

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

AP = Ag Pavilion

CB = Colorado Building

EC = Southwest Motors Events Center

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WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2026

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

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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THURSDAY, August 27, 2026 (continued)

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

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

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

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

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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MONDAY, August 31, 2026 (continued)

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

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

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

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

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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FRIDAY, September 4, 2026 (continued)

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

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

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

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SUNDAY, September 6, 2026 (continued)

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

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

All animals Out	7:00 a.m.
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