

BRANCH COUNTY FAIR
AUGUST 9-15, 2026
“96 Years of Fair Jam...A Slam Dunk Celebration”
ALL ENTRIES DUE JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 2026

Visit the Fair Website @ www.branchfair.com to stay updated on schedules, the fair book and any other fair events. Also, like us on Facebook to get all current events as they happen.

FAIR OFFICE HOURS DURING FAIR WEEK: Closed daily from Noon-1:00 pm

Friday Entry Day for Branch Buds & Small Animals & Barnyard Small Animals: 4:00-9:00 pm

Entry day: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and closed from Noon-1:00 pm for lunch. Closed for the Parade.

Sunday through Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Last Saturday of Fair: 9:00 am - Noon & 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

CAMPING UPDATES: Camper Drawdown will take place on Wednesday July 15, 2026 (Large Animal & Horses ONLY) THE CAMPER DRAWDOWN WILL TAKE PLACE IN SCHLUBATIS HALL. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Drawing begins at 7:00 pm. NO SIGN UP AFTER 7 pm. Cost of camping spots will include two camper parking passes and two weekly admission passes. **Camping fee must be submitted with reservation.**

- Full hookup Campground D \$280
- Campground E water/electric \$260
- Full hookup Campground A (lots 1-56) \$300

Superintendents and Fair Board Members may come in on Thursday, August 6th. All other campers may come in on Friday, August 7th after 8:00 am.

PARKING PASSES & ADMISSION PASSES:

Parking passes and admission passes can be picked at the fair office starting July 27th during regular office hours or August 8th & 9th until 7:00 pm and on entry day.

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult (Ages 11 and over)	\$5.00 Daily
Children (10 & Under)	FREE
Weekly	\$15.00
Youth Exhibitor	FREE
Parent of Youth Exhibitor	\$10.00 Weekly

PARKING PASS PRICES

Daily	\$5.00
Weekly	\$20.00
Youth/Parent Exhibitor Parking Pass	\$15.00 Weekly

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: (this includes small animals) will have a special parking pass and only these passes will be allowed to use the entrance by the river on Sprague Street. You can pick up your passes starting July 27th at the Fair Office. You can pick up project entry tags for craft and Home Ec. projects at the Fair Office at that time.

ALL MARKET EXHIBITORS: If an exhibitor attended the Junior Livestock In Person Class in February 2026, there will be a box to select in Fair Entry. We will cross your name off the sign in sheets. If an exhibitor DID NOT attend the in person class, they will need to select YQCA in Fair Entry and upload their certificate. They must

complete a Livestock Owners Certificate for **each** market species found on fairentury.com welcome page by June 30th @ midnight. This step must be completed in order to show and sell.

ALL NON-MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MUST COMPLETE a Non-Market Livestock Lease Contract, if the exhibitor does not own the animal he/she is bringing to Fair. This form can be found on fairentury.com welcome page.

NON-LIVESTOCK YOUTH EXHIBITORS OR PARENT: Will be able to purchase a general parking pass for \$15.00. This will get you in any gate **except** the livestock gate. You can begin purchasing your passes July 27th at the Fair Office OR scan this QR Code and purchase them online ahead of time!



ADMISSION TO AMPHITHEATER: Youth Exhibitors who have projects entered in 2026 Fair will be admitted for \$2.00 every night. *Exhibitors will use their weekly admission pass; which can be picked up at the fair office free to all youth exhibitors. The exhibitors admission pass is the responsibility of the exhibitor and will NOT be replaced if lost. A weekly pass will be available in advance for adults for \$80.*

AMPHITHEATER:

Tickets are available to purchase at the gate. Here is a list of the attractions that you can see in the amphitheater at this year's fair. For more information on times and pricing visit: www.branchfair.com

Sunday, August 9th	MINI PONY PULLS
Monday, August 10th	PONY PULLERS & STREET LEGAL PICKUPS & SEMI PULLS
Tuesday, August 11th	ANTIQUE TRACTORS & FARM STOCK PULLS & HOT FARM
Wednesday, August 12th	NTPA TRACTOR PULLS
Thursday, August 13th	HUBIE ASHCRAFT BAND!
Friday, August 14th	INTERNATIONAL DEMO DERBY
Saturday, August 15th	TK PRO RODEO

ENTRIES OF EXHIBITS: (THIS INCLUDES THE OPEN CLASS ENTRIES)

Please note that entry day is Saturday, August 8th and everything must be entered that day.

Entry day will be Friday, August 7th for Small Animals exhibitors, incl. Branch Buds and Barnyard Children at the Small Animal Barn from 4-9pm.

ALL BRANCH BUD CRAFTS will check in on Friday, August 7th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the West end of the Home Economics Building.

OPEN CLASS ENTRIES: Friday, August 7th from 6-8 pm at the East End. Foods will be judged at this time.

LIVESTOCK is to be brought in from Saturday, August 8th from 8:00am to 2:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm thru livestock gate only. Horses will enter the main gate and exit via the Jefferson St. gate.

SHOW RING IDENTIFICATION: All members showing livestock in a ring will need an exhibitor number. This card is to be worn on the member's back. The 5x8 card will be provided; you can pick up your number at the show shelter the day of show. **YOU NEED TO FURNISH YOUR OWN SAFETY PINS.**

MARKET EXHIBITORS: To help you figure Rate of Gain, the chart is online at www.branchfair.com, on the Fair Entry page.

ENTRY DAY: HOME EC. & SANFORD HALL:

Saturday, August 8th: The following schedule is for all Home Ec & Sanford Hall entry day.

Barns open at 9:00 am and will be closed from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm for lunch and will reopen from 12:30pm - 2:00pm. **Sensory Friendly Check-In 11:30-12:30 pm located at the East End of Home Ec****

The Still Exhibit Silent Auction will take place in Home Ec on Thursday, August 13th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

LIVESTOCK CLUB EXHIBITS: Exhibits must be finished by noon on the first Sunday of Fair. (August 9, 2026)

LEADERSHIP, ACHIEVEMENT & CLUB BOOTHS:

Club booths **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th ONLY 5:30pm - 7:30pm AND Teen Booths 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

CREATIVE WRITING: Please make sure to turn in your creative writing **TO THE FAIR OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST.** You will meet with the judge on entry day, Saturday, August 8th.

MORE EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

RULES AND REGULATIONS: these rules are in the Fair Book.

FAIR BOOK IS AVAILABLE AT www.branchfair.com, Branch Co Fair Week, Important Documents AND EACH CLUB WILL RECEIVE 2 BOOKS. THEY WILL BE ON SALE IN THE FAIR OFFICE FOR \$12 EACH.

PARADE: Saturday August 8th. The parade route will be the same as in the past. Please check your Fair Book for all other information. Lineup will be at **3:30pm** at the west end of the Fairgrounds. The parade will start at **3:45pm**. Please remember to invite friends and family to attend the parade.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: (Saturday, August 15, 2026 / Sunday, August 16, 2026)

Saturday, August 15th 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Tack Removal (No trailers) DO NOT REMOVE GATES OR PEN TAGS
Saturday, August 15th @ 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	All Dairy Barn Exhibits, Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder & Any take home market Beef
Saturday, August 15th @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	TAKE HOME & BREEDING Small Animal Barn, Swine & Starter Calves (that were pulled from the auction)
Saturday, August 15th @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	All other take home, ALL Barnyard Children & Mini Ponies and Horses (all), Goats, Sheep, Starter Calves purchased through the auction for take home
Saturday, August 15th @ 8:00 pm	Starter Calf Support Buyers Take Home
Saturday, August 15th @ 9:00 pm	Open Class Static
Sunday, August 16th @ 7:00 am - 9:00 am	Home Ec & Sanford Hall Static Pick Up

CLEAN UP: Clean up will be on Sunday, August 16th starting at 7:00am. This is for **ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS.** We would like each club to be there to help with cleaning up. Donuts will be served in the Farm Bureau Pavilion to all that help clean up.

There is a need for adults to help put away showcases and fences also.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE 4-H CABIN

***NEW* Inclusion Day**

Thursday, August 13th, 2026 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Meet at the Cabin

Crafts, Carnival Games, Elliott's Amusements will be open from 2-3 PM. More information to come!

OPENING CEREMONY & KING AND QUEEN CROWNING: Come see the beautiful ceremony for the King & Queen at the 4-H Cabin on **Sunday, August 9th** at 7:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

COMMUNICATION ART: On Tuesday, August 11th, see 4-Hers perform in the categories of Public Speaking, Demonstration, Oral Interpretation beginning at 8:30 am. Branch Buds will show off their public speaking skills in the Show and Tell event at Noon in the 4-H Cabin. A great event for the whole family!

SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE DEARTH CENTER

INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE: More information to come!

TALENT SHOW: Come and see ages 4-19 perform acts ranging from singing and instrumental to dance and gymnastics! The show will take place at the Dearth Community Center on **Wednesday**, August 12th with ages 4-19 starting at 10:00 am and ages 10-19 starting at 1:00 pm. Come and see Branch County's talent!!

VETERANS DAY: Wednesday, August 12th at the Dearth Center. Doors will open at 5:00 pm for a Veteran's Day Program. Veterans will receive **FREE ADMISSION and PARKING** to the Fair all day.

SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM: Come and see the local talents perform at the Dearth Community Center on **Thursday**, August 13th at 1:00pm. Join us for fun and refreshments! All senior citizens (ages 60 years and over) will be eligible to win door prizes and get **free admissions** to the fair all day along with \$5 per vehicle parking.

ANNUAL DINNER: 4-H Leaders Council Annual Dinner will be having pork loin, cheesy potatoes, baked beans etc. on Thursday, August 13th. It will be held from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Dearth Community Center. It is a 4-H benefit and all proceeds go to local Branch County 4-H programs. **Dine in or Carry Out Meals are Available.**

ELLIOTT'S AMUSEMENTS: Elliott's Amusements will be at the Branch County Fairground from:

Tuesday, August 11th - Saturday, August 15th. Online PRESALES
Buy Tickets - Elliott's Amusements (elliottsamusements.com)



On Sale NOW thru Monday August 10, 2026. Single day \$18 Armband 5 Day Armband \$80 (MEGA PASS)

Tuesday Kid's Day

Open @ 1:00pm
\$20 RIDE ALL DAY Armband

Wednesday-Friday

Open @ 3:00 pm
\$25 RIDE ALL DAY Armband

Saturday

Open @ Noon
\$27 RIDE ALL DAY Armband

ALL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT branchfair.com/important-documents Forms available: Fair Book, forms for Teen Booth, Parade, Still Exhibit Sale, Project Guidelines.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION DETAILS:

Thursday, August 13th 3:00 pm:

Small Animal Sale Order -starter calves, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys

Friday, August 14th: 9:30 am- Large Animal Sale Order - swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats

Auction day sale order by species: grand champion, reserve grand champion, third, fourth, fifth overall and rate of gain champion, showmanship winners, and then by weight.

FAIR ENTRY: www.fairentry.com Same login you use to sign up 4-H Online

All entries are due BEFORE JULY 1, 2026 AT 12:00AM

Upload the following Livestock health Certificates: Owners Certificate, Non-market Lease contract.

**A Help session for Fair Entry enrollment will be on June 18, 2026 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Fair Office

**There will be a Buyer Letter Workshop on June 9, 2026 in the 4-H Cabin.

Kids Day: Tuesday, August 11th from 11am-1pm located behind Schlubatis and the 4-H Clubhouse

Let us see your support for our Fair ... **A Slam Dunk Celebration!**