

2026 Poweshiek County Fair Schedule

All information is subject to change

Saturday July 11th
Time TBA - Fair Queen Contest Judging
9:00 a.m. Bottle Calf & Bottle Lamb Conference Judging- Exhibit Bldg.
Bake Sale/Food Projects
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pets Division Judging
9:00 a.m. – Noon Horticulture Conference Judging
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Conference Judging of Static Exhibits
Exhibits Should Arrive No Later Than 1:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Clover Kids Arrive For Judging
Noon – 12:30 p.m. Judge’s Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes For State Fair Selection
7:00 p.m. – Extreme Bull Riding Event – Advance Tickets or Gate Admission – Horse Arena
Bull Ride Intermission – Crowning of the 2026 Poweshiek County Fair Queen
Tuesday July 14th
8:00 a.m. Dog Agility Show – 30 minutes following Agility will be Obedience classes in the show ring
4:00 – 6:00 P.M. – Bucket of Junk Projects Accepted –Exhibit Building
4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Non-Livestock Open Class Entries Accepted (please no early entries)
4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Non-Livestock Open Class Judging
5:00 p.m. All livestock (Except Swine) May Start Arriving at Fairgrounds
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Rabbit & Poultry Check In
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. All sheep & dairy cattle must be checked/weighed in by department superintendents before entering the barn. Goats may enter the barn upon arrival.
8:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes or Following Open Class Judging
Wednesday July 15th Fire Fighters/EMS/Law Enforcement Day
6:00 – 8 a.m. Swine Check In (no swine to be unloaded until checked by veterinarian)
6:00 – 9 a.m. Swine Weigh In (exhibitor or family member must be present)
7:30 a.m. Poweshiek County Farm Bureau Sponsored Exhibitor & Family Breakfast
7:45 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremony – Exhibit Building Patio
8:00 a.m. All Livestock Must Be On The Fairgrounds & In The Barns For Vet Check (exhibitors are not required to be present for Vet check)
8:00 a.m. Exhibit Building Opens
8:00 – 10 a.m. Horse Check In @ Horse Arena Announcer’s Stand (For Those Who Did Not Check In At Ride Night)
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Beef Weigh In
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Farm Safety Activity - Bayer
10:00 a.m. CK Rabbit Show followed by Rabbit Show – Show Ring
1:00 p.m. CK Poultry Show followed by Poultry Show – Show Ring
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Day of Play – VanWall Equipment/John Deere
5:00 p.m. Animal Costume Contest – Show Ring (pre-register at the livestock office)
Following Costume Contest – Crowning of Senior King & Queen plus 3 Little Misses
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Bags Tournament Registration North End of Fairgrounds

Wednesday July 15th Fire Fighters/EMS/Law Enforcement Day
6:00 p.m. Bags Tournament
Fire Fighter/Law Enforcement Games North of ProLine Bldg.
6:30 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration
7:00 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull
8:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes
8:15 p.m. Judging of Fair Camper Decorating Contest Entries
Thursday July 16th Health Care Workers Day
8:00 a.m. Horse Show – Halter ½ Hour Following Halter Classes will be Horse Performance
Exhibit Building Opens
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Farm Safety Activity – Bayer
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm Heritage Park Activities
10:30 a.m. Drake Library Story Hour at Country School in Heritage Park
1:00 p.m. Barn Yard Games
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Rock Climbing Wall
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Skill A Thon
6:00 p.m. Fashion Show, Community Awards, 3 rd Grade Clover Kids Graduation & Hall of Fame Announcement
7:00 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Show – Show Ring
8:00 p.m. Exhibit Building closes
Friday July 17th Fair Sponsor Day
8:00 a.m. Swine Show followed by Piglet Show – Show Ring
Exhibit Building Opens
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Farm Safety Activity - Bayer
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Art Under the Tent with Tilly Woodward Story Time Art Under the Tent
1:00 p.m. Horse Show Select Game Classes
2:00 p.m. Games sponsored by the Fun Committee
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Key Cooperative Sponsored Dinner (for exhibitors & immediate family) pick up tickets at the livestock office
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Sundae Fund Raiser – 4-H County Council
6:00 p.m. 3 rd Annual County Chaos Midwest Pullers Association Truck & Tractor Pull North End of Fairgrounds – Admission Fee
8:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes
Saturday July 18th Teachers Day
8:00 a.m. CK Bottle Goat & Bottle Sheep Show – Show Ring
Exhibit Building Opens
9:00 a.m. Goat Show followed by Sheep Show – Show Ring
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Educational Presentation by Poweshiek County Farm Bureau
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Educational Presentation – USS Polaris
1:00 p.m. Poweshiek County Farm Bureau Watermelon Feed
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Conservation Station Educational Trailer
2:00 p.m. Games sponsored by the Fun Committee
2:00 p.m. Tallest Corn Stalk Entries in place at Pergola

Saturday July 18th Teachers Day
3:00 p.m. Judging of Tallest Corn Stalks – sponsored by the Iowa Corn Growers
4:00 p.m. CK Bottle Calf Show followed by Bottle Calf Show – Show Ring
5:00 p.m. Dairy Show followed by Beef Show – Show Ring
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Pool Party at the Grinnell Aquatic Center
Following Beef Show – Announcement of Supreme Showmanship Contest Qualifiers – Show Ring
8:00 p.m. ALL PROJECTS SELLING IN THE AUCTION MUST BE SIGNED UP (beef immediately following show)
Exhibit Building Closes
Sunday July 19th Military & Veterans Day
8:00 a.m. Lowry Seed & Complete Ag Sponsored Breakfast (for exhibitors & immediate family)
Exhibit Building Opens
9:00 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest Sponsored by the Poweshiek County Fairboard – Show Ring
9:00 a.m. Tag Bottle Calves For 2 nd Year Bottle Calf Eligibility – Bottle Calf Barn
10:00 a.m. Release of Static Exhibits. Exhibits selling or participating in the Parade of Champions will remain in the Exhibit Building.
12:00 p.m. Parade of Grand Champions & Iowa State Fair Project Selections – Show Ring
Following Parade – Presentation of Farm Bureau Showmanship Awards - Show Ring
1:00 p.m. Supreme Showmanship Competition – Show Ring
3:00 p.m. Presentation of Herdsmanship, Bucket of Junk & Premier Exhibitor Awards
3:00 p.m. Project Sale (Show Ring) Clerk: Iverson Auctions LLC Sale Order: Non Livestock Projects, Rabbit, Poultry, Goat, Sheep, Swine & Beef/Bottle Calf
Following Conclusion of the Project Sale - Release of Livestock Exhibits
4:00 p.m. Auction Dinner for Buyers & Sellers Sponsored by 1 st State Bank Lynnville, Sully, Grinnell, Brooklyn, Montezuma, New Sharon & Agency
5:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes – All Exhibits Need To Be Removed

