farm Bureau 5:00 pm Jr. Fair Livestock Auction: Rabbits & Poultry (Show Arena) 6:30 pm 4-H Style Revue (John Hartz Building) 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes
Friday, August 14	3:30 pm Judging: Jr. Fair Showman of Showman Contest 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes
Saturday, August 15	9:30 am Jr. Fair Livestock Auction: Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Feeder Calves & Goats (Show Arena) Sale Order TBA 5:00 pm 4-H Cloverbud Graduation Ceremony (John Hartz Building) Family Bingo immediately following graduation 7:30 pm Jr. Fair Office closes 9:00 pm Youth Hall closes Jr. Fair Board removes fencing 9:30 pm-10:15 pm Booth take-down
Sunday, August 16	8:00 am ALL JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK RELEASED 9:00 am Jr. Fair Office opens (closes at 2:00 pm) 1:00 pm All exhibits off grounds & pen/stalls cleaned & cleaned out
Tuesday, September 15	All Jr. Fair livestock thank you notes due in the Extension Office