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Minnesota State Fair Encourages Everyone to Join in the Tradition of Competition at the Fair

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair invites all to join in the tradition of competition by putting their best to “Minnesota's Blue Ribbon Test” at the 2024 Great Minnesota Get-Together. As part of this annual competition ritual, entrants will compete in hundreds of different State Fair competitions for ribbons, trophies, more than \$1.5 million in total prize money and just good old-fashioned bragging rights.

Competition entries are now open with the exception of horses, open class and FFA livestock competitions, which will open on June 24. The State Fair encourages perennial competitors and those who have never entered 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, talent, school projects, flowers, vegetables, fruits, wine, livestock, farm products and more.

Those interested in putting their best to “Minnesota's Blue Ribbon Test” can visit mnstatefair.org/competitions to learn how to enter. Deadlines for entering Minnesota State Fair competitions are as follows:

Interactive Exhibits/Demonstrations (FFA)	June 13
Landscape Design & Construction (FFA)	July 15
Fine Arts	July 15
Minnesota State Fair Scholarship	July 15
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); July 31 (online entries)
Sheep (Open Class and FFA)	July 29 (mail entries); July 31 (online entries)
Swine (Open Class and FFA)	July 29 (mail entries); July 31 (online entries)
Poultry & Rabbits (Open Class and FFA)	July 29 (mail entries); July 31 (online entries)
Dairy, Boer and FFA Meat Goats	July 29 (mail entries); July 31 (online entries)
Llamas	July 29 (mail entries); July 31 (online entries)
Stock Dogs	July 29 (mail entries); July 31 (online entries)
Creative Activities (baked products, canned & preserved food, special contests, needlecraft, garment making, work of senior citizens, handcrafts and collections)	July 30
K-12 Competition (school projects)	July 30
Vegetable & Potato (FFA)	July 31
Christmas Trees	Aug. 7
Crop Art & Scarecrow	Aug. 7
Farm Crops	Aug. 7
Minnesota State Fair Flower Show	Aug. 8
Fruit & Wine	Aug. 8
Bee & Honey	Aug. 8
Vegetable & Potato (Open Class)	Aug. 8
Agriculture Technology (FFA)	Aug. 9
Crops (FFA)	Aug. 9
Judging Contests (FFA)	Aug. 19
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 2024 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 State Fair is financially self-supporting and does not receive government appropriation. Follow along on Facebook, X, Instagram and TikTok @mnstatefair for year-round updates. The 2024 Minnesota State Fair will run Aug. 22 through Labor Day, Sept. 2. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information.

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