

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

## TRIVIA • *Test Your State Fair Knowledge!*

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1. In what Minnesota town was the State Fair last held before finding a permanent home in its current location in 1885?
2. On average, how many cookies does Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar produce every 12 minutes?
3. During the 12 days of the State Fair, how many pounds of ketchup does Fresh French Fries go through?
  - A. 25,000 pounds
  - B. 30,000 pounds
  - C. 35,000 pounds
  - D. 40,000 pounds
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. What State Fair attraction holds more water – the DNR Fish Pond or the Ye Old Mill ride?
9. Who broke the all-time record for the most tickets sold to a single Grandstand show?
10. Which largest boar was the largest of them all?
11. This year, the 117-year-old Fine Arts Center received a restoration face-lift, including 12 new 11-foot-tall doors, ventilation work, gallery painting and more. How many eight-foot tall custom-made windows were replaced on the building?
  - A. 18
  - B. 28
  - C. 38
  - D. 48
12. What is the oldest food concession at the fairgrounds?

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13. This year we celebrate 90 years of the Streetcar Arch, which greets guests as they head down Liggett Street from Gate 16. The arch is now blue and white – what other color combinations have been used?
    - A. Green and blue
    - B. Purple and white
    - C. Orange and black
    - D. Red and white
  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 much toilet paper is used during the average State Fair?
  17. Approximately, how many blue ribbons are awarded in livestock competitions each year at the State Fair?
  18. How many steps does it take to get to the top of the DNR Fire Tower?
    - A. 65 steps
    - B. 84 steps
    - C. 93 steps
    - D. 105 steps
  19. What machine revolutionized the animal agriculture process and was first exhibited at the 1908 fair?
  20. About how many feet of hot dogs does Foot Long Hot Dogs sell during the State Fair? (Hint: It's equivalent to 12 ½ round trips on the Skyride!)
    - A. 20,000 feet
    - B. 25,000 feet
    - C. 30,000 feet
    - D. 35,000 feet

Answers are  
on the next page...  
No peeking!



# ANSWERS

1. Owatonna, Minnesota
2. 24,000 cookies
3. A. 25,000 pounds
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. Ye Old Mill holds 65,000 gallons, and the DNR Fish Pond holds 50,000 gallons.
9. In 2000, Christina Aguilera sold 22,117 tickets
10. In 2010, crossbred swine Reggie weighed in at 1,450 lbs.
11. C. 38 windows
12. Hamline Church Dining Hall, since 1897
13. C. Orange and black
14. On Aug. 30, 1977, it rained 7.28 inches.
15. Fairchild is Fairborne's uncle.
16. About 1,500 cases
17. About 1,100 blue ribbons
18. B. 84 steps
19. A dairy cattle milking machine
20. B. 25,000 feet

