

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

## NEWS RELEASE

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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 2022 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](http://mnstatefair.org/competitions) to learn how to enter.

Deadlines for entering Minnesota State Fair competitions are as follows:

Interactive Exhibits/Demonstrations (FFA)	June 15
Landscape Design & Construction (FFA)	July 15
Fine Arts	July 18
Horses	July 25 (mail entries); Aug. 5 (online entries)
Amateur Talent Contest	July 27
Beef and Dairy Cattle (Open Class and FFA)	Aug. 1 (mail entries); Aug. 8 (online entries)
Minnesota State Fair Scholarship	Aug. 1
Poultry & Rabbits	Aug. 3
Dairy, Boer and FFA Meat Goats	Aug. 8
Llamas	Aug. 8
Sheep (Open Class and FFA)	Aug. 8
Stock Dogs	Aug. 8
Swine (Open Class and FFA)	Aug. 8
Creative Activities (baked products, canned & preserved food, special contests, needlecraft, garment making, work of senior citizens, handcrafts and collections)	Aug. 9
K-12 Competition (school projects)	Aug. 9
Christmas Trees	Aug. 10
Agriculture Technology (FFA)	Aug. 12
Crop Art & Scarecrow	Aug. 12
Crops (FFA)	Aug. 12
Farm Crops	Aug. 12
Minnesota State Fair Flower Show	Aug. 15
Fruit & Wine	Aug. 15
Bee & Honey	Aug. 15
Vegetable & Potato	Aug. 15
Judging Contests (FFA)	Aug. 22
Safe Tractor Operators Contest (FFA)	Aug. 22
New Corn	Sept. 1

Minnesota 4-H members can visit <https://extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-minnesota-state-fair> for the 2022 4-H competition premium book and deadlines.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. The fair is self-supporting and has not received state government funding since 1949. The 2022 Minnesota State Fair will run Aug. 25 through Labor Day, Sept. 5. Visit [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org) for more information.