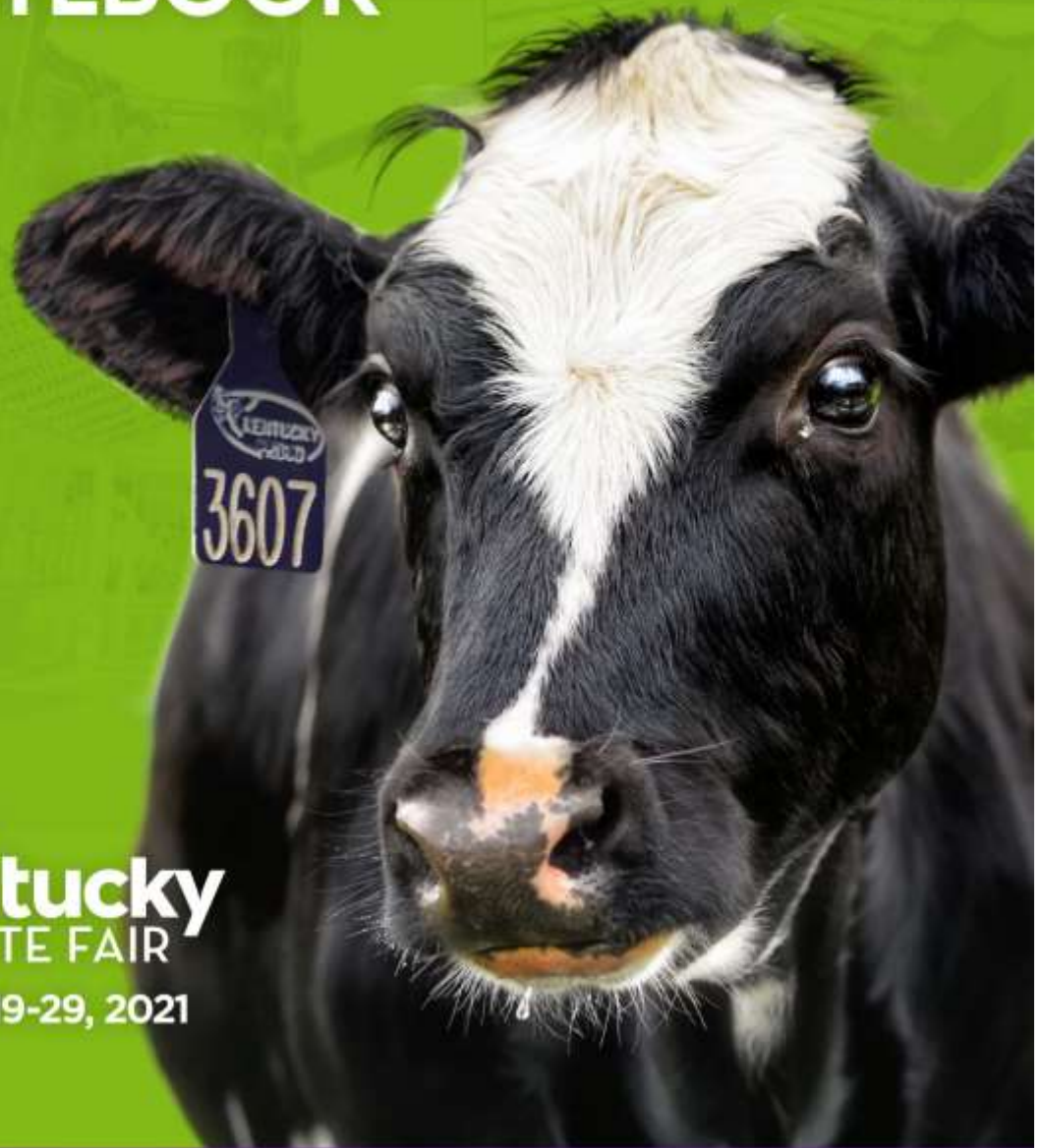


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## **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

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For quotes or interviews, contact Ian Cox at (502) 367-5186 or email [ian.cox@kyvenues.com](mailto:ian.cox@kyvenues.com)

### **Media Access Badge**

NEW THIS YEAR: We will require media badges to be worn by any media member at the Kentucky State Fair. These badges will allow you to enter and exit the facility free of charge throughout the Fair. Credentials will be revoked if used by non-registered media and each person visiting the property must have a badge.

### **World's Championship Horse Show**

The World's Championship Horse Show (WCHS) has separate media access that is good for all performances.

A WCHS badge is required to gain access to the rail area for photos. Badges can be applied at <https://kystatefair.org/newsroom> by July 29. Badges can be picked up August 16-18 at the Administrative Offices reception desk.

The only way to guarantee a seat for a horse show performance is to purchase a ticket.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

### **Exhibit Halls**

Monday-Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday-Saturday: 10am-9 pm

Sunday, Aug. 22: 10am-8pm

Sunday, Aug. 29: 10am-6pm

Gates open at 7 a.m. each day

## **GATE ADMISSION**

Gate admission pays for all attractions, displays and shows at the Kentucky State Fair with the exception of evening performances of the World's Championship Horse Show, Thrill Ville and access to Kentucky Kingdom.

## Advance Ticket and Early Bird Tickets

Early Bird tickets are available from July 1 through August 5 online at [kystatefair.org](http://kystatefair.org), at Kroger or at the Kentucky Exposition Center Box Office.

Choose from three options:

- **Ticketmaster:** Early Bird admission tickets is \$8 and available online and includes parking through Aug. 5. Advance Ticket price increases to \$10 beginning Aug. 6-29 and still includes parking when purchased online. Price does not include Ticketmaster fees.

	Gate Admission	Parking
Ticketmaster Online Aug. 6-29	\$10	Included
During the Fair Aug. 19-29	\$10	\$10

Children 5 & under are free.

## THRILL VILLE HOURS AND PROMOTIONS

### Thrill Ville

Mondays-Friday

Open at 3 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday

Opens at 1 p.m.

Thrill Ville closes at approximately midnight

### Ride wristbands

Thrill Ville wristbands are good all day, any one day and can be purchased online in advance at [Kystatefair.org/tickets](http://Kystatefair.org/tickets) or on site during the fair. Wristbands are valid for every ride in Thrill Ville, though height and weight restrictions may apply.

\$25, one day unlimited ride wristband. Available at Kroger and online in advance at Kissel Entertainment and Ticketmaster when purchasing Kentucky State Fair admission.

\$30, one day unlimited ride wristband during the Fair.

## **SPECIAL DAYS, FEATURED EVENTS, AND PROMOTIONS**

### **Kentucky Commodity Group Appreciation Breakfast**

Thursday, Aug. 19, 7 a.m.

Kentucky Cookout Tent

Sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture

### **Opening Day Ceremony**

Thursday, Aug. 19, 9:30 a.m.

North Wing Lobby

### **County Fairs Day**

Thursday, Aug. 19

### **Friday, Aug. 20 – The Women’s Cup Day**

Support the Racing Louisville Football Club by wearing lavender and violet to the Fair! Visit North Wing to learn more about Louisville’s professional soccer teams and get information about getting tickets to the Women’s Cup game on Saturday, Aug. 21 at Lynn Family Stadium.

### **Military Sunday presented by AppHarvest**

Sunday Aug. 22

Military Sunday returns August 18 to celebrate all who serve or have served our country. Free admission is available for military members, veterans and their families (up to 4 people). Details will be available on [www.vettix.org](http://www.vettix.org). Parking is not included.

### **Sensory Friendly Morning**

The Kentucky State Fair and Kissel Entertainment are partnering with FEAT of Louisville and Kentucky Autism Training Center to distribute free admission and midway tickets to family and fairgoers with sensory processing differences. The midway will operate with minimal lights and music during that time to create an enjoyable fair experience for those with sensory sensitivities. To receive tickets, email [melissa@featoflouisville.org](mailto:melissa@featoflouisville.org) with FEAT of Louisville or [enid.hurtado@louisville.edu](mailto:enid.hurtado@louisville.edu) with Kentucky Autism Training Center. To ensure an enjoyable experience for those in attendance, tickets are limited.

### **Senior Day**

Tuesday, Aug. 24

All seniors 55 and over receive free gate admission. Parking not included.

### **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Ham Breakfast & Auction**

Thursday, Aug. 26, 7:30 a.m.

South Wing C, Room 104

Sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau

### **Championship Drive presented by Farm Credit Mid-America: 4-H FFA**

Thursday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Broadbent Arena

## **MEDIA DAYS**

Stop by South Wing A Lobby and meet your favorite media personalities.

### **WAMZ iHeart Radio**

Saturday, August 21

### **WJIE**

Monday, August 23

### **840 WHAS New Radio**

Tuesday, August 24

### **WLKY**

Thursday, August 26

### **Summit Media**

Saturday, August 28

### **WAY-FM**

Sunday, August 29

## **VISITOR SERVICES**

**Accessibility** - All restrooms are wheelchair accessible and ramps provide access to all buildings.

Elevators are located in the lobby of Broadbent Arena, the east and west concourses of Freedom Hall, the entrance to the pedway at Stophor Walk and the North Wing Lobby. Wheelchair seating should be requested when purchasing horse show tickets. For accessible seating, call (502) 367-5144.

**Administration Offices** - Located at the front entrance of Freedom Hall, far left doors.

Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily

Phone: (502) 367-5000

TDD: (502) 367-5131

**Baby Care Facilities** - Facilities for diaper changing are identified by "Baby Changing Station" signs on restrooms in the South Wing, North Wing and West Hall Lobbies, on the first floor of Freedom Hall and on the east and west sides of the second floor of Freedom Hall. The Baby Care Center is open all day in South Wing B100. Sponsored by Baptist Health Louisville and Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness

**Bus & Taxi Service** - TARC buses arrive at the Fair on normal routes daily. Taxis, Ubers and Lyfts will pick up and drop off on the Kingdom Plaza in the N Lot.

**Check Cashing/Money Machines** - No personal checks are cashed on the grounds. There are 12 ATMs on the grounds, located in the North/South A,B,C lobbies, the front entrance of Freedom Hall, entrance to the West Court Yard, Sivori Tent, Budweiser Tent, West Wing Lobby, Broadbent Lobby and in Lot L.

**Concert Gates Open** - The Texas Roadhouse Concert Series will open at 6:30 p.m. in Lot L. Seating is first come, first served. Accessible seating is available. On Sunday, August 29, Gates will open at 2:30 p.m.

**Express Lanes** – Express Lanes help visitors save time. Fairgoers must pre-purchase both parking and admission tickets to use the express lanes. Locations will vary by time and busyness.

**First Aid** - Stations are staffed by the American Red Cross. There is a location by the main entrance to Freedom Hall. First Aid stations are also open just off the South Wing Lobby from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. A First Aid station is located in the Thrill Ville trailer. During the concerts, a first aid station will be located by the restroom complex of the concert venue.

**Guest Relations** - Staffed during Freedom Hall ticketed events and located inside Freedom Hall.

### **Information Booths**

Have a question? Get an answer at the Kentucky State Fair Information Booths located throughout the Fair. View the visitor's map for more information on booth locations. Sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

### **Lost Child Center**

Staffed and sponsored by the Kentucky State Police, a Lost Child Center is located at the Kentucky State Police command post on Broadbent Dr. Open 24 hours a day during the Fair.

**Lost & Found Items** - All items found and turned in to Kentucky State Fair staff will be taken to the KEC Security Office (located next to the Ticket Office), open 24 hours a day during the Fair. Call (502) 367-5360.

**Police** - Kentucky State Police are stationed outdoors, adjacent to the west end of West Hall by the First Aid station and EMS. The Kentucky Exposition Center Security Office is located in Freedom Hall, next to the ticket office. Call (502) 367-5360.

**RV Parking** - Overnight RV parking is allowed only in the F Lot. Parking is \$30 per night. Electric and water hookups are not available. Contact the Access Control Office at (502) 367-5380.

**Road Help** - Handled by the Kentucky State Police, adjacent to the west end of West Hall or call KEC at (502) 367-5000.

**Smoking** - The Kentucky Exposition Center is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is only allowed outdoors.

### **State Fair Shuttles**

Rides are free on Kentucky State Fair Shuttles. You can board from several "Shuttle Stop" locations on the grounds. There is one shuttle route for the entire grounds with service approximately 9 a.m. to midnight daily. Shuttles run every 15-30 minutes.

**Ticket Office** - Tickets for all evening performances of the World's Championship Horse Show can be purchased online on Ticketmaster or the Kentucky Exposition Center Box Office, located to the right of the main entrance to Freedom Hall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



**Wheelchair/Stroller Rentals** – ADA parking is located in Parking Lot N. Scooter Time Rentals will be located nearby for scooter, wheelchair and wagon rentals on the West Lawn. Please visit [Info@scootertime.com](mailto:Info@scootertime.com) or call 423-569-1933 for pricing and reservation information.

### **“You Are Here” Maps**

Lost at the Fair? Find out where you are and where you want to go. Located in areas inside and outside of the Fair.

## **PARKING**

### **Public Entrance Gates**

Gate 1            937 Phillips Lane  
Gate 2            3901 South Crittenden Drive  
Gate 4            2801 North Crittenden Drive  
Gate 6            3328 Preston Highway

## **TEXAS ROADHOUSE CONCERT SERIES- FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, Aug. 19 through Sunday, Aug. 29.

All free concerts will begin at 8 p.m., with the exception of Sunday, August 25 which is at 4 p.m. and are held in Lot L. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 19-28 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 29. Seating is first come, first served.

*(Note: Free concerts take place rain or shine. A show may be delayed if there is lightning. Announcements will be made accordingly and updates will be posted on social media)*

For accessible seating, call (502) 367-5144 or 1-800-231-8085.

### Free Concerts

#### **Thursday, August 19**

Josh Turner with special guest Alex Miller

#### **Friday, August 20**

Ginuwine with special guest Color Me Badd

#### **Saturday, August 21**

Colt Ford with special guest Elvie Shane

#### **Sunday, August 22**

The Oak Ridge Boys with special guest T.Graham Brown

#### **Monday, August 23**

Zach Williams with special guest CAIN

#### **Tuesday, August 24**

Happy Together Tour 2021 with special guests The Monarchs

**Wednesday, August 25**

P.O.D. with special guest All Good Things

**Thursday, August 26**

Jackyl with special guest The Kentucky Headhunters

**Friday, August 27**

White Reaper with special guest The Tommys

**Saturday, August 28**

Jameson Rodgers with special guests Exile and J.D. Shelburne

**Sunday, August 29**

Cory Asbury with special guests We the Kingdom and Jordan Smith

**WORLD’S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW**

**Freedom Hall**

**Saturday, Aug. 21 through Saturday, Aug. 28**

The Kentucky State Fair World’s Championship Horse Show has attracted spectators and competitors from around the world. Over 2,000 Saddlebred horses compete for more than \$1 million in awards during the eight-day event. First place winners are recognized throughout the Saddlebred industry as true World Champions.

Enjoy the 2021 World’s Championship Horse Show from the comfort of your home or on-the-go with your mobile device. Live streaming will be available for viewers at \$25 per day or \$150 for the entire week. Connect to pay-per-view directly from [www.wchorseshow.com](http://www.wchorseshow.com).

**Free Morning Performances**

Free performances are held Aug. 22 at noon and Aug. 23 through Aug. 28 at 9 a.m. Seating is available in the upper level of Freedom Hall. There are no free performances on Aug. 26.

Paid Evening Performances.

Evening performances are held Aug. 21 at 7 p.m., Aug. 22-27, at 6:30 p.m. and Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. Tickets for evening performances Aug. 21-26 are \$8 and for Aug. 27-28 are \$11. Tickets do not include Kentucky State Fair gate admission and parking. Visit [wchorseshow.com/tickets/](http://wchorseshow.com/tickets/) for details.

Aug. 21-26                 \$8  
Aug. 27-28                 \$11

All-week reserved tickets include seats and Kentucky State Fair admission for all 14 shows (Upper-Level Rows C-L) – \$168

**Staff**

Scarlett Mattson.....Manager  
Whitney Turner.....Manager

**Interviews and Credentials**

Request horse show interviews by contacting Scarlett Mattson in the Horse Show Office located beside Stopher Walk, east side of Skywalk or by calling (502) 367-5300.

### **Gate Admission**

Kentucky State Fair admission and parking is required for all performances of the World's Championship Horse Show.

### **BUILDINGS AND EVENTS**

#### **Broadbent Arena, dedicated in 1977**

Beef Cattle – Aug. 25-29

Championship Drive presented by Farm Credit Mid-America – Aug. 26

Dairy Cattle – Aug. 19-22

Draft Horse & Mule Pull – Aug. 29

Market Goats & Wether Dams – Aug. 23-26

Miniature Horse Show – Aug. 27-28

Mules & Jacks – Aug. 19-24

Open Dairy Cattle Parade of Champions - Aug. 22

Youth Dairy Cattle Costume Contest - Aug. 20

Youth Dairy Cattle Supreme Show – Aug. 20

#### **Parking Lot E**

Mules & Jacks - Aug. 19-24

World's Championship Horse Show Office - Parking Lot E

#### **East Hall, dedicated in 1976**

Entry Departments: *Antiques*  
*Culinary*  
*Fine Arts and Crafts*  
*Hobbies*  
*Homebrew Beer*  
*Homemade Wine*  
*Plants & Flowers*  
*Textiles*

#### **Freedom Hall, dedicated in 1956**

Administrative Offices - West Side, Front

First Aid Station - East Side of Lobby

Freddy Farm Bureau - Front Porch

Security & Police - Front

Ticket Office - East Side, Front

World's Championship Horse Show - Aug. 21-28

#### **Parking Lot L**

Bourbon & Brews Tent

Kentucky Cookout Tent

Texas Roadhouse Concert Series

#### **Newmarket Hall**

FFA Awards Program - Aug. 20

**Pavilion, dedicated in 1956**

Dairy Goats – Aug. 19-21

Boer Goats – Aug. 20-21

Poultry, Pigeons and Rabbits – Aug. 19-22

Swine – Aug. 24-29

**North Wing, dedicated in 2007**

Performing Arts Stage

- Renata The Band

Saddlebred Café

The Tack Shops

**South Wing, dedicated in 1991**

AgLand

- Dairy Products
- FFA Exhibits and 4-H Cloverville Exhibits

Discovery Farm

Entry Showcase:

*Dairy Products*

*Fine Arts and Crafts*

Family Stage

Gourmet Garden Stage

Health Horizons

Heritage Hall (Only Tues. Aug. 24)

Kentucky Country Ham Breakfast & Auction - Aug. 26

Kentucky Farm Bureau Gospel Music Showcase - Aug. 26

Kentucky State Fair Talent Classic - Aug. 21-22, Finals Aug. 28

Little Miss and Mister Kentucky County Fairs Pageant - Aug. 19

Main Street Kentucky

Media Days

Pride of the Counties

Baby Care Center

Safety Town

Southland Dairy Farmers

South Wing Shops

Sponsor Exhibits

Special Exhibitions and Programs

WWII Experience

**West Hall, dedicated in 1976**

Entry Showcase: *Bees & Honey*  
*Country Ham Show*  
*Egg Show*  
*Field Seed & Grain*  
*Fruits & Nuts*  
*Tobacco*  
*Vegetables & Melons*

Largest Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest – Aug. 21  
Sheep - Aug. 24-29

### **West Wing Show Ring**

Miller's Border Collies

Open Dairy Cattle Parade of Champions - Aug. 22

## **DAILY ATTRACTIONS, SHOWS AND SPECIALTY AREAS**

### **East Hall**

#### **Competitive Showcase**

Plants & Flowers, Antiques, Culinary, Hobbies, Textiles, Homebrew Beer and Homemade Wine.

### **Freedom Hall**

#### **Freddy Farm Bureau**

Come meet the 18-foot tall farmer with a giant heart for farming and the people of Kentucky. Freddy Farm Bureau is the biggest, friendliest and most widely recognizable greeter at the Kentucky State Fair. You can find this friendly farmer on the front porch of Freedom Hall.

### **North Wing Lobby**

#### **Performing Arts Stage**

Watch storytellers, musicians, comedians, singers, dancers and more. Plus performances by Renata the Band.

### **Renata the Band**

This trio of siblings, hailing from Queens, New York, has a unique blend of harmony-driven country/rock music. Touring together full-time for nearly nine years, they are seasoned veterans in the music industry that are sure to make an audience get on their feet and dance.

### **North Wing**

#### **Saddlebred Café**

Experience fine dining at its best at the Saddlebred Café. From regional, mouth-watering entrées to delectable, gourmet desserts, the buffet-style restaurant offers something for every taste. Patrons won't even have to miss a moment of the World's Championship Horse Show, as the café features two screens with live video streaming of the prestigious competition.

### **The Tack Shops**

All things equine from jewelry and halters to outfits and art.

### **South Wing A**

#### **4-H Cloverville & FFA Displays**

Members of 4-H and FFA proudly display the skills they learned throughout the year and compete for champion honors in such categories as entomology, geology, forestry, electric, foods, horticulture, woodworking, clothing, knitting and crocheting, home environment, consumer science management, technology, country hams and photography. The exhibits showcase members' proficiency in production, agri-business and placement and are displayed alongside entries of tobacco, hay, corn, floral arrangements, mechanics and woodworking.

## **AgLand**

See more than an acre of agriculture exhibits in the South Wing highlighting Kentucky's farm and field heritage, including the future of farming and agribusiness through 4-H and FFA exhibits. AgLand is brought to you by Kentucky's Farm Families.

## **Competitive Showcase**

Dairy Products

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Dairy Products

Fine Arts & Crafts.

## **Discovery Farm sponsored by Kentucky Pork Producers and LG&E-KU**

At the Discovery Farm, fairgoers will step into the barn to browse various interactive learning stations about life on a Kentucky farm and animal agriculture. The behind-the-scenes display will highlight the importance of agriculture in daily life and give visitors opportunities to meet-and-greet cattle, goats, sheep, llamas, sheep, poultry and more. Sponsored by Kentucky Pork Producers and LG&E-KU.

NEW: Visit with Shaker Village's Shepherd to learn how sheep help in LG&E-KU's solar power initiatives.

## **South Wing A Lobby**

### **Gourmet Garden Stage**

The Gourmet Garden features demonstrations by fine chefs, caterers, and bakers from across the state, live cooking demonstrations and competitions on the state-of-the-art Gourmet Garden cooking stage.

## **South Wing B**

### **Health Horizons**

Get healthy with lifestyle education, free screenings and interactive exhibits from Kentucky's medical community. Sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services, KY Blood Center, Passport Health Plan by Molina Healthcare and UofL Hospital.

## **Kentucky Remembers: The WWII Experience**

Walk through a WWII barrack and learn about the second world war with educational displays.

## **Kentucky State Fair Talent Classic**

Catch this highly competitive contest that gives participants 13-21 a chance at stardom. Aug. 21-22, Finals Aug. 28

## **Little Miss & Mister Kentucky County Fairs Pageant**

Come and watch county fair winners compete to be crowned state Little Miss & Mister. Aug. 19. Sponsored by The Sweet Shoppe

## **Main Street Kentucky**

Celebrate Kentucky with interactive exhibits focusing on state government, arts, education, agriculture and more. Sponsored by Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

## **Pride of the Counties**

Learn about the tourist attractions, festivals, employment opportunities and recreational activities the counties of Kentucky have to offer. Sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

## **South Wing C**

### **Family Stage**

Watch as traveling national acts take the stage and entertain audiences. Local dancers and singers share their talents too.

- **Michael Goudeau:** Starting from humble beginnings as a performer in the streets of San Francisco, Michael Goudeau has traveled all around the world showcasing his amazing talents. From comedy acts to juggling chainsaws, Goudeau can catch any crowd's attention. Sponsored by The Sweet Shoppe.
- **The Mastersons:** The Mastersons are award-winning illusionists known for their edgy and fast-paced magic acts. The show is an exciting combination of modern magic, trained rescue animals, stunts, escapes and comedic relief. Located on the Family State.

## **Heritage Hall: for Seniors 55 and Older (Only Tues. Aug. 24)**

Get ready for fun: music, games, dancing, contests, bingo and singing. Presented by Louisville Metro Parks.

## **South Wing Shops**

Shop 400 booths with a huge selection and something for everyone.

## **South Wing Parking Lot**

### **Marvelous Mutts**

Catch the action-packed Marvelous Mutts show! Dogs perform tricks with frisbees, agility racing and dock diving to wow the crowds.

## **Welde Bears**

The Weldes are proud to bring to you their beautiful family of bruins. Presenting their bears as ambassadors for bears in the wild, the Welde's Big Bear Expedition sends to you a vital message of conservation and preservation for all bear species. Located in the South Wing A Parking Lot.

## **West Hall**

### **Competitive Showcase**

Bees & Honey

Egg Show

Field Seed & Grain

Fruits & Nuts

Tobacco

Vegetables & Melons

## **West Wing**

### **Miller's Border Collies**

See trained dogs execute herding techniques on command in the Show Ring. Sponsored by Chaney's Dairy Barn.

## **Pavilion**

### **Rooster Showdown: Rooster Crowing Contest**

Listen as exhibitors put their roosters' abilities to the test in this crowing contest. Aug. 19-21. Finals on Aug. 22.

## **Roving Act**

### **RoboCars**

Featuring a tractor and a pick-up truck that transform as they roam around the State Fair. Kids and Adults will be amazed by this roving act.

## **West Courtyard**

### **Porkchop Revue**

The Pork Chop Revue is a comedy animal variety show featuring swine of all kinds! These bodacious barnyard buddies present a show featuring stunts and laughable antics. See them dance, sing and jump! Located on the West Lawn.

## **ENTERTAINMENT TENTS**

### **Budweiser Pavilion**

Location: West Lawn

Stop by for live music, cold beer and savory food by Six Row Events. Located on the West Lawn. Sponsored by Standard Sales Company.

### **Kentucky Cookout Tent**

Location: Parking Lot L

Kentucky's best homegrown food from: Kentucky Aquaculture Association, Kentucky Cattleman's Association, American Dairy Association of Kentucky, Kentucky Pork Producers Association, Kentucky Poultry Federation and Kentucky Corn Growers Association.

### **Sivori Music Tent**

Location: South Wing Parking Lot

Tune in for music and a variety of delicious grilled foods. Located in the South Wing Parking Lot. Sponsored by River City Distributing.

## **SPECIAL CONTESTS**

### **4-H/FFA Youth Dairy Cattle Parade of Champions**

Friday, Aug. 20, 3:00 p.m.

Broadbent Arena

### **4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Championship Drive presented by Farm Credit Mid-America**

Thursday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Broadbent Arena

### **Kentucky Farm Bureau Gospel Music Showcase**

Thursday, August 26, 12:45 p.m.

South Wing C, Room 201-205



**Kentucky State Fair Talent Classic**

Semi-Finals: Saturday, Aug. 21 - Sunday, Aug. 22

Finals: Saturday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

South Wing B, Room 102-104

**Little Miss and Mister Kentucky County Fairs Pageant**

Thursday, Aug. 19, 1:00 p.m.

South Wing B Conference Center, Room 102-105

**Largest Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest**

Saturday, Aug. 21, 1:30 p.m.

West Hall Loading Docks

**Open Dairy Cattle Supreme Show**

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2:30 pm

Broadbent Arena

**Rooster Showdown: Rooster Crowing Contest**

Daily Contests: Thursday, Aug. 19 – Saturday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m.

Finals: Sunday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.

Pavilion

**The Mrs. Wyndall Smith Quilt Award Presentation**

Friday, Aug. 20, 10:45 a.m.

Textile Demonstration Area

**Cooking Competitions – South Wing A**

**Kentucky Farm to School Junior**

**Chef Competition**

Junior Chef Champions.....Up to \$70,000 in scholarships

## ENTRY DEPARTMENTS AND LOCATIONS

Dates indicate when entries will be on display. Refer to the Entry Department Judging Schedule for dates and times of judging.

4-H Exhibits	South Wing	Every Day
Antiques	East Hall	Every Day
Beef Cattle	Broadbent	Aug. 25-29
Bees & Honey	West Hall	Every Day
Boer Goats	Pavilion	Aug. 20-21
Country Ham	West Hall	Every Day
Culinary	East Hall	Every Day
Dairy Cattle	Pavilion	Aug. 19-22
Dairy Goats	West Hall	Aug. 19-22
Dairy Products	South Wing	Every Day
Eggs	West Hall	Every Day
FFA Exhibits	South Wing	Every Day
Field Seed & Grain	West Hall	Every Day
Fine Arts & Crafts	South Wing	Every Day
Fruits & Nuts	West Hall	Every Day
Hobbies	East Hall	Every Day
Homebrew Beer	East Hall	Every Day
Homemade Wine	East Hall	Every Day
Market Goats	Broadbent	Aug.23-26
Mules & Jacks	Broadbent	Aug. 19-24
Pigeons	Pavilion	Aug. 19-22
Plants & Flowers	East Hall	Every Day
Poultry	Pavilion	Aug. 19-22
Rabbits	Pavilion	Aug. 19-22
Sheep	West Hall	Aug. 24-29
Swine	Pavilion	Aug. 24-29
Textiles	East Hall	Every Day
Tobacco	West Hall	Every Day
Vegetables & Melons	West Hall	Every Day

*\*Changeover day is Aug. 23*

## **KENTUCKY STATE FAIR FACTS**

### **118th Kentucky State Fair Dates**

Aug. 18-28, 2022

### **119th Kentucky State Fair Dates**

Aug. 17-27, 2023

### **Acreage**

The Kentucky State Fair occupies 540 acres at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

### **Attendance**

2020	Closed to public
2019	600,000+
2018	614,470
2017	609,555
2016	564,937
2015	601,672
2014	515,937
2013	615,648
2012	599,854
2011	605,565
2010	602,897
2009	621,795
2008	586,106
2007	589,364
2006	614,477
2005	629,740
2004	637,327
2003	625,657
2002	618,954

### **All-time Attendance Record:**

684,356 - Set in 1994

### **Budget**

\$8 million

### **Indoor Space**

More than 1.2 million square feet, all climate controlled.

### **Location since 1956**

Kentucky Exposition Center  
937 Phillips Lane  
Louisville, KY 40209

## **KENTUCKY STATE FAIR TIMELINE**

1816

Fayette County farmer Colonel Lewis Sanders organized Kentucky's first fair and stock show, five years after America's first fair and stock show in Massachusetts.

1841

The first state fair in the United States took place in New York.

1853

Two years after the first world's fair in London, Americans staged their own world's fair in New York. The first major, permanent fairgrounds in Louisville opened in Crescent Hill.

1893

The first full "Midway" was created for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and some of the first "fair foods" gained popularity there.

1901

Abram Renick, legislator from Winchester, sponsored the bill to create the Kentucky State Fair.

1902

The newly formed Kentucky Livestock Breeders Association organized the first Kentucky State Fair at Churchill Downs, Louisville.

1903

Owensboro won the bid to host the second Kentucky State Fair.

1904

Due to a pending court case, testing the constitutionality of state appropriations for the Fair, the State Fair was cancelled.

1905

The third Kentucky State Fair was held in Lexington, where organizers lobbied to host the Fair permanently.

1906

The Kentucky State Fair returned to Churchill Downs in Louisville for two consecutive years, and in 1908 Louisville was named the permanent site of the Kentucky State Fair.

1908

The first permanent Kentucky State Fairgrounds was constructed in the Parkland neighborhood of western Louisville, opening for the September event.

1914

A saddle horse stake at the Kentucky State Fair Horse Show became the richest purse in the nation; three years later, the Horse Show awarded its first world's championship.

1916-1919

State Fair exhibits, attractions, and entries reflected wartime and the U.S. involvement in World War I.

1924

Daily radio broadcasts originated from the Fair for the first time. The medium of radio would influence Fair programming for decades.

1930-1933

During the Depression, State Fair attendance declined, but the Fair Board implemented reduced admission fees and added an overnight campground for fairgoers.

1937

Floodwaters covered the Fairgrounds in January and led to extensive repairs.

1942-1943

Buildings at the State Fairgrounds were converted to defense industry uses, and the State Fair was cancelled.

1944

As World War II continued, the State Fair was temporarily moved to Churchill Downs, where patriotic programs boosted the spirits of fairgoers.

1948

Before Kentucky had its first commercial television station, TV broadcasting was demonstrated at the Fair. Television programming would influence Fair attractions for years to come.

1950

Ground was broken for a new Fairgrounds and multi-purpose sports and entertainment center near the new airport and highway facilities.

1956

Following years of plan changes and construction delays due to the Korean War, the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center (KFEC) was opened for the 1956 State Fair.

1974

An April tornado caused widespread damage to KFEC.

1986

Preview attractions in the new permanent amusement park at KFEC, Kentucky Kingdom, were opened in time for the Fair.

2004

The 100th Kentucky State Fair was commemorated with nostalgic programs and a State Fair history exhibition.

2006

North American Midway Entertainment took over Thrillway operations, and some popular exhibits were relocated due to the East Wing reconstruction.

2007

A nearly \$60,000,000 renovation was made to the North Wing in the Kentucky Exposition Center, creating new Exhibit Hall space, replacing the East Hall.

2011

Military Day was instituted at the Kentucky State Fair to recognize active and retired military.

2012

The VanHook Brothers of Somerset broke a Kentucky State Fair record with their pumpkin, which weighed in at a whopping 1,074.5 pounds.

2013

In the Summer of 2013, Kentucky Kingdom was reopened.

2016

World's Championship Horse Show added another performance day, extending the prestigious event to 8 days.

**NOTES**