

2026 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

5:00 p.m. Turkey order Deadline

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

6:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Meeting #1 at Austin County Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

6:00 p.m. Mandatory Colt Project Meeting at Austin County Fairgrounds

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

6:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Meeting #2 at Austin County Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

6:00 p.m. Colt Project Meeting at All Around Cowboy Church Arena

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

5:00 p.m. Broiler order Deadline

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Commercial Pen of Heifers Tag-In at Four County Auction Barn in Industry

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Market Steer, Halter Heifer & Scramble Heifer Tag-In at Four County Auction Barn in Industry.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

6:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Meeting #3 at Austin County Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

6:00 p.m. Colt Project Weigh-In and Meeting at Austin County Fairgrounds

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

5:00 PM Deadline for Rabbit Validation Forms

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

6:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Meeting #4 at Austin County Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

6:00-8:00 a.m. Market Swine Tag-In at Austin County Fairgrounds

7:00-8:30 a.m. Market Lamb Tag-In at Austin County Fairgrounds

Market Goat Tag-In at Austin County Fairgrounds

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

6:00-7:30 p.m. Market Lamb Tag-In at Austin County Fairgrounds.

Market Goat Tag-In at Austin County Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

6:00-8:00 a.m. Market Swine Tag-In at Austin County Fairgrounds.

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

6:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Meeting #5 at Austin County Fairgrounds

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. Fair Entries Open online

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

5:00 p.m. Early Registration for **Lamb & Goat, Horse, Swine & Beef Skillathon**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

6:00 p.m. **Mandatory Colt** Project Meeting and Showmanship Practice at Austin County Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

7:30-8:15 a.m. Mandatory **Lamb** and **Goat** Evaluation

8:15 a.m. Mandatory **Lamb** and **Goat** meeting

8:00 a.m. Showmanship Contest sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Project Group and Mandatory Progress Show for **Halter Heifers, Steers and Scramble Heifers** at the Austin County Fairgrounds.

8:30 a.m. Showmanship Contest sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Project Group and Mandatory Progress Show for Market **Lambs** and Market **Goats**.

9:00 a.m. Showmanship Contest sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Project Group and Mandatory Progress Show for **Colts** and **Rabbits** at the Austin County Fairgrounds.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

10:00 a.m. **Bucket Calf** Progress Show at Austin County Fairgrounds

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

11:59 p.m. Deadline for Entries into the Fair Office

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

11:59 p.m. Online Entries approved by Supervisors

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Rabbit Meat Pens Tattooed

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

6:00 p.m. Commercial **Pen of Heifers** Mandatory Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

6:00 p.m. **Mandatory Colt** Project Meeting and Showmanship Practice at Austin County Fairgrounds

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

5:00 p.m. 2026 **Calf Scramble** Application Due.

2025-2026 Ending Essays and Scrapbooks Due

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

6:30 p.m. **Bucket Calf** Meeting #6 at Austin County Fairgrounds

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

5:00 p.m. Close-out Commercial **Pen of Heifer** Record Books

Commercial **Pen of Heifer** Record Book, Information Sheets & Video Due

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. Youth **Forage and Hay Judging** Contest

10:00 a.m. **Champion Drive Livestock Show**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. **Pen of Heifer** Pre-Evaluation (if needed) at 4 County Auction
Pen of Heifer Test at Bleiblerville VFD
8:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Swine** Show Box & Tack Move In through Gate 3
9:00 a.m. **Beef Skillathon** at 4 County Auction
8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Horse Project** Move In Show Box & Tack through Gate 3
Lambs & Goats Show Box Move In/Tent Set-Up through Gate 2

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. **Bucket Calf** move in through Gate 3
9:00 a.m. **Bucket Calf** Show
8:00-9:00 a.m. Market **Turkeys** move in and sift through Gate 2
9:00 -11:00 a.m. Market **Turkeys** Show
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Steer and Heifer** Show Box & Tack Move In through Gate 3
Scramble Heifer Show Box & Tack Move In through Gate 1
5:00 p.m. Market **Broilers** move in and sift through Gate 2
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Market **Broilers** Show
6:00 p.m. **Mandatory Colt** Soundness Exam/Vet Check at TBD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 a.m. Market **Swine** will be unloaded, weighed & sifted at scales. SIFTED MARKET SWINE MUST MOVE OUT
7:00 a.m. Market **Rabbits** move in and sifted. Judging immediately following
8:00 a.m. Commercial **Pen of Heifers** interviews
12:00 p.m. **Ag Mech** Registration Entertainment Center
1:00 p.m. **Ag Mech** Show Entertainment Center
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Market Lambs** move in and officially weighed & sifted at scales. SIFTED LAMBS MUST MOVE OUT
6:00 p.m. Commercial **Pen of Heifers** Awards

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Market **Steers** move in and officially weighed & sifted at scales. SIFTED STEERS MUST MOVE OUT.
9:00 a.m. **MANDATORY Lambs** Meeting
Judging of **Market Lambs** in Harold Luhn Barn
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Market Goats** move in and officially weighed & sifted at scales. SIFTED GOATS MUST MOVE OUT.
5:00 p.m. Judging of **Market Swine** in Livestock Barn Arena.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Horses** move in through Gate 3
7:00-9:00 a.m. **Halter Heifers** and **Scramble Heifers** move in through Gate 3, officially weighed and sifted at scales.
9:00 a.m. **MANDATORY Goat** Meeting
Judging of **Market Goats** in Harold Luhn Barn
Harold Luhn Barn
5:00 p.m. Judging of Market **Steer** in Livestock Barn Arena
6:00 p.m. Judging **Horses** in Rodeo Arena

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 a.m. **Commercial Pen of Heifer** unloading including Show Box & Tack Move In through Gate 3
8:00 a.m. Judging of **Halter Heifers** in Livestock Barn Arena
1:00 p.m. **Lamb** and **Goat** Skillathon check-in Luhn Barn
1:00 p.m. **Sale Order Results** Due into the Fair Office

4:00 p.m. Judging of **Scramble Heifers** in Livestock Barn Arena
6:00 p.m. **Swine Skillathon** in American Legion Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

10:00 a.m. **YOUTH AUCTION SALE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration for **Livestock Judging** Contest
8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Livestock Judging** Orientation
9:00 a.m. **Livestock Judging** Begins
12:30 p.m. **Livestock Judging** Contest Results
Following **Herdsman and Skillathon** Awards

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Steers, Halter Heifers and Scramble Heifer** tack loadout
6:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Lambs and Goats** move out through Gate 2
8:00 a.m. **Rabbits** move out
9:00 a.m. **Poultry** move out, Volume Buyers Load Out, Calf Scramble Awards
10:00 a.m. **Cattle, Swine, and Colts** move out **following the volume buyer's loadout** through Gate 3
11:00 a.m. **Pen of Heifers** move out and clean up

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026

Deadline for Calf Scramble Sponsor Thank You Notes to be turned into Fair Office

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027

5:00 p.m. Deadline to turn in **Calf Scramble** Certificate to Fair Office