

2026 4-H/FFA Montana Fair Schedule (updated 2/23/2026)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 – INTERVIEW JUDGING – Montana Pavilion

All exhibitors entered in 4-H and FFA at the fair pick up packets from 9 am–7 pm

- 9:00 am-1:00pm Interview Judging of Dept. N (non-livestock) Exhibits – Exhibitors with many exhibits will be and contacted.
4:30 - 7:30 pm Clubs will be assigned a morning or evening time. Please come at your scheduled time-check in ½ hour prior to your scheduled time to tag your exhibits.
Department N Club Exhibits can be set up during this time also.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 4:00 - 8:00 pm Department N Club Exhibit set up – Montana Pavilion
5:00 - 7:30 pm Department N Best of Class nominees who want to sell in “Buy A Piece of 4-H” set up - MT Pavilion

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

- 8:00 - 3:00 pm Horse Check in @ SuperBarn
1:30 pm Mandatory Horse Meeting @ SuperBarn
2:00 pm All showmanship classes/CTM Lv 1/Trail Yearling/Jr./Sr./CTM/GH @ SuperBarn
Following Trail Horse Mixer @ SuperBarn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

- 8:30 am Horse: Division 70, Class 2-56 @ SuperBarn
11:00 am – 4:00 pm Poultry and Rabbit Check in @ Expo
1:00 - 3:30 pm Pocket Pet check in @ Expo
4:00 pm Mandatory Small Animal (Rabbit, Poultry, Cavy & Pocket Pet) Meeting @ Expo
5:00 pm Pocket Pet Show @ Expo *Pocket Pets check out after Show*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

- 7:00 - 7:45 am Cavies check in @ Expo
8:00 am Cavy Show @ Expo
8:00 am Mini trail/Lv 1-3 Trail/Ranch Lv 1-4/Team Penning @ SuperBarn
Horses check out after all the classes are complete.
9:00 am Rabbit Show and Showmanship @ Expo
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
12:00 - 5:00 pm Draft Horse Expo @ Infield
5:00 - 7:00 pm Sheep, Goat, Llama/Alpaca check in @ Expo
5:00 - 7:30 pm Breeding Sheep Classification Sheep and Goat pictures to follow
6:00 pm Rabbit Agility

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 8:00 am Poultry Showmanship, Egg Show, Jr. Pigeon Show, Fancy Feather, Game & Ornamental Bird, Meat Pen, Market Breeds, Waterfowl, Turkeys, and remaining Poultry Show @ Expo
9:00 - 11:00 am Beef and Dairy Cattle check in @ Expo
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
12:00 - 5:00 pm Open Draft Horse Expo @ Infield
6:00 pm *Small Animal Check out*
6:30 pm Quiz Bowl in Department N @ Montana Pavilion

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 7:30 am Beef Ultrasound @ Expo
9:00 am Meat Goat Showmanship, Show; Breeding Meat Goat Show @ Expo.
Breeding goats may check out
11:00 am Archery Shoot @ SuperBarn
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
1:00 pm Breeding Beef @ Expo

4:00 pm Dairy Cattle show begins 30 minutes after the conclusion of Breeding; followed by Dairy Showmanship then Beef Showmanship. *Breeding Beef Cattle check out after Show*
Sheep Ultrasound – Goat Ultrasound to follow

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 am Market Steer & Heifer Show; pictures @ Expo.
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
12:00 pm Small and Large Animal Skillathon Contest
1:00 pm Sheep Showmanship followed by Market Lamb & Breeding Sheep Show @ Expo
4:00 pm Small Animal Round Robin Training Clinic @ Expo (meet outside Dept. A office)
5:00 pm Small Animal Judging Contest
6:30 pm Department N Awards Program and Showcase @ Expo Arena

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

5:00-8:00 am Swine Check in @ Expo
8:30 am Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Nigerian Dwarf Goat Shows; Supreme Buck & Doe followed by Goat Cart Class & Goat Showmanship @ Expo. *Dairy goats, Pygmy goats, Nigerian goats check out after show*
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
12:00 pm Small and Large Animal Skillathon Contest
1:00 - 3:00 pm Foods Festival/Edible Arts Display @ Montana Pavilion
2:00 pm Swine Showmanship & pictures (*animals entered in Costume Parade do photos first*) @ Expo
6:30 pm Costume Animal Parade @ Expo
8-10 pm 4-H Dance

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 - 8:30 am Ag Breakfast @ Metra Exhibit Hall
8:00 am Market & Breeding Swine Shows @ Expo
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
2:00 pm Llama and Alpaca Show @ Expo large arena
3:00 pm Small Animal Round Robin Contest @ Expo small arena – *Small Animals Check out after show*
5:00 pm Goat and Llama Obstacle Course @ Expo large arena
After Obstacle Course Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic @Expo large arena

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:00 am - 9:00 am *ALL large and small animals NOT in the Sale or Round Robin **MUST** check out*
10:00 am Large Animal Round Robin–Senior, Beginner, Junior @ Expo and SuperBarn
11:00 am Cloverbud Activity (meet outside Dept. A office)
12:00 - 2:30 pm All Class Judging @ Montana Pavilion
2:00 pm Beef Fitting Contest @Expo
5:00 pm *Round Robin Large Animals not in the Sale **MUST** check out*
5:00 pm Root beer Floats @ Expo
6:30 pm Department A Awards @ Expo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

11:00 am Junior Livestock Sale Preview @ Expo
11:30 am Junior Livestock Sale Buyer Lunch @ Metra Exhibit Hall
12:15 pm Junior Livestock Sale Exhibitors must have animals ready
12:30 pm Junior Livestock Sale @ Expo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00 am-2 pm Department N check out Best of Class Items and unsold “Buy A Piece of 4-H” Items