

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

2019 TRIVIA • *Test Your State Fair Knowledge!*

1. What year was the Minnesota State Fair held on the current fairgrounds?
2. On average, how many cookies does Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar produce every 12 minutes?
3. Fresh French Fries made its debut at the fair in what year?
4. What insect was blamed for reducing attendance at the 1875 fair?
5. What color are sweepstakes or grand champion best-of-show ribbons?
6. How much manure is hauled out of the livestock barns each year during the 12 days of the Minnesota State Fair?
7. What year was electricity first used at the State Fair, allowing the fair to operate after sunset?
8. Breed names of Cinnamon, Hotot, Crème D'Argent and Mini Rex belong to what State Fair livestock?
9. Who broke the all-time record for the most tickets sold to a single Grandstand show?
10. How many steps does it take to get to the top of the DNR Fire Tower?
11. On average, what's the total number of corndogs typically consumed by fair guests each year?
12. What is the oldest food concession at the fairgrounds?
13. What is the Minnesota State Fair's all-time attendance record, and when was it set?
14. Which State Fair day in history holds the record for total rainfall?
15. How are State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne related?
16. How many Little Farm Hands walk through the exhibit each year?
17. How many blocks is the daily parade route?
18. How many miles of electrical wiring are used for the Great Big Wheel?
19. What machine revolutionized the animal agriculture process and was first exhibited at the 1908 fair?
20. When was the Pronto Pup introduced at the State Fair?



ANSWERS

1. 1885
2. 24,000 cookies
3. 1973
4. Grasshoppers
5. Purple
6. 4,500 tons of manure is hauled to Hastings, Minn., where it is composted, mixed with dirt and used as fertilizer on more than 1,000 acres of farm field.
7. 1899
8. Rabbits
9. In 2000, Christina Aguilera sold 22,117 tickets
10. 84 steps
11. 365,000 corndogs
12. Hamline Church Dining Hall, since 1897
13. 2,043,533 guests attended the fair in 2018
14. On Aug. 30, 1977, it rained 7.28 inches.
15. Fairchild is Fairborne's uncle.
16. 40,000
17. 14 blocks
18. 6 miles of electrical wiring
19. A dairy cattle milking machine
20. 1947

