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State Fair Encourages Everyone to Put Their Best to Minnesota's Blue Ribbon Test

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St. Paul, Minn. – The State Fair invites all to join in the tradition of competition by putting their best to “Minnesota's Blue Ribbon Test” at the 2019 Great Minnesota Get-Together. With a category for everyone and *almost* everything, the State Fair encourages perennial competitors and those who have never entered their work in the past to become part of the showcase of the very best our great state has to offer in categories including creative activities, fine arts, school projects, flowers, vegetables, fruits, wine, livestock, farm products and more. As part of this annual competition ritual, entrants will compete in hundreds of different State Fair competitions for ribbons, trophies and more than \$1.5 million in total prize money. Those interested in putting their best to “Minnesota's Blue Ribbon Test” can visit mnstatefair.org/competitions to learn more.

Deadlines for entering Minnesota State Fair competitions are as follows:

Fine Arts	July 8
Landscape Design & Construction (FFA)	July 8
Horses	July 22 (mail entries); Aug. 2 (online entries)
Amateur Talent Contest	July 24
Beef and Dairy Cattle (Open Class and FFA)	July 29 (mail entries); Aug. 5 (online entries)
Poultry & Rabbits	July 31
Minnesota State Fair Scholarship	Aug. 2
Dairy, Boer and FFA Meat Goats	Aug. 5
Llamas	Aug. 5
Sheep (Open Class and FFA)	Aug. 5
Stock Dogs	Aug. 5
Swine (Open Class and FFA)	Aug. 5
Creative Activities (baked products, canned & preserved food, special contests, needlecraft, garment making, work of senior citizens, handcrafts and collections)	Aug. 6
K-12 Competition (school projects)	Aug. 6
Agriculture Technology (FFA)	Aug. 7
Christmas Trees	Aug. 7
Crop Art & Scarecrow	Aug. 9
Crops (FFA)	Aug. 9
Judging Contests (FFA)	Aug. 9
Farm Crops	Aug. 9
Minnesota State Fair Flower Show	Aug. 12
Fruit & Wine	Aug. 12
Bee & Honey	Aug. 12
Vegetable & Potato	Aug. 12
Safe Tractor Operators Contest (FFA)	Aug. 19
New Corn	Aug. 29

Minnesota 4-H members can visit <https://extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-minnesota-state-fair> for the 2019 4-H competition premium book and deadlines.

About the Minnesota State Fair: The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting more than 2 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is always 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information. The 2019 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 22 - Labor Day, Sept. 2.