

2026 Colorado State Fair Livestock Schedule Tentative

General Information

Entry Deadlines (online only):

Market Animals - July 27, 2026

Junior and Open Breeding - August 10, 2026

Locations

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WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2026

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| Receive Market Hogs | 7:00 a.m. |
| Wool In Place | 12:00 noon |
| All Market Hogs Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Lock down Market Animal Barns | 9:00 p.m. |

THURSDAY, August 27, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Receive Market Lambs | 7:00 a.m. |
| Receive Market Poultry | 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Receive Market Rabbits | 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Market Hog exhibitors meeting (LP) | 8:45 a.m. |
| Market Hog Inspection - all must be Ear Tagged (SS) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Declare Market Hog Weights | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon |
| CJSA Award Presentation (SS) | 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. |
| Market Hog Showmanship (LP) | 5:00 p.m. |

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| All Market Lambs Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Lock down Market Animal Barns | 9:00 p.m. |

FRIDAY, August 28, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Receive Market Goats | 7:00 a.m. |
| Receive Junior Wether Does | 7:00 a.m. |
| Receive Market Poultry (SA) | 7:00 a.m. |
| Receive Market Rabbits (SA) | 7:00 a.m. |
| Market Hog Show (Grand Drive ½ hour after completion of show) (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Market Lamb exhibitor meeting (LP North Barn) | 8:45 a.m. |
| Market Lamb inspection – all must be ear tagged (LP North Barn) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Declare Market Lamb Weights | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon |
| Market Lamb Showmanship (LP) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All Market Goats Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All Junior Wether Does Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All Market Poultry Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All Market Rabbits Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Market Poultry Weigh Cards Due | 6:00 p.m. |
| Market Rabbits Weigh Cards Due | 6:00 p.m. |
| Lock down Market Animal Barns | 9:00 p.m. |
| ALL non-sale Market Hogs must be out of barn | 9:00 p.m. |

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SATURDAY, August 29, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Receive Market Beef | 7:00 a.m. |
| Breeding Cattle Begin Arrival (To Tie Outs) | 7:00 a.m. |
| FFA Heifers Begin Arrival | 7:00 a.m. |
| Market Lamb Show (Grand Drive ½ hour after completion of show) (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Market Rabbit Pen Weigh-In and Judging (SA) | 8:00 a.m. |
| Market Poultry Judging (SA) | 8:30 a.m. |
| Market Goat & Wether Doe exhibitor meeting (GB) | 8:45 a.m. |
| Market Goat inspection – all must be Ear Tagged (GB) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Declare Market Goat Weights | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon |
| Declare Junior Wether Doe Weights | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. |
| Market Poultry Grand Champion Selection (SA) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Market Rabbit Pen Grand Champion Selection (SA) | 11:00 a.m. |
| Process Junior Wether Does | 1:00 p.m. |
| Market Poultry Showmanship (SA) | 1:00 p.m. |
| Market Rabbit Showmanship (SA) | 1:00 p.m. |
| Livestock Judging Awards | Immediately following Lamb Grand Drive |
| Market Goat Showmanship (LP) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All Market Beef Must be In Place (No Exceptions) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All non-sale Market Lambs must be out of barn | 9:00 p.m. |
| Lock down Market Animal Barns | 9:00 p.m. |
| Load out buyback Market Lambs | TBD |

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SUNDAY, August 30, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Market Goat Show (Grand Drive ½ hour after completion of show) (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Market Beef exhibitor meeting (LP South Barn) | 8:45 a.m. |
| Market Beef inspection – all must be Ear Tagged (LP South Barn) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Declare Market Beef Weights | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon |
| Jr. Breeding Heifers In Place | 12:00 noon |
| FFA Heifer Wrangle In Place | 12:00 noon |
| Junior Wether Doe Show (LP) | 2:00 p.m. |
| Market Beef Fitting Contest | 2:00 p.m. |
| Market Beef Showmanship (LP) | 5:00 p.m. |
| All non-sale Market Poultry & Rabbits out of barn | 8:00 p.m. |
| All non-sale Market Goats must be OUT of barn | 9:00 p.m. |
| Lock down of Market Animal Barns | 9:00 p.m. |
| Load out buyback Market Goats | TBD |

MONDAY, August 31, 2026

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| Barns Open | 5:00 a.m. |
| Breeding Cattle Arrival | 8:00 a.m. |
| Breeding Sheep Begin Arrival | 8:00 a.m. |
| Begin set up Wool Fleece Show (AP) | 8:00 a.m. |
| Market Beef Show (Grand Drive ½ hour after completion of show) (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Cattlemen's Luncheon (CB) | 12:30 p.m. |
| FFA Heifer Wrangle Show (LP) | 30 Minutes after end of Market Beef Show |

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| Jr. Breeding Heifer Show (LP) | 2:00 p.m. |
| Supreme Champion Jr. Breeding Heifer Selection | 5:00 p.m. |
| Open Breeding Cattle Females and Bulls In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jr. Breeding Sheep In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Master Showmanship Check-In (LP) | 6:30 p.m. |
| Master Showmanship Show | 7:00 p.m. |
| All non-sale Market Beef must be OUT of stalling area | 9:00 p.m. |
| Lock down Market Animal Barns | 9:00 p.m. |

TUESDAY, September 1, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Junior Market Sale Qualifiers Meeting & Breakfast (EC) | 8:30 a.m. |
| Breeding Sheep continue arrival | 8:00 a.m. |
| Sale Qualifying Animals moved to Showcase Area | 9:00 a.m. |
| Jr. Breeding Sheep Show followed by Showmanship (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wool Fleece Judging (AP) | 11:00 p.m. |
| Buyers' Buses begin arrival at Showcase Area | 12:30 p.m. |
| Begin Pre-sale activities and Dinner (EC) | 12:30 p.m. |
| Colorado's Electric Cooperatives Jr. Livestock Sale (EC) | 2:00 p.m. |
| Open Breeding Sheep In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Barns Close | 9:00 p.m. |

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WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Miniature Herefords Begin Arrival | 8:00 a.m. |
| Open Breeding Cattle Bull Shows | 9:00 a.m. |
| Open Meat Breed Sheep Show (SS) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Open Female Cattle Show | following Bull show |
| Open Wool Breed Sheep Show (SS) | 30 Minutes after completion of Meat Breeds Show |
| Release Breeding Cattle | After Supreme Champion selection |
| Miniature Herefords In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| All Breeding Sheep Out | 7:00 p.m. |
| Barns Close | 9:00 p.m. |

THURSDAY, September 3, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| All Breeding Cattle Out | 7:00 a.m. |
| Miniature Hereford Show (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Dairy Cattle Begin Arrival | 12:00 noon |
| Miniature Zebu Cattle Begin Arrival | 2:00 p.m. |
| Dairy Cattle In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Barns Close | 9:00 p.m. |

FRIDAY, September 4, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Miniature Zebu Cattle In Place | 9:00 a.m. |
| Open and Jr. Dairy Cow Show (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |

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| Open and Jr. Dairy Heifer Show (LP) following Cow Show | 11:00 a.m. |
| Jr. Dairy Cattle Showmanship | 2:00 p.m. |
| Miniature Zebu Show #1 (LP) | 4:00 p.m. |
| Barns Close | 9:00 p.m. |

SATURDAY, September 5, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| NWSS Catch-A-Calf Begin Arrival | 7:00 a.m. |
| Breeding Gilts Begin Arrival | 7:00 a.m. |
| Milking Goats Begin Arrival | 7:00 a.m. |
| Youth Llama & Alpacas Begin Arrival | 7:00 a.m. |
| Miniature Zebu Cattle Show #2 (NZCC Show) (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Dairy Cattle Out | 12:00 noon |
| Milking Goats In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Breeding Gilts In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| NWSS Catch-A-Calf In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Youth Llama & Alpacas In Place | 5:00 p.m. |
| Breeding Gilt Crossbred Weight Cards Due | 6:00 p.m. |
| Open Dairy Goat Milking Competition (SS) | 7:00 p.m. |
| Barns Close | 9:00 p.m. |

SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Open Dairy Goat Milking Competition (SS) | 7:00 a.m. |

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| Youth & Open Dairy Goat Begin Arrival | 8:00 a.m. |
| Breeding Gilt Show (LP) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Texas Longhorn Cattle Begin Arrival | 8:00 a.m. |
| Miniature Zebu Cattle all out | 8:00 a.m. |
| Youth Dairy Goats In Place | 10:00 a.m. |
| Open Dairy Goats In Place | 12:00 noon |
| Youth Dairy Goat Show (SS) | 12:00 noon |
| Youth Dairy Goat Showmanship (SS) | (following Show) |
| Open Junior Dairy Doe Goat Show | 2:00 p.m. or ½ hour after Youth Show |
| NWSS Catch-A-Calf Show (LP) | 2:00 p.m. |
| Youth Llama & Alpaca Show (LP) | 4:00 p.m. |
| Texas Longhorn Cattle IN PLACE | 5:00 p.m. |
| Open Dairy Goat Milking Competition (SS) | 7:00 p.m. |
| Barns Close | 9:00 p.m. |

MONDAY, September 7, 2026

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| Barns Open | 6:00 a.m. |
| Texas Longhorn Show (LP) | 8:00 a.m. |
| Open Dairy Goat Shows (SS) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Youth Llama & Alpaca Show (LP) | 1:00 p.m. |

TUESDAY, September 8, 2026

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| All animals Out | 7:00 a.m. |
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