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2022 MEDIA GUIDE

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TikTok – www.tiktok.com/ohiostatefair

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Media Information

Credential Registration

We welcome the chance to work with your station or publication. Registering for the Ohio State Fair is simple for members of the media, with two easy options:

1. Email a list of staff members who will cover the Fair to assigned media contact OR
2. Complete the credential registration form at www.ohiostatefair.com/media-registration

We kindly request that all media who are provided an admission ticket submit a press clipping or audio/video clip within two weeks of the closing of the Fair. Failure to provide proof of coverage may result in loss of media center privileges.

Media Center Check-in Procedures

The Ohio State Fair Media Center will be operational from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., daily, July 27 – Aug. 7 (except for Aug. 7, when it closes at 6 p.m. along with the Fair's admission gates), or by appointment. **All members of the media should check in here to receive parking and admission credentials before entering the Fair.** No parking or admission passes for working media will be mailed in advance.

Directions

As in the past, the Media Center will be located on 11th Avenue, just west of the OHIO Gate. All working news media and promotions personnel should register and park at this location upon arriving at the Fair. For your convenience, the Media Center will provide a phone, Internet access, and an air-conditioned room for you to work or relax in. Fair schedules will also be provided daily, as well as feature ideas and assistance in obtaining interviews.

Parking

Approximately 25 parking spots are available for use by working media at the Media Center. In addition, we will provide some overflow parking in the Pavilion Lot (Gate 9), located east of the Voinovich Center. Please note parking is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. If all media spots are full, you will be routed to the North Lot (off of 17th Avenue).





Press Release System

<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/media-registration>

With a mix of special competitions, big-name entertainment, exciting rides, and thousands of kids and animals, the Ohio State Fair offers 12 days of continuous feature and story opportunities. To receive story ideas, photo opportunities, media advisories, and more, please visit [ohiostatefair.com](https://www.ohiostatefair.com), click on the “About Us” link and then click “Media” to sign up to receive customized news and information at the bottom of the page. Additional information can be found under the “Media Kits & Registration” link, also on that “Media” website page.

On-Site Transportation

A few golf carts will be kept at the Media Center and can be used for transportation of equipment on a first-come, first-served basis. For liability reasons, carts can only be driven by Ohio State Fair employees. Access to the Fair on carts is limited to the golf cart path, which travels the Fair’s perimeter. No carts are allowed in pedestrian areas. The Ohio State Highway Patrol will enforce this policy.

WCOL Celeste Center – Interviews and Backstage Policy

All interviews and backstage passes must be arranged through each artist’s management or publicity team. The Fair public relations staff can provide contact names and phone numbers upon request. Please notify the public relations staff office of what arrangements have been made prior to the show date. If your station or publication wishes to send a photographer or videographer to a concert, please contact Jess West at j.west@expo.ohio.gov. Your request will be forwarded to artist management for review, and you will be contacted once your request has been reviewed.



Fair Descriptions by Word or Character Count

Need a blurb? Here are a few brief Ohio State Fair summaries with various word lengths.

140 characters

Don't miss the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – Aug. 7! Experience it all: food, animals, rides, shopping, arts, entertainment, music, and more.

280 characters

Don't miss the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – Aug. 7! Enjoy your favorite Fair traditions, like the butter cow, Smokey Bear, farm animals, and the Giant Slide. Experience it all: unique fair food, more than 50 rides, shopping, arts, entertainment, music, education, and more.

25 words

Experience the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – August 7! Enjoy tradition, food, animals, rides, shopping, arts, entertainment, music, education, and so much more.

50 words

Make memories that will last a lifetime at the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – August 7! Experience your favorite Fair traditions, like the butter cow, Smokey Bear, livestock animals, and the Giant Slide. Enjoy unique food, more than 50 exhilarating rides, shopping, arts, entertainment, music, education, and much more.

75 words

Make memories that will last a lifetime at the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – August 7! Experience your favorite Fair traditions, like the butter cow, Smokey Bear, livestock animals, the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir, and the Giant Slide. Explore hundreds of acres of space filled with unique fair food, more than 50 exhilarating rides, plenty of shopping, Ohio arts, wholesome family-friendly entertainment, free live music, education, agriculture, and more.

100 words

Make memories that will last a lifetime at the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – August 7! Experience all your favorite traditions: visit the famed butter cow and calf, be greeted by Smokey Bear, see baby animals being born, take a ride on the Giant Slide, and listen to the sounds of the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir. Don't miss the free petting zoo, live music, livestock shows, entertainment stages, impressive magicians, an Ohio arts gallery, wholesome family-friendly shows, pop-up entertainment performances, costumed characters, award-winning crafts, and an eight-acre natural resources park with free youth fishing!

100 words – Free Activities Focus

Don't miss the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – August 7! Your admission ticket includes countless free activities and attractions. Make memories that will last a lifetime by visiting the famed butter cow and calf, having Smokey Bear greet you by name in Natural Resources Park, seeing baby animals being born, and listening to the sounds of the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir. Enjoy the free petting zoo, live music, livestock shows, entertainment stages, impressive magicians, wholesome family-friendly shows, pop-up entertainment performances,



costumed characters, award-winning arts, hands-on education, and an eight-acre natural resources park with free youth fishing!

125 words

Make memories that will last a lifetime at the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – August 7! Make memories that will last a lifetime with your favorite Fair traditions: visiting the famed butter cow and calf, having Smokey Bear greet you by name in Natural Resources Park, seeing baby animals being born, listening to the sounds of the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir, and racing down the Giant Slide. Admission includes free entertainment stages featuring live music, amazing hypnotists, impressive magicians, and wholesome family-friendly shows. Immerse yourself in activities and exhibits including exotic animals in the free petting zoo, livestock shows, an Ohio arts gallery, pop-up entertainment performances, costumed characters, and an eight-acre natural resources park with free youth fishing!

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General Information for our Guests

Dates

July 27 – Aug. 7, 2022

Year

167th

Hours of Operation

- **Admission Gates:** Monday through Friday – 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday* – 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Gates close at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7)
- **Media Center:** 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. or by appointment (closes at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7)
- **Live Animal Exhibit Buildings:** 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- **Youth Center:** 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Closes at 8 p.m. on Fridays and at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7)
- **Other Buildings:** 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- **Natural Resources Park:** 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- **Shopping:** 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Closes at 8 p.m. on Aug. 7)
- **Mountain Dew Midway:** 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Open 11 a.m. – Midnight on Friday, open 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Saturdays, Sunday, July 31, and Wednesday, Aug. 3.; closes at 10 p.m. on Aug. 7)



*Some buildings have reduced hours on Aug. 7. Please see “Buildings and Stages” section to see a complete list of buildings and applicable hours.

Gate Admission Prices

- \$10 – Adults 13-59
- \$8 – Seniors 60+
- \$8 – Children 6-12
- \$8 – Advance-sale admission tickets available [online](#) and at participating [O'Reilly Auto Parts Stores](#) through July 26 only
- Free – Children 5 and under
- Free – Veterans, Military, and First Responders with appropriate ID

Ride Prices

Rides are operational 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. (open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays; close at 10 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7).

- \$30 – Ride-All-Day Wristband
- \$25 – [Advance-Sale Ride-All-Day Wristband](#) (available through July 26 only)
- \$1 credits – Fairgoers can buy individual ride credits, Talley's Magic Money, for \$1 each. All rides require 3 or more credits.

All ride-all-day wristbands and ticket cards are RFID-enabled. At the Fair, wristbands and RFID cards can be purchased at Talley Amusements kiosks or the Talley Amusements Guest Information Services Booth with cash or credit card.

Free Parking

General parking is free in the main O'Reilly Auto Parts Parking Lot north of the Cardinal Gate. Accessible parking is available. Reserved parking is not available to the general public.

Parking Access

There is easy access to parking lots from I-71 at the 17th Avenue exit and the Hudson Street exit at Silver Drive. Accessible parking available. Ride the Parking Shuttles Powered by SuperStart Batteries to and from the main entrance gate and your vehicle.

Reserved Parking

Reserved parking is incredibly limited and can only be purchased by exhibitors and vendors in advance. Reserved North Lot parking is \$5 per day and parking within the gates of the Fair is \$10 per day.

Bicycle Parking

Bicycle parking racks are located at the Cardinal Gate, OHIO Gate, and Gate 10 (17th Avenue).



Conditions for Admission

The safety of our fairgoers, exhibitors, and employees is our top priority. Prior to entry, you will be asked to walk through a metal detector (magnetometer).

- **Bags**
Purses, backpacks, book bags, coolers, strollers, etc. are permitted, but are subject to search. Bag searches will also be conducted for guests entering concerts and events in the WCOL Celeste Center.
- **Prohibited Items**
Several items are expressly prohibited at the Ohio State Fair, including illegal weapons and substances, the use of bicycles in non-parking areas, the possession or use of Segways/hoverboards, and the use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).
- **Outside Food and Beverage**
You may bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages. Glass bottles and containers are not permitted on grounds.

Mobile App

Get access to schedules of events, maps, audio information, photo frames, shopping finder, and the food finder, which allows you to find the exact location(s) where different food items can be purchased at the fair. Scan the QR code at right to download.



Pet Policy

Pets are not permitted on the grounds during the Fair with the exception of service dogs or animals approved as part of an exhibition or competition (such as livestock and 4-H events). Service animals are those that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.

On-Grounds Shuttle

10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Our complimentary shuttle makes frequent stops approximately every 20 minutes at pre-determined locations around the perimeter of the grounds as listed on the map from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Please note that the on-grounds shuttle is not operational from approximately 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. during the Daily Parade *presented by AAA Ohio Auto Club*, although Shuttles Powered by SuperStart Batteries continue to be operational during this time. Fairgoers looking for an accessible tram may have to wait through one or more pickup cycles before an accessible tram stops at your location.

Infant Care & Nursing Stations presented by OhioHealth

The Ohio State Fair offers two large, air-conditioned family care stations, one located in Kiddieland and the other in the Taste of Ohio Café, at which parents can change their children's diapers, and mothers who prefer to breastfeed their children in privacy can do so comfortably. Additional nursing stations are located in Kasich Hall and the Bricker MarketPlace Building. Furniture graciously provided by Big Lots.

Lost and Found



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Our lost and found office during the Ohio State Fair is organized and managed by the Highway Patrol and located on the grounds near Gate 3 at the north end of the Mountain Dew Midway. If you realize you have lost an item after leaving the Fair, please call (614) 466-6666.

Lost Children Booths

The Ohio State Highway Patrol staffs a booth at both of the main entrance gates (Cardinal and OHIO Gates) with "Lost Kid Tags." The tags help identify the child if he or she gets separated from his or her parents. You can also call the Highway Patrol headquarters at (614) 466-6666 for more information.

First Aid / EMS Center

10 a.m. – 11 p.m. (open until midnight on Fridays)

Medical assistance is provided in this air-conditioned office located on the east side of the Land & Living Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau.

ATMs

Some vendors accept credit cards, and all accept cash. ATMs are located throughout the Fair for your convenience. Please refer to the Fair map for specific locations.

Stroller, wagon, and locker rentals

Strollers, wagons, and lockers are available for rent at the Fair, as are wheelchairs and scooters (see below).

- Single Stroller – \$20/day
- Double Stroller – \$25/day
- Wagon – \$20/day
- Storage cubicles (lockers) – \$5/day

Guest Information Services

We're here to help. Stop by one of our conveniently located Guest Information Services booths to pick up a copy of the daily schedule and map or get directions.

Recycling at the Fair

Please look for specially marked recycling containers to deposit your recyclable plastic bottles, cans, cardboard, and paper. The special Ohio EPA solar-powered recycling compactors allow us to keep the grounds clean and lessen the impact on the environment.

Wi-Fi Zone

Share that selfie! A free outdoor Wi-Fi Zone will be provided along the WNCI Food Highway between the Bricker Marketplace Building and the WCOL Celeste Center only. Simply select "Free Fair WiFi" as the network. Make sure to use #ohiostatefair when you post those photos!



Accessibility

The Ohio State Fair is committed to inclusion and accessibility. Read more about our services, or contact us at info@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-3247 if you have any questions regarding your visit.

Assisted Listening Devices

Free assisted listening devices are available for use at the WCOL Celeste Center and the AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage. Visitors must leave a photo ID.

Accessible Seating

Accessible seats for concerts in the WCOL Celeste Center can be purchased at the same cost directly from Ticketmaster. To view accessible seats, click the “filters” button, then toggle on the “accessibility” button to see wheelchair seating, seating for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing, or seating for individuals who are blind or have low vision. Up to three companion seats are available for purchase adjacent to an accessible seat. Standing is prohibited in accessible seating areas.

Service Animals

Pets are not permitted on the grounds during the Fair with the exception of service dogs or animals approved as part of an exhibition or competition (such as livestock and 4-H events). Service animals are those that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Service animal relief areas with waste receptacles will be available on the Rhodes Center Lawn, in Central Park, and in Natural Resources Park.

Wheelchair and scooter rentals

HomeTown Mobility is proud to be the exclusive scooter and wheelchair rental provider for the Ohio State Fair. A limited number of wheelchairs and scooters are held for walk-up customers on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Manual wheelchair – \$25/day
- Electric scooter – \$65/day (8 a.m. – 11 p.m.)

Advance reservations for wheelchairs or electric scooters are accepted online at htmia.com or by calling 1-712-938-2029 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (CST), Monday – Friday. The company is open seven days a week during the Fair to accept call-in reservations and answer questions from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (CST). There is an additional \$5 processing fee for all call-in reservations. Reservations will ONLY be accepted for full day scooter and wheelchair rentals and must be made at least 24 hours in advance. A driver's license or state ID is required for all rentals. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance to receive a full refund, minus a \$5 cancellation fee.

A limited number of wheelchairs and electric scooters are available on a first-come, first-served basis. It is highly recommended that you reserve a unit to ensure you have a rental for the day of your visit.

Wheelchair Charging Stations



Complimentary wheelchair/mobility charging stations are located in the following buildings in partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. Please look for the signs indicating the charging area.

- Bricker MarketPlace Building
- Kasich Hall
- Lausche Youth Exploration Space
- Natural Resources Park Pavilion
- Taste of Ohio Café
- WCOL Celeste Center

Accessible Restrooms

- Brown Sheep Building
- Cardinal Restrooms – freestanding restroom building located near the giant red Cardinal
- WCOL Celeste Center (only open during concerts)*
- Ag-Pro Companies Taft Coliseum
- Steve R. Rauch, Inc. Cooper Arena
- Gilligan Livestock Complex
- Land & Living Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau
- Bricker Market Place Building
- Kasich Hall
- Natural Resources Park
- O'Neill Swine Building
- Rhodes Center lobby**
- Taste of Ohio Café*
- Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center
- Lausche Youth Exploration Space

**Family restroom available.*

***This restroom is not fully accessible, but some accommodations have been made such as grab bars, elevated seats, door changes, etc.*

Support for Individuals who are Blind or Have Low Vision

Individuals who are blind or have low vision can use the Aira app at the Ohio State Fair for free! Whether you regularly wear and use Aria Horizon Smart Glasses or are a person with access to a smartphone with a camera, you can access the Aria app to connect with real-time agents to describe their surroundings for free. Aria is a live, on-demand visual interpretation and productivity tool connecting users to actual humans who describe your visual surroundings using your smartphone camera. This service is available thanks to a partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities and the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio.

Sensory-Friendly Area

During peak hours, the Ohio State Fair can be noisy and can overwhelm the senses. One particular area, the 8-acre Natural Resources Park, is naturally soothing. With plenty of trees, benches, and even a waterfall, this serene area allows for some sensory refuge.

Quiet Room



The air-conditioned Quiet Room is located in the Taste of Ohio Café. With a small adjacent restroom, sensory items, and comfortable seating, it provides a space for quick sensory relief.

Sensory-Friendly Morning

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We're turning down the lights and volume to make the Ohio State Fair more sensory-friendly in partnership with the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), the Autism Society of Central Ohio (ASCO), and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). Ride the rides with no flashing lights or music or take a break in the quiet room. Visit ohiostatefair.com/events, or download the Ohio State Fair app, to view a complete schedule of activities and exhibits.

Special days and discounts

Not all special days have a discount offer. All special days and discounts are not valid with other offers.

Special Days

Wednesday, July 27

Pepsi presents WSYX/WTTE Opening Day

Thursday, July 28

Telhio and Ronald McDonald House Charities Day

When you bring one of the following “wish list” items per person to a booth outside the gates, you'll receive a voucher good for a BOGO free admission ticket before 6 p.m.: new packages of sandwich or snack baggies, kitchen or 60-gallon trash bags, aluminum foil, plastic food wrap, ready to eat meals (individual mac and cheese cups, precooked rice, soups, etc.), or canned food (protein appreciated). All donations will support families at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio.

WOSU Kids Day

Join WOSU Public Media from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Central Park for a chance to meet your favorite PBS KIDS® characters! Enjoy family-friendly activities such as crafts, coloring, and games. Daniel Tiger

- Katerina Kittycat
- Nature Cat
- Jet Propulsion
- Elinor
- Xavier Riddle

Photos with costumed characters will end at 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 30

Molina Healthcare Day

Proudly providing affordable and quality healthcare to families and individuals covered by government programs for over 30 years. Check out Molina Healthcare's activities in Central Park to learn more.



Sunday, July 31

Buckeye Health Plan Day

Buckeye Health Plan is committed to transforming the health of the community one person at a time through affordable and reliable healthcare plans. Join Buckeye Health from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Cardinal Gate for fun giveaways, health screenings, and information. Kids are also invited to the fitness challenge at the Main Street Stage from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for the chance to win a bike!

Veterans & Military Day

Veterans and active military are given free admission with appropriate identification.

Monday, Aug. 1

NBC4 Family Discount Day

Until 6 p.m., adults will be admitted for the kids' admission price of \$8, and kids 12 and under will be admitted free. With the purchase of one wristband, a second rider can ride free until 6 p.m. with a hand stamp. After 6 p.m., all riders will need either a wristband or vouchers to ride.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Senior Day

Seniors ages 60 and up can enjoy free admission all day long. In addition, all fairgoers are invited to enjoy the free The Drifters concert presented by AARP Ohio in the WCOL Celeste Center at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Sensory-Friendly Morning, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We've turned down the lights and volume to make the Ohio State Fair more sensory-friendly in partnership with OCALI. Ride the rides with no flashing lights or music, visit the Fair's many educational activities, take a break in a quiet room, or use our accessibility guide to find a Fair opportunity that suits you. Print social narratives, a first-then board, wait cards and a permit that will allow you to park in a special area on the OCALI website at <https://www.ocali.org/project/OhioStateFairSensory-FriendlyMorning>.

Thursday, Aug. 4

WBNS-10TV Day

Friday, Aug. 5

RecoveryOhio's Mental Health Day

Governor DeWine created the RecoveryOhio initiative to coordinate the work of state departments, boards, and commissions by leveraging Ohio's existing resources and seeking new opportunities related to substance use and mental health. On Aug. 5, you will find behavioral health resources at state agency booths throughout the Fair to help identify support services for those in recovery and their families.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Donate Life Ohio Day

Donate Life Ohio is dedicated to educating Ohioans about the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation and motivating them to join the Ohio Donor Registry. Say "yes!" to organ donation



and be sure to stop by the Donate Life Ohio booth to learn more.

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Discounts

\$3 Thursdays

Both Thursdays at the Fair, all vendors will be offering a menu item of their choice at a smaller size for just \$3! This new initiative is the perfect way to try some beloved “Fair fare” signature food options without breaking the bank! This event occurs on both Thursdays of the Ohio State Fair, July 28 and Aug. 4.

Fun Facts

By the Numbers

History

- 10: Cities that have hosted the Ohio State Fair (Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, Newark, Sandusky, Zanesville, Toledo, Springfield, Mansfield; it has been permanently at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus since 1886)

Competitions

- 6,857: Different classes of competitions that individuals can enter during the 2022 Ohio State Fair, including crafts, fine arts, sporting events, livestock, gardening, cooking, baking, etc.
- 34,602: Entries in various contests and competitions at the 2019 Ohio State Fair

Sale of Champions

- 54: The anniversary the Sale of Champions will celebrate in 2022; there was a Sale of Champions held in 2021 during the livestock-only event
- 493: Youth champions honored since the first Sale of Champions in 1968
- \$7,913,534: Total amount made from livestock sales since 1968
- \$4,103,150: Total amount collected for the Youth Reserve Program since its inception in 1996, which funds scholarships, the outstanding market exhibitor program, outstanding breeding exhibitor program, showmanship, skillathons, 4-H, and FFA

Food

Year after year, the Ohio State Fair sells jaw-dropping quantities of Fair favorites from our talented vendors:

- 150: Number of food vendor locations
- 20: Number of different foods served on a stick
- 53: Number of deep-fried foods

Butter Cow and Sculpture

- 500: Average number of hours spent working on the sculptures by a team of artists each year
- 119: Number of years ago that the first butter cow and calf were displayed in 1903
- 2,200: Pounds of butter used to create the sculptures in 2019

Personnel



- The Ohio Expo Center's permanent staff comprises 54 employees, 49 of whom work full time.
- The current longest serving employee has worked here for 46 years.

Landscaping

- The Ohio Expo Center grows many of the beautiful plants and flowers located throughout the grounds in three greenhouses located on the property, planting and growing plants and flowers beginning in the winter, around late February, each year.
- The Ohio Expo Center also purchases approximately 200 picturesque hanging baskets and pole wraps from Bildsten Landscape Services, who have been instrumental in reviving the landscaping program for 2022.

Food and Shopping

Eaton Cookies

- Eaton Cookies is Ohio born and raised. It is named after the founder's hometown of Eaton, Ohio.
- They go through 1,000 pounds of chocolate chips and almost two tons of ingredients each year at the Ohio State Fair.

Petty Concessions

- Petty Concessions has celebrated over 50 years participating at the Ohio State Fair, selling pizza, lemon shake-ups, and much more!

Ohio Pork Council

- In a single Ohio State Fair, the Ohio Pork Producers sold nearly 3,400 barbecue pork sandwiches, more than 1,000 pig wings, over 1,000 pork chops on a stick, nearly 3,700 pork loin sandwiches, 650 pork nachos, and 700 pork wraps. Their booth is staffed by Ohio pork producers and local FFA chapters. It takes 20 volunteers each day of the fair (12 days) to keep up with the large crowd that visits the Taste of Ohio Café. The Ohio Pork Council enjoys having a presence in the Taste of Ohio Café to showcase the fruit of our labor to fair attendees and allow them to interact with farmers.

Beef

- In a given year, the Ohio Cattlemen's Association sells a total of 10,000 ribeye sandwiches combined from both their stands.
- They sell approximately 12,000 total burgers and cheeseburgers each year.

Ohio Poultry Association

- One of the Ohio Poultry Association's most popular food items during the Ohio State Fair is the chicken and noodle bowl. During an average year at the Ohio State Fair, the Ohio Poultry Association's food booth sells more than 2,000 chicken and noodle bowls.

Attendance

Records

- 12-day attendance record: 982,305, set in 2015
- Single-day attendance record: 115,288, set on Sunday, July 28, 2013. The previous record of 110,234 was set on Aug. 13, 2006.

Past Ohio State Fair Attendance Figures:





- **2019:** 934,925
- **2018:** 908,306
- **2017:** 801,031
- **2016:** 921,214
- **2015:** 982,305
- **2014:** 916,724
- **2013:** 903,824
- **2012:** 840,306
- **2011:** 833,304
- **2010:** 812,237
- **2009:** 826,037
- **2008:** 809,321
- **2007:** 806,301
- **2006:** 814,152
- **2005:** 802,074
- **2004:** 850,218

Butter Cow

In 1903, the first-ever butter cow and calf sculptures were featured at the Ohio State Fair when they were entered into a butter sculpting contest sponsored by The Ohio State University and the Dairy Processors of Ohio. The subjects of this early contest were not restricted to specific subject matter, but the life-size cow sculpted by A.T. Shelton & Company, distributors of Sunbury Co-Operative Creamery butter, became such a popular attraction that it later became a permanent attraction.

Eventually, the butter cow and calf found a permanent home in the Dairy Products Building, which was built in 1925. New cow and calf sculptures have become a time-honored tradition. They are created each year, along with a mystery sculpture that reflects the positive ideals and cultural trends in Ohio.

In 2019, more than 2,200 pounds of butter and 500 hours of work went into creating a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing. The dairy display depicted the Apollo 11 crew, including Ohio native Neil Armstrong. The statues showed Armstrong saluting the American flag next to a miniature spaceship, the rest of the Apollo 11 team, and the official Apollo 11 patch. As always, this butter art display accompanied the tradition butter cow and calf.

The Ohio State Fair is home to the largest butter sculpture display of any fair in the country!

One of the most common questions we hear about the butter sculptures is - "What happens to the butter after the fair?" The American Dairy Association Mideast uses butter past its expiration date and not able to be consumed. After the Fair, the butter is recycled and refined into an ingredient used in products like biodiesel, animal feed, tires, and cosmetics.

Some previously featured butter sculptures include:

- A bald eagle
- A Hasbro Tonka Truck
- A salute to the armed forces
- A tribute to Ohio's dairy farmers





- A tribute to Ohio symbols
- A tribute to The Ohio State University football national champions
- A tribute to the Olympics
- Columbus Bicentennial birthday cake
- Darth Vader
- Dave Thomas of Wendy's
- Jack Nicklaus
- John Glenn
- Mr. Monopoly
- The Liberty Bell

Ohio Agricultural Facts

- In 2020, Ohio's agricultural production ranked:
 - First (1st) in Swiss cheese production, with more than 155.8 million pounds produced
 - Second (2nd) in eggs, with 10.1 billion eggs
 - Seventh (7th) in soybeans, with 263 million bushels
 - Eighth (8th) in corn, with 564.3 million bushels
 - Eighth (8th) in hogs, with 2.7 million head Tenth (10th) in turkeys, with 6 million head
- Ohio has 77,800 farms, spanning 13.6 million acres
- According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, Ohio is home to 68,027 individual or family-owned farms
- Food and agriculture are Ohio's number one industry.
- Ohio is home to more than 1,000 food processing companies.
- Food and agriculture contribute more than \$105 billion to the state's economy.
- Ohio produces more than 200 commercial crops.
- Well-known products, like Dum-Dum suckers, Goldfish crackers, Yoplait yogurt, Campbell's soup, Totino's pizza rolls, and Velvet ice cream, are made here in Ohio!

History

In 1846, the Ohio Legislature created the Board of Agriculture, which was made up of 53 members. One of the Board's first acts was to establish a District Fair. The resulting 1847 District Fair at Wilmington and the 1848 District Fair at Xenia were both successful, thus warranting a State Fair.

The first Ohio State Fair was planned for September 1849, but an outbreak of Asiatic Cholera forced the cancellation of those plans. The following year, later dates were set to lessen the risk of cholera. Even so, Darius Lapham, the superintendent of the grounds, died of the disease just a few weeks before the opening date.

Camp Washington (two miles east of downtown Cincinnati) was the site of the first Ohio State Fair, Oct. 2 – 4, 1850. The site was described as eight to 10 acres with grass slopes, shade trees, and numerous tents. The grounds were enclosed by a 10-foot-high board fence. Cattle were tethered to a railing along the carriage road.

The railroads offered strong support to the early state fairs. Special rates were offered where exhibits were transported without charge, and the exhibitor rode for half fare. Several central



Ohioans contributed to the first Fair, including Alfred Kelley, owner of the Columbus and Xenia Railroad Company.

Cash premiums at the first Fair did not exceed \$20, with the exception of an award of \$50 given to the winning essayists on the topic of "Improving the Soil." During the early state fairs, winners received medals, rather than ribbons, as awards. In 1850, the silver medal was valued at \$3.

The public was admitted only on the second and third days of the first Fair. Day one was devoted to setup and judging. Admission was 20 cents, but exhibitors could buy a \$1 badge for admission for their families. A visitor could also buy a \$1 badge for one gentleman and two ladies. The two-day attendance was estimated at 25,000 to 30,000 people.

Transportation around Ohio was difficult. Therefore, the majority of exhibitors lived near the Fair. In 1886, the Fair moved to its current home at what is now called the Ohio Expo Center. The main entrance to the site was at the southwest corner of the grounds along Woodward Avenue. The OHIO Gate entrance is currently located at 11th Avenue.

Since its inception, the Ohio State Fair has been held in the following cities:

- 1850 – Cincinnati
- 1851 – Columbus (on the site of Mt. Carmel Hospital)
- 1852 – Cleveland
- 1853 – Dayton
- 1854 – Newark
- 1855 – Columbus (on the site of Mt. Carmel Hospital)
- 1856 – Cleveland
- 1857 – Cincinnati
- 1858 – Sandusky
- 1859 – Zanesville
- 1860 – 1861 - Dayton
- 1862 – 1863 - Cleveland
- 1864 – 1865 - Columbus (on the site of Schiller Park)
- 1866 – 1867 - Dayton
- 1868 – 1869 - Toledo
- 1870 – 1871 - Springfield
- 1872 – 1873 - Mansfield
- 1874 – 1885 – Columbus (on the site of Franklin Park)
- 1886 – present – Columbus (Ohio Expo Center)

Historical Milestones

- **1853** – Entertainment entered the Fair programming with pony rides for children and monkeys dressed in hats that danced to minstrel tunes. *The Ohio State Fair acknowledges the latter is wrong today and was wrong then. This fact is included because to ignore it would be akin to claiming that injustices were never part of the Fair. The Fair recognizes its past offenses and actively works to correct and learn from them as we work to further diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Fair.*
- **1860** – Fair premiums rose to \$200, up from \$20 in 1850.
- **1886** – The Ohio State Fair moved to its current home, the Ohio Expo Center, which today encompasses 360 acres and is home to more than 175 events each year, contributing approximately \$478 million to the state and local economy.
- **1888** – Ohioans celebrated the centennial of the land that would become the State of Ohio. This year marked the centennial of an important event in Ohio's history, the creation of the Northwest Territory. Ohio became the first state formed from the Northwest Territory in 1803. Ohio cancelled the State Fair in 1888 and held a celebration of the centennial of the Northwest Territory in its place.



- **1896** – The Ohio State Fair became the first fair with an electric lighting system. This made it possible to offer nighttime racing. Horseless vehicles also made their first appearance this year.
- **1903** – The first butter cow and calf were featured at the Fair, sculpted by A. T. Shelton & Company, distributors of Sunbury Cooperative Creamery butter. Additional sculptures were added in the 1960s.
- **1905** – Livestock entries broke records in all departments, especially with 576 sheep in the nation's largest sheep show of its kind.
- **1916** – In the midst of World War I, patriotism became a Fair theme. The world's largest American flag, which was 8,840 square feet in size, was displayed at the 11th Avenue entrance gate.
- **1922** – Just days before the scheduled opening of the Fair, fire raged across the grounds. Six buildings were destroyed including the central group, the Horticulture Building, and the East and West Buildings. Losses were estimated at more than \$800,000.
- **1924** – Earliest records of the Ohio State Fair Queen contest date back to this year.
- **1925** – The Diamond Jubilee Spectacle saluted the 75th anniversary of the Fair. More than 2,000 participants enacted the evolution of the Fair in three 25-year periods on three stages. The All-Ohio State Fair Band was formed this year.
- **1928** – The renowned John Philip Sousa Band performed twice daily at the 1928 Fair.
- **1929** – The Junior Fair was formed this year.
- **1941** – A sign of the times found 150 female Fair ticket-takers hired in place of men for the first time.
- **1942 – 1945** – The Board of Agriculture canceled the Ohio State Fair and allowed the war department to use the grounds and buildings for handling airplane parts and equipment for World War II. The Army Air Corps rented the facility for \$1 per year. A similar fate befell fairs in Indiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.
- **1955** – Shuttle buses were introduced.
- **1957** – The first female livestock judge, Mrs. Maurice Neville, judged the Yorkshire Swine Show.
- **1963** – The All-Ohio Youth Choir was established.
- **1966** – The original OHIO Gate was built at the 11th Avenue entrance, costing \$40,000.
- **1968** – The first Sale of Champions Livestock Auction was held with sales amounting to \$22,674.
- **1969** – The first portion of the SkyGlider was built. It was later extended to 11th Avenue in 1984. The Giant Slide also opened this year.
- **1972** – Fire struck the Ohio Expo Center in October during the American Dairy Show. Three barns were burned, killing three head of cattle and destroying virtually all the exhibitors' belongings. These buildings have since been replaced by the Gilligan Complex and the O'Neill Swine Building.
- **1976** – In celebration of the country's bicentennial, a time capsule was buried in the gardens near the 11th Avenue gate (now known as the OHIO Gate). It holds treasures of the times from the Ohio State Fair: Ohio sports teams, coins and stamps, a T-shirt, Levis, and tennis shoes. It will be opened in 2026.
- **1986** – A 12-foot tall, 16-foot-long cardinal sitting atop a 4-foot base was installed at the north entrance of the grounds. The bird, constructed of fiberglass, weighs approximately 500 pounds and still stands today.
- **1990** – The condemned Ohio State Fair Grandstand was demolished. The Celeste Center, which opened in 1991, replaced it as the site for the Fair's big-name entertainment, as well as a venue for many non-fair events throughout the year.
- **1995** – The George V. Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center was completed.
- **2002** – The 11th Avenue OHIO Gate, originally built in 1966, was torn down and reconstructed using a more contemporary design.



- **2003** – The Ohio State Fair celebrated its 150th Fair. The first Fair was held in 1850 and there has been one every year since, excluding 1888 and 1942 to 1945.
- **2004** – The length of the Fair was changed from 17 days to 12 days.
- **2010** – The Coliseum was rededicated in honor of former Governor Bob Taft.
- **2011** – To recognize a wider range of exhibitors, market meat goats, turkeys, and cheese were added to the Sale of Champions in 2011.
- **2013** – The 2013 overall Sale of Champions record was broken and reset at \$344,950.
- **2015** – In an effort to protect Ohio's poultry industry from the avian flu, all species of poultry shows, as well as displays in the Natural Resources Park, petting zoo birds, and all other bird exhibits or shows, were not held at the 2015 Fair. The Buckeye Agriculture Complex was completed. The Fair set an overall 12-day attendance record with 982,305 visitors.
- **2016** – The modern, 100,000 square-foot Cardinal Hall opened on the former site of DiSalle Center, Heritage Building, and Adobe Center. This new building houses the Fair's Creative Arts and Youth Arts Exhibits, the permanent Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame exhibit, the heritage handmade crafts, and the model railroad exhibit.
- **2017** – The Sale of Champions livestock auction celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Ohio State Fair. Buyers have supported the Sale of Champions with a total of \$6,721,229 in purchases since the first auction in 1968. The total amount of funds awarded from the Youth Reserve Program since its 1995 inception is \$3,366,815.
- **2019** – Cardinal Hall was dedicated in honor of outgoing Governor John R. Kasich and was renamed Kasich Hall on January 4, 2019.
- **2020** – The Fair was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A smaller, virtual celebration replaced the traditional in-person event.
- **2021** – The Fair returned as a livestock-only event during the COVID-19 pandemic, and was not open to the public.
- **2022** – The Ohio State Fair will open in full.

Accolades

- CityScene Magazine – Best of the 'Bus Best Annual Event for Out-of-Towners (2016)
- Columbus Dispatch CBUS Top Picks – Best Festival/Fair (2016)
- Columbus Parent Family Faves Favorite Festival, Honorable Mention (2018)
- Family Vacation Critic – 12 Epic State Fairs Every Family Should Experience (2019)
- Forbes – America's Top State Fairs (2012)
- Huffington Post – 10 Best State Fairs in the U.S, ranked #5 (2014)
- Our Family World – The Best State Fairs to check out this summer (2016)
- Reader's Digest - Best Fair in Ohio (2022)
- Thrillist - Best State Fairs in the U.S.
- Travel Magazine – named as one of the "Best U.S. State Fairs." (2017)
- Travel & Leisure – Best State Fairs (2018)
- Uproxx – The Biggest and Best State Fairs For You To Travel To This Summer (2018)
- USA Today 10 Best Reader's Choice – Best State Fairs (2015)
- Vacations Made Easy – The 20 Best State Fairs in America (2015)
- Yahoo! Travel – 7 Best State Fairs in America (2014)



New this year

New Entertainers

The Rubber Chicken Show, Daily

Main Street Stage

International performers are not hard to come by, but international chicken performers are a different story. Buckle up and prepare for some family-friendly laughs during this wacky, interactive show.

The Strolling Piano, Daily

Strolling

There is no location too remote for this fully remote piano. Combining the concept of live musical entertainment with a fully mobile piano provides fairgoers with topnotch entertainment right along their path through the Fair. Go ahead — request a song. We bet you'll get the chance to sing along!

SupaFun Clown Band, Daily

Strolling

This brass clown band brings the party, fun, and then some as they stroll around the Fair in loud costumes and giant smiles.

Marvelous Mutts, Daily

The Dog House

Featuring a team of talented rescue dogs who have performed on Animal Planet, The Late Show, Good Morning America, The Today Show, and more, the Marvelous Mutts show entertains all ages with its variety of impressive canine tricks and stunts.

Columbus Chorus of Sweet Adelines, July 27 – Aug. 1

Strolling

For more than 60 years, the women of the Columbus Chorus of Sweet Adelines have been performing for summer concerts, holiday events, regional competitions, and more. The all-female group sings in the a cappella barbershop style, achieving those ringing chords.

Leapin' Louie, July 27 – Aug. 1

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Watch your step around the stage or you might get caught in Leapin' Louie's giant lasso. Leapin' Louie will have families laughing through his comedy show as he captivates the eye with his unique tricks.

Buckeye Blend Quartet, Aug. 2 – 7

Strolling

For more than 20 years, the Buckeye Blend Quartet has entertained OSU presidents, coaches, and spirited Buckeye fans at tailgate shows and celebrations throughout Ohio. This barbershop quartet's mission is to enhance the expectancy of victory and crush any thoughts of defeat through song, smiles, and laughter.

Hilby - The Skinny German Juggle Boy, Aug. 2 – 7

Strolling

From a small child growing up in Berlin and making funny faces at strangers, Hilby has grown into an international act that leaves his audiences in shock from his bizarre tricks.

The Hip Hop Juggler, Aug. 2 – 7



AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Juggling with a twist! The Hip Hop Juggler offers much more than juggling stunts. His style, witty comedy, and interactive demonstrations take this show to the next level.

Kate Escape, Aug. 2 – 7

Main Street Stage

It's your chance to be a star! The audience members become a part of Kate Escape's shows as she uses hypnotism to deliver a hilarious comedy show.

Lady Houdini, Aug. 2 – 7

Monday through Friday: 1 p.m., 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

Kiddieland

As a real escapologist, Lady Houdini has made her name performing daredevil-like acts as she flirts with near death experiences through her masterful escape performances.

New Musicians

For full descriptions, see "Free Musical Entertainment" on page 38

- **Jess Kellie Adams** | July 27, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **The Jay Wiley Band** | July 27, Main Street Stage
- **Will Freed** | July 28, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **PJ North** | July 28, Main Street Stage
- **Waterloo** | July 29, Main Street Stage
- **The George Martins** | July 30, Main Street Stage
- **Dustin Kines** | July 30, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Paul Rosewood** | July 31, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Clayton Mann** | July 31, Main Street Stage
- **Reyna & Dana** | Aug. 1, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Raquel & The Wildflowers** | Aug. 1, Main Street Stage
- **Theo Perry** | Aug. 2, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Lil' Red & The Rooster** | Aug. 2, Main Street Stage
- **George Barrie Band** | Aug. 3, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Anna Lynn Ferris** | Aug. 3, Main Street Stage
- **Cody Joe Hodges** | Aug. 4, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Taylon Hope** | Aug. 4, Main Street Stage
- **Ghost Story** | Aug. 5, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Honey & Blue Band** | Aug. 5, Main Street Stage
- **Eric Atkinson** | Aug. 6, AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage
- **Old Forge** | Aug. 6, Main Street Stage
- **Son Gitano** | Aug. 6, Main Street Stage
- **Crabgrass** | Aug. 7, AARP Ohio Gazebo
- **Faye** | Aug. 7, Main Street Stage
- **Arch City Lights** | Aug. 7, Main Street Stage

New Attractions

Accessible Playground

Natural Resources Park



This playground features low-impact, easy-to-access entertainment for children. Whether kids are searching for remarkable fossils, navigating a path through a maze of towering barrels, exploring a mini truck or pretending to camp under the stars after an unforgettable canoe adventure in a life-size boat, there are opportunities to unwind and experience imaginative play in this newly constructed oil and gas themed area of the Natural Resources Park.

Canine Class

The Dog House

Learn all the basics of dog training in a 30-minute demonstration taught by nationally ranked dog trainers. Who knows, your dog could be the next Air Bud!

“The Dunk”

10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Natural Resources Park

Visit the Natural Resources Park's newest resident! A life-size sculpture of *Dunkleosteus terrelli* ("the Dunk"), Ohio's official State Fossil Fish, is now on display at the Geological Walk-Through Time exhibit. Get up close to one of Ohio's most ferocious ancient predators!

Little Farmers Exhibit

10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center Lawn

This hands-on educational exhibit, targeted toward kids ages three to 10, allows youth to explore different aspects of Ohio agriculture. Families will navigate through eight different stations featuring simulated animals, real grains, gardening, and more, with the opportunity to pick a small prize at the final station.

New Competitions

Oversized Papier Mâché/Recycled Material Animal – Creative Arts

Part of the Artistic Upcycling category, this new class is specifically for animal sculptures. Submissions' maximum size permitted is 5 feet tall, 4 feet wide, and 4 feet long. Submissions will be judged on creativity, execution, and overall presentation.

Lap Quilt Group – Creative Arts

This new class of quilting competition allows two or more people to construct and quilt a lap quilt in tandem and submit their work. Lap quilts, as defined by the Creative Arts 2022 Guidelines, have their shortest side between 51 inches and 71 inches. This new class invites collaboration, and first place winners will receive a prize of \$50.

"Say Cheese + Wine" – Culinary Arts

The 2022 Creative Arts cooking and baking arts competition now offers a chance to show off charcuterie skills. This live competition invites participants to create their best charcuterie boards in front of an audience and judges. Everyone, regardless of experience, is invited to enter, and each entry must include at least three types of Ohio cow's milk cheeses (at least four ounces of each type) paired with at least three Ohio manufactured wines. Entered charcuterie boards will be served for a public tasting during a mixer following the judging.

King Arthur Flour Competition – Culinary Arts

This new event, sponsored by King Arthur Baking Company, asks contestants to use their own recipes within the class designated by the Fair. Contestants must use 100% King Arthur Flour for their recipe and must bring the open bag of flour or a UPC label from the flour bag upon submitting their entry. This competition has two classes: adult, which asks for banana bread submissions, and youth ages 11-17, which will invite brownie bars.



“Back to Wonderland” (Themed Entry): Any Item & Any Brillo Item – Creative Arts

The new themed competition for this year’s creative arts exhibit is “Back to Wonderland.” The competition includes a class for any item and a second class for Brillo Pad submissions. The Brillo Pad creation dimensions may not exceed 5 feet high, 4 feet wide and 4 feet long. Entries must embrace the Alice in Wonderland theme.

“Into the Looking Glass” Scavenger Hunt – Youth Arts

Youth ages 3-14 are invited to participate in finding the many inhabitants of Wonderland among the Creative and Youth Arts displays. Those who complete the scavenger hunt will be entered into a drawing for prizes from our local supporters. This is a great opportunity to explore other submissions in the 2022 arts and culinary competitions.

New Food

11” Pretzel Twists, Mini Pretzel Dogs – Philly Pretzel Factory – Near Taste of Ohio Café and ShowPlace Pavilion

These delicious new pretzel options are served with your choice of a delicious dip: cheddar, nacho, beer cheese, mustard, or cinnamon cream.

Alfredo Stuffed Turkey Leg – Hickory Tree BBQ – WNCI Food Highway north of WCOL Celeste Center near Main Street Stage

This delicious dinner is exactly what it sounds like, combining juicy turkey legs with creamy alfredo.

Bayou Fries – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

These tasty waffle fries are served with queso cheese, diced bacon, sour cream, and green onions.

Biscuit Barn – Fun Time Foods – WNCI Food Highway north of WCOL Celeste Center near Main Street Stage

Welcome to the Biscuit Barn, with biscuit sandwich options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Biscuit sandwich options include a chicken biscuit with gravy; a brisket biscuit; a sausage, egg; and cheese biscuit; a pulled pork biscuit; a chicken pot pie biscuit; a chicken biscuit; a meatloaf biscuit; and a Philly biscuit.

Cajun Waffle Dogs – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

These Andouille sausages are dipped in waffle batter, deep-fried, and served hot.

Cheese Curds – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

You may have had them before, but this year’s deep-fried white cheddar curds are served Waffle Bombs style - either original, jalapeño, garlic, or Sriracha!

Cold Edible Cookie Dough – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

Refreshingly sweet, this new Fair dessert is a nice cool option for a hit fair day.

Cornbread Funnel Cake – Gobbler Gourmet – West side of Land & Living Building near east edge of Kiddieland

This food fusion combines cornbread and funnel cake, bringing you the best of both worlds.



Crack-N-Cheese – Hickory Tree BBQ – WNCI Food Highway north of WCOL Celeste Center near Main Street Stage

This delicious mac and cheese bowl is topped with turkey BBQ, turkey cracklins, and sauce, and can be ordered in a bowl or a waffle cone.

Deep-Fried Devil Dogs – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

This classic chocolate cake snack is stuffed with cookie dough and deep-fried to perfection.

Deep-Fried Edible Cookie Dough – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

Try this twist on edible cookie dough by adding it to the deep fryer to enjoy.

Deep-Fried Monster Oreos – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

These delectable Oreos are stuffed with cookie dough and deep-fried golden brown.

Deep-Fried Monster Twinkie – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

Introducing the turducken of dessert food: the deep-fried monster Twinkie. This Twinkie base is deep-fried and stuffed with cookie dough in a layered confection.

Deep-Fried Olives – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

Enjoy a savory stick of crispy fried olives, stuffed with your choice of bleu cheese or jalapeño and garlic, served with a side of ranch.

Deep-Fried Piggy in a Pancake – Tracey Concessions – WNCI Food Highway near west side of Cardinal Patio

A delicious breakfast spin on pigs in a blanket. Grab this deep-fried breakfast sausage dipped in a special Fruity Pebble infused pancake batter.

Edible Cookie Dough Sundae – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

The only thing better than ice cream is an ice cream sundae, and this one includes delicious edible cookie dough. Cool off with this tasty cookie dough treat served with sundae toppings.

Grilled Cheese with Salami – S & C Concessions – Kiddieland, near Giant Slide and SkyGlider

This new take on a classic adds a little protein to delicious grilled cheese.

Lemon Meringue Deviled Eggs – Ohio Poultry Association – Taste of Ohio Café

This year, Ohio's egg farmers are excited to feature Lemon Meringue Deviled Eggs, a sweet and summery twist on a classic deviled egg, featuring a zesty lemon filling and topped with fluffy meringue.

Mac and Cheese On A Stick – S & C Concessions – Kiddieland, near Giant Slide and SkyGlider

Mac and cheese served hot and golden on a stick with tangy dipping sauce.

Meatballs – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

These classic meatballs are deep-fried and served on a stick.

Meatball Sliders – DeLuca – WNCI Food Highway north of WCOL Celeste Center near Main Street Stage



On top of a slider, in a neat little square, they're serving up meatballs at the Ohio State Fair. Don't miss this delicious new entrée.

Monster Sampler – Cookie Dough Monsters – West side of Land & Living Building, near east edge of Kiddieland

This option from Cookie Dough Monsters allows customers to sample the edible cookie dough menu with a variety of their top products.

Nutter Butter Stuffed Funnel Cake – Hill Concessions – Near Taste of Ohio Café and ShowPlace Pavilion

Enjoy a classic Fair food with a new twist as this beloved peanut butter cookie meets indulgent funnel cake in a delicious new treat.

Oreo Cake Pops – Gobbilin' Gourmet – West side of Land & Living Building near east edge of Kiddieland

This sweet treat is a perfect way to enjoy some Oreo cake without the mess.

Soul Rolls – Hickory Tree BBQ – WNCI Food Highway north of WCOL Celeste Center near Main Street Stage

Mac and cheese and collard greens are wrapped into an eggroll wrapper, served fried and crispy – a new Southern delicacy.

Turkey BBQ Sandwich – Hickory Tree BBQ – WNCI Food Highway north of WCOL Celeste Center near Main Street Stage

Award-winning North Carolina barbecue is here in Ohio with Hickory Tree BBQ, and this sandwich features tender, delicious turkey.

Waffle Bombs – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

The namesake treat from vendor Waffle Bombs takes chocolate covered jumbo strawberries and, in true Fair fashion, serves them on a stick. But it doesn't stop there, as that delight is dipped in waffle batter, deep-fried, and served fresh.

Queso Burger – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

This deep-fried hamburger is topped with queso or a signature relish.

The Ripper – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

This savory dish is a deep-fried Nathan's Coney Island Frank, served hot, and topped with a special relish.

Veggie Bowl – S & C Concessions – Kiddieland, near Giant Slide and SkyGlider

Looking for a healthier snack? This veggie bowl includes lettuce, beans, and avocado for a tasty, refreshing meal.

Waffle Pickle Dogs – Waffle Bombs – WNCI Food Highway on east side near Bricker Marketplace Building and Paddock

Meet a match made in heaven: waffle pickle dogs. Famous Dave's Pickle Spears on a stick are wrapped in black forest ham, dipped in Belgian waffle batter, and deep-fried.



Rides

The Ohio Expositions Commission recently went through a six-month long selection and vetting process to pick a new ride provider for the Ohio State Fair. Talley Amusements from Fort Worth, Texas, was chosen to be the new ride provider for the 2019 Fair and it returns for the 2022 Fair. “We look forward to putting our 200-plus years of combined experience to work, delivering the safest and best-possible entertainment experience, adding another successful chapter to the proud Ohio State Fair tradition,” said Tom Talley, president of Talley Amusements. “Our commitment to the people of Ohio State Fair is to provide a destination experience, while continuing to set establishing industry best-practices for safety and quality.”

Talley Amusement Company has more than 200 years of experience providing amusing rides to parks and fairs across the United States. It all started in 1908 when Mary Talley’s great grandfather started with just one piece of equipment to create a real-life merry-go-round. He eventually started charging Texas residents one dollar per ride. “My dad used to walk from town to town booking his one show.” said Mary’s grandmother. Soon, he saw potential for the amusement business and the rest was history.

The amusement company was created by husband and wife, Tom and Mary Talley. The two have known each other since they were just children, both of their parents were presidents of the Lonestar Showman Club in Texas. Tom and Mary became friends and eventually got married later in life. Both coming from family backgrounds of the amusement business, they used their combined knowledge of the industry to create Talley Amusement Company in 1995.

Their commitment to safety and attaining quality equipment is the reason for their astonishing safety record since the company began. Talley Amusements takes their equipment through an aggressive preventative maintenance program and extensively trains all personnel in house.

The Ohio State Fair is home to approximately 60 rides, with roughly 30 in the Mountain Dew Midway and approximately 30 in Kiddieland.

Buildings and Stages

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Open all Fair hours

This stage is home to many talented performers, set to provide family-friendly entertainment and music at the heart of the Fair, near Central Park.

Administration Building (1909)

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. (closes at 5 p.m. on Aug. 7)

This building houses many of the Ohio Expo Center staff offices.

Ag-Pro Companies Taft Coliseum (1917)

Open all Fair hours (closed Aug. 7)

This building is the site of many dairy cattle shows, grand drives, and other livestock events.

Antiques & Collectibles Pavilion (1888)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Searching for that perfect vintage item? Look no further; a variety of antique dealers and exhibitors sell jewelry, records, toys, memorabilia and more at the Fair.

Bricker MarketPlace Building (1966)



10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (closes at 8 p.m. on Aug. 7)

Visit commercial and informational booths offering a variety of novelties, jewelry, demonstration items, home remodelers, state agencies, and attractions, as well as the International Food Court and an Ohio beer and wine sales location.

Brown Sheep Building (1930)

8 a.m. – 10 p.m. (closed on Aug. 7)

This arena is home to all sheep exhibits and shows, including a store with all things wool.

Cardinal Patio

Hours vary

Special demonstrations and exhibits.

Central Park

Open all Fair hours

Relax at the center of the Fair, home to the Monster Mural, Jumbo Tic-Tac-Toe, and special activities.

Cox Fine Arts Center (1909)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (closes at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7)

Home to one of the largest state fair fine arts exhibitions, only the top 321 works out of 1,106 art entries are accepted in the 2022 Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition and displayed in a beautiful gallery setting. Patrons can also purchase artwork from the All Ohio Art Gift Shop from Ohio artists.

Dairy Products Building (1925)

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

See the famous butter cow sculpture, which first appeared at the Ohio State Fair in 1903, while you enjoy your favorite dairy products from Ohio-produced ice cream to the celebrated cheese sandwich.

The Dog House

Open all Fair hours

This building hosts a variety of K-9 entertainment, allowing visitors to catch some shade with man's best friends.

Infant Care and Nursing Stations *presented by OhioHealth*

The Ohio State Fair offers two air-conditioned family care stations, one located in Kiddieland and the other in the Taste of Ohio Café, at which parents can change their children's diapers, and mothers who prefer to breastfeed their children in privacy can do so comfortably. Additional nursing stations are located in Kasich Hall and the Bricker MarketPlace Building. Furniture graciously provided by Big Lots.

Gilligan Livestock Complex (1872 and 1978)

8 a.m. – 10 p.m. (closed Aug. 7)

This complex houses dairy cattle exhibits, as well as a functioning milking parlor. An air-conditioned restaurant, Ranahan's, is attached.

Kasich Hall (2016)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (closes at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7)

The Ohio Expo Center's newest building opened in July 2016. It now houses the Fair's Creative Arts and Youth Arts exhibits (Hall B), sporting events (Hall C) and various banquets and events (Hall A), as well as the permanent Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame exhibit.

Land & Living Building *presented by Ohio Farm Bureau* (1926)



10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (closes at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7)

This building is home to agriculture and horticulture education, including the Land & Living exhibit. This highly interactive exhibit is full of educational activities for the whole family. Visitors will see, experience, and learn about caring for animals on the farm, how science and technology are helping farmers, and how young people can have agricultural careers. Visitors can enjoy planting crops in a tractor simulator, shopping in an interactive grocery store, and recording their Fair memories with a complimentary photograph.

Main Street Stage

Show schedules available at ohiostatefair.com/events

Catch a little bit of everything at the Main Street Stage, from free live music performances to amazing hypnosis shows.

Natural Resources Park (1956)

10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (times of activities vary)

Enjoy free fishing for kids, kayaking, archery, a butterfly house, and so much more in this beautiful 8-acre park maintained by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Enjoy native Ohio wildlife, a geological walkway, a new nature center, and a tall grass prairie. The outdoor amphitheater hosts free music and entertaining programs, such as the popular lumberjack show, throughout each day of the State Fair.

O'Neill Swine Building (1973)

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Check out swine exhibits, a sow and her piglets, the “big boar” - Ohio’s largest pig, and the Pork Shoppe.

Quiet Room

The air-conditioned Quiet Room is located in the Taste of Ohio Café. With a small adjacent restroom, sensory items, and comfortable seating, it provides a space for quick sensory relief. Volunteer assistance during the Fair is kindly provided by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI). Furniture graciously provided by Big Lots.

Rabbit and Poultry Pavilion (1905)

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Roosters crow to wake the grounds at this pavilion, home to rabbit, chicken, turkey, and duck exhibits.

Rhodes Center (1956)

Open during scheduled events only

This expansive facility is the home to the All-Ohio State Fair Band presented by Buckeye Health Plan, and the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and rehearsals. On Aug. 1, the Rhodes Center will host the annual 50 Year Club meeting.

Shoppes at North Commercial (1905)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (closes at 8 p.m. on Aug. 7)

Commercial and informational booths offering a variety of wares from sunglasses to furniture are housed in this open-air shopping mecca.

Steve R. Rauch, Inc. Cooper Arena (1965)

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Swing by this building daily for exciting beef cattle events and judging.



Taste of Ohio café *presented by Ohio's Country Journal and Ohio Ag Net (1966)*

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sit down for a locally produced meal or a glass of Ohio beer or wine in this air-conditioned facility and attached patio.

Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center (1995)

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

This expansive building is home to goat exhibits and educational activities, as well as miniature golf.

WCOL Celeste Center (1991)

Show schedules available at ohiostatefair.com

Big-name concerts and free shows are a part of the Ohio State Fair Concert Series held in this air-conditioned arena. Concessions are available for purchase, as well as Ohio beer and wine during select concerts.

Youth Exploration Space (1965)

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (closes at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7)

Stop by to view and participate in competitions, demonstrations, projects, displays, and fun interactive activities from Ohio youth organizations including Ohio 4-H, COSI, Boy Scouts, OSU Phun with Physics, Girl Scouts, First Robotics, Ohio State Beekeepers Association, Ohio Department of Higher Education, the Library Reading Nook, a Tiny Town play area, and Big Board Games. The Youth Center is filled with fun and educational happenings!

Entertainment

WCOL Celeste Center Entertainment

Tickets for paid events at the Celeste Center include admission to the Fair when purchased in advance. All free events held in the WCOL Celeste Center are non-ticketed, meaning that tickets are not required for these events.

KIDZ BOP LIVE 2022

Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m., \$20

KIDZ BOP LIVE 2022 is the ultimate family concert experience, “sung by kids for kids.” The KIDZ BOP Kids are Billboard Magazine’s #1 Kids’ Artist for eleven consecutive years performing kid-friendly versions of some of today’s biggest hit songs. KIDZ BOP holds a nationwide casting call to find the KIDZ BOP Kids, a group of talented young performers to star on albums, TV commercials, music videos, and be a part of the live tour. This fun-loving group performs more than 60 live shows each year and releases three major numbered albums. Their latest release, *KIDZ Bop Ultimate Playlist*, is out now!

Foreigner – The Greatest Hits

Friday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m., \$40, \$50

Highly decorated, beloved, and famed band Foreigner returns with their most popular hits. Foreigner has nine Top 10 hits, the same as Fleetwood Mac and more than Journey and most of their classic rock peers. Foreigner has remained relevant in the music scene for decades, as illustrated by the band’s song uses in movies and TV shows such as “Good Boys,” “The Eternals,” “Stranger Things,” and “Tacoma FD.”

Nelly



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Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m., \$35, \$45

By now the story of Grammy-winning, multiplatinum hip-hop superstar-actor-entrepreneur-philanthropist Nelly's rise to stardom is well-known. The standout musician landed a deal with Universal Motown Records, dropped a sizzling single called "Country Grammar" with a familiar nursery rhyme hook and followed it up with a debut album of the same name in 2000. Nelly has spent weeks atop the Billboard 200 chart and scored three Grammys.

Breland, special guest opening for Nelly

Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m., \$35, \$45

Breland's country hits have been featured on *The Kelly Clarkson Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, *Good Morning America*, and other well-known media. Praised by *Rolling Stone* as "1,000 percent the whole package," he made his Grand Ole Opry debut to a standing ovation.

Dru Hill

Sunday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., \$30

Dru Hill is an American R&B group whose repertoire includes soul, hip-hop soul, and gospel music. The group formed in Baltimore in 1992 and continues to perform for their fan base today, having recorded seven Top 40 hits, including their R&B No. 1 hits "In My Bed," "Never Make a Promise," and "How Deep Is Your Love." They won Best R&B/Soul Album – Group, Band, or Duo, as well as Best R&B/Soul Single – Group, Band, or Duo, in 1998. Most recently, the group was honored at the 2022 Black Music Honors.

Raheem DeVaughn

Sunday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., \$30

Son of jazz cellist Abdul Wadud and cousin of singer Chrisette Michele, DeVaughn has lots of musical blood. However, even in preschool, DeVaughn's mother said he had a strong connection to music. After DeVaughn won a talent competition at a Washington D.C. nightclub, CEO of Soul World Entertainment Cliff Jones asked him to write a song for soul quartet Dru Hill. In doing so, the singer caught the attention of DJ Jazzy Jeff and Roc-A-Fella executive Kenny Burns, which led to DeVaughn being signed by Jive Records in 2002. After the successful single releases of "Guess Who Loves You More" and "You," DeVaughn released his major label debut "The Love Experience" in 2005. The album sold around 250,000 copies and reached No. 46 in the Billboard 200. The singer-songwriter has been compared to Dwele, D'Angelo, and Marvin Gaye, with his mix of R&B, neo-soul, and soft rock.

Zach Williams

Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m., \$30

Zach Williams' powerful journey demonstrates how a boy with a storybook childhood filled with wonderfully nurturing parents, a strong and supportive grounding in the church, and a warm and loving local community was pulled away by the illusion of rock stardom, and the drug and alcohol excesses that can so often accompany that lifestyle. These days, the Jonesboro, Arkansas-raised and currently Nashville, Tennessee-based artist is a renewed man. He's a husband, a father, and has also become one of CCM's leading artists and songwriters by carving a niche with his singular blend of southern rock, country, and faith-filled songwriting, which quickly awarded him his first Grammy with his debut album, *Chain Breaker*. With two additional Grammy nods among numerous other accolades, he now returns to share his boldly vulnerable and hope-filled sophomore album, *Rescue Story*.

We the Kingdom, special guest opening for Zach Williams

Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m., \$30

For We the Kingdom, their faithful worship has led them full circle to this moment – and they are incredibly grateful to see some of their deepest dreams coming to fruition. The multi-generational family band – consisting of brothers Ed Cash and Scott Cash, Ed's daughter Franni, his son Martin and dear friend Andrew Berghold – grew roots when the Cash brothers were just kids. The group organically





formed at a Young Life camp in Georgia. The fact that they're family also allows for rich connection and adds a rare depth to their rugged songwriting.

Scotty McCreery

Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m., \$30

Scotty McCreery achieved new heights in the last few years by earning three back-to-back No. 1 hits from his most recent album, *Seasons Change*. The *American Idol* season 10 winner was named the ACM New Artist of the Year in 2011. Heavily awarded, McCreery has released a number of successful albums and songs, including one Double Platinum, four Platinum, and two Gold singles so far.

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias

Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., \$45, \$55

Iglesias is one of America's most successful stand-up comedians performing in sold-out venues around the world. He is also one of the most watched comedians on YouTube with over half a billion views and has over 24 million fans across social media. In 2018, "Fluffy" was included in The Hollywood Reporter's "Top 40 Comedy Players" issue alongside comedy giants Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, and Lorne Michaels. The comedian has also had the distinct honor of being one of the few to headline and sell-out Madison Square Garden in New York, Staples Center in Los Angeles, and Sydney Opera House in Australia.

Ice Cube

Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., \$40, \$50

Ice Cube, born O'Shea Jackson, Sr., is an American rapper and actor whose membership in the seminal hip hop group N.W.A gained him acclaim and launched his successful solo career. Ice Cube is known by hip-hop fans as one of the greatest and most influential rappers of all time; to many others, he is best known as a television and movie star.

Willie Nelson

Friday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m., \$47, \$62

With a seven-decade career, Willie Nelson has earned every conceivable award as a musician and amassed reputable credentials as an author, actor, and activist. He continues to thrive as a relevant and progressive musical and cultural force. In recent years, he has delivered more than a dozen new albums, released a Top 10 *New York Times* bestsellers book, again headlined Farm Aid, an event he co-founded in 1985, been honored by the Library of Congress with their Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, received his 5th degree black belt in Gong Kwon Yu Sul, headlined the annual Luck Reunion food and music festival during SXSW, and graced the covers of *Rolling Stone* and *AARP The Magazine*.

Noah Guthrie, special guest to Willie Nelson

Friday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m., \$47, \$62

The South Carolina based singer/songwriter taught himself to play guitar and began writing songs at 14. By the age of 18, he had performed over 200 shows across the country and built a strong following on social media. Guthrie continues writing his own brand of Americana/country music and has released two original albums.

Lakeside

Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., \$30

The famed American funk band is best known for their 1980 No. 1 R&B hit, "Fantastic Voyage," although they have a longstanding successful career. Their nine albums were released from 1977 through 1990, and they've been recognized by *Billboard*. Although the band has included a number of members over the decades, currently the lineup includes Thomas Shelby (vocals), Norman Beavers (keyboard), Marvin



Craig (bass guitar), Fred Lewis (percussion), Otis Stokes (guitars, bass, lead vocals), and Fred Alexander Jr. (drums).

Con Funk Shun

Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., \$30

Con Funk Shun is a star-quality attraction delivering a superb, high-energy show with electrifying choreography, glistening six-part vocal harmonies, and a dash of humor. They are, unquestionably, among the heroes of Funk with romantic ballads and dance-party hits galore. They have had multiple Gold status albums and LPs, and their hits remain on radio playlists today. Recent appearances include Cashe Creek Casino Resort, Cobo St. Life Lux Jazz Festival, Yoshi's Oakland Ca., and the Tom Joyner Fantastic Voyage Cruise 2021.

Free Shows in the WCOL Celeste Center

Generation Radio

Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m., FREE (no tickets required)

Generation Radio combines the talents of musical legends, including two-time Grammy Award winning musician and Columbus native Jay DeMarcus of Rascal Flatts; former lead vocalist and bass player of the multi-platinum band Chicago, Jason Scheff; and Steve Ferrone, drummer of Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers. Joined by the talented Chris Rodriguez and Tom Yankton, the group came together with the intent of bringing '80s rock and classic music back to life.

Alex Miller, special guest opening for Generation Radio

Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m., FREE (no tickets required)

Alex Miller is a champion of traditional country music, with a robust voice and infectious personality. Launched to global audiences during American Idol, Season 19, Alex is now happily reaping the benefits of that exposure. Everything about Alex is exciting: he is wholesome and inspiring with eager enthusiasm.

All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir

Sunday, July 31 at 1 p.m., FREE (no tickets required)

The All-Ohio State Fair Band and All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir feature the talents of high school instrumentalists and vocalists from many of Ohio's 88 counties. Members are selected through an application and recommendation process. Members of the two groups arrive just days before the Fair opens, learning all their music in a limited time. They perform daily at various times and locations, with nearly 200 total performances during the 12-day Fair. The ensembles' distinguished and experienced staff is comprised of musicians and educators who strive to provide outstanding direction and supervision to each member. During their stay at the Ohio State Fair, members work with peers who share similar interests and develop friendships that last a lifetime. This experience is unique to Ohio as we are the only state fair in the country to present such an opportunity to our youth.

The Drifters

Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m., FREE (no tickets required)

The Drifters are a long-lived American doo-wop, pop, and R&B band, originally formed in 1953 by Clyde McPhatter (of Billy Ward & the Dominoes). There have been more than 60 members since the group first formed, and today, the band is comprised of four members. The Drifters were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1988.

Sale of Champions Livestock Auction

Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m., FREE



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This special event recognizes youth exhibitors who showed the champion of their species at the Ohio State Fair by giving them the opportunity to auction their livestock exhibit. For background information on the Sale of Champions and last year's results, visit the "Sale of Champions" section of the media guide.



Past and Current Performers

38 Special

1990, 1991, 2017

Alabama

1984, 1995, 1997, 1999-
2001, 2015, 2017

Alan Jackson

2001, 2003

America

1983, 2006, 2014

Aretha Franklin

2014

Bad Company

2019

The Beach Boys

1974, 1982, 1983, 1986,
1988, 2014, 2018

Blue Öyster Cult

2000, 2009, 2014

Bob Hope

1966, 1968-1970, 1972, 1975-
1982, 1991

The Buckingham

2001, 2019

Brad Paisley

2005, 2011

Brooks & Dunn

1996, 1999, 2000, 2004

Brothers Osborne

2018

Carl Thomas

2019

Casting Crowns

2005, 2012, 2018

The Classics IV

2019

Chanté Moore

2019

Charlie Puth

2015, 2016

Cheap Trick

1984, 1986, 1995, 2001,
2015, 2018

Chicago

1988, 2012

Chris Young

2010, 2019

Chuck Negron

2019

Cole Swindell

2017

Con Funk Shun

2005, 2022

The Commodores

2018

The Cowsills

1969, 2019

Dierks Bentley

2008, 2009

Dionne Warwick

1973, 1983

Dolly Parton

1977-1979, 1982, 2016

The Drifters

1998, 2022

Dru Hill

2015, 2022

En Vogue

2018

Foghat

2014, 2016, 2019

Foreigner

1993, 2009, 2011, 2022

Gary Puckett

2000, 2019

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias

2017, 2019, 2022

George Thorogood

2017

Hank Williams Jr.

1993, 2019

Heart

2010, 2014

Ice Cube

2022

Jake Owen

2015

Jeff Dunham

2009, 2010, 2013, 2016,
2018

Jimmie Allen

2019

Joan Jett and the

Blackhearts

1989, 2003, 2014

Joe

1998, 2004, 2017

John Kay & Steppenwolf

2000, 2016

Johnny Cash

1976, 1978, 1981, 1992, 1996

Kansas

1993, 2012

Keith Sweat

2000, 2009, 2016

Kenny Rogers

1972, 1978, 1979, 2006,
2009, 2016

KIDZ BOP

2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

Kool & the Gang

1981-1983, 1986, 1988

Kris Kristofferson

1987, 1992, 2012

Lady Antebellum

2014

Lakeside

2022

**Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin
Brothers**

1982, 1983, 2013

Lee Brice

2018

Lyfe Jennings

2019

Mac Davis

1973-1978, 1981

Matt Maher

2019

Matthew West

2016, 2019

McGuffey Lane

1981, 1982, 2017

Meghan Trainor

2015

Merle Haggard

1975, 1991, 2007, 2012

Midnight Star

1982, 1983, 1984, 1989,
2004, 2019

Night Ranger

1985, 1987, 2011, 2019

Nelly

2022

Oak Ridge Boys

1980, 1982, 1984-1991,
1996, 2003, 2006, 2008,
2011, 2013, 2016

**The Osmonds / Donnie &
Marie / Donnie Osmond**

1972, 1973, 1975, 1976,
1978, 1986, 1990, 1991

Pat Boone

1967, 1975, 1976, 1980,
1988, 2002

Patti LaBelle

1985, 1991, 2015

Pentatonix

2017

Rascal Flatts

2002, 2005-2007, 2009,
2010, 2017

Raheem DaVaughn

2022

Reba

1983, 1989, 1992, 1993,
2015, 2018

REO Speedwagon

1988, 1990, 2006, 2013,
2019

Scotty McCreery

2014, 2022

Sonny & Cher

1967, 1973

The S.O.S. Band

2005, 2019

Styx

2013, 2018

Tanya Tucker

1975, 1976, 1992

Ted Vigil

2019

Toby Keith

1998, 2019

Tom Jones

1971

Travis Tritt

1992, 1996, 2002, 2004

TLC

2018

Trevor Noah

2018

The Turtles

1997, 2004, 2019

The Union Gap

2019

Vince Gill

1994, 1995, 1997-1999,
2002, 2004

"Weird Al" Yankovic

1994, 2007

We the Kingdom

2022

Willie Nelson

1984, 1986, 1987, 1990,
1992, 1994, 1998, 2002,
2004, 2022

Zach Williams

2017, 2022



Free Musical Entertainment

(listed in chronological order; location is noted if the artist or band is from Ohio)

📍**Jess Kellie Adams** (country) | July 27 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Country singer Jess Kellie Adams inspires her audience to cherish the value of family, reflect on memories, and chase their dreams. The Ohio native pulls inspiration from some of country music's greatest talents as she sings about her own life experiences. Adams is a must-see act who has spent years perfecting her sound in the heart of Nashville.

📍**The Jay Wiley Band** (Pittsburgh, rock) | July 27, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

The Jay Wiley Band, based in Pittsburgh, shares their talent across the state of Ohio. Rock out with this talented group on opening day of the Fair!

📍**PJ North** (Gahanna, country pop) | July 27 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Born and raised in Columbus, PJ North grew up loving two things: race cars and music. As a child, if PJ wasn't racing, he was writing and recording music. As a singer-songwriter, PJ has blurred the lines between country music and hip-hop to develop his own country sound.

📍**Bill Foley** (Columbus, classic rock) | July 27, 28, Aug. 3, 4, 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Park amphitheater

Bill Foley was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. As a teenager, he first started playing the drums in the South High School Marching Band. If you asked Bill about his experience as a musician, he would tell you it isn't a job – he loves what he does that much! Of course, don't be mistaken. He takes music very seriously. Bill travels nationally (with even a few international trips). Locally, he performs almost nightly. Check out one of his five Fair performances to hear for yourself!

📍**Will Freed** (Columbus, blues) | July 28 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Growing up as a neighbor to Ohio in West Virginia, Will Freed has been around music his entire life. Being raised by a guitar player led this talented blues musician to a life of passionate songwriting and music. Moving to Columbus in 2010, Will Freed's career really took off, leading him to become a local staple.

📍**Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers** (bluegrass) | July 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Park amphitheater

Grand Ole Opry regulars Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers will head to Mullins' home state for a special performance under the shade in the Natural Resources Park amphitheater. The banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and vocals combine to create an energetic mix of authentic bluegrass and gospel music.

📍**Ruvane** (Columbus, singer-songwriter) | July 29 at noon and 2 p.m.

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Ruvane describes his music as folk with a rock edge. For over 20 years, this artist has performed his acoustic folk-rock tunes all over the country, including performances for presidential candidates and foreign dignitaries.



🎵 **Waterloo 5** (Columbus, classic rock) | July 29 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Catch a wide range of rock that you know and love with Waterloo 5. This Columbus-based band will leave you energized and singing long after the show ends.

🎵 **Dustin Kines** (Nashville-based, country pop/rock) | July 30 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Gazebo Stage

From growing up in Ohio to performing for audiences in Nashville, Tennessee, Dustin Kines is a big-time act you won't want to miss.

🎵 **The George Martins** (Cleveland, your Beatles favorites) | July 30 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Set in the middle of a rich music community in Cleveland, The George Martins have made their mark on local music through experience, talent, passion, and community.

🎵 **Paul Rosewood** (Yorkshire, modern country) | July 31 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Paul Rosewood is a country music artist from Ohio who frequently takes his talents to Nashville. Thanks to his years of touring experience, Paul delivers a high-energy act to every audience. Sharing the stage with many famous country artists, as well as working with great writers and producers, has helped the simple small-town boy grow into a must-see act.

Clayton Mann (country) | July 31 at 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Young Clayton Mann began cutting his musical teeth in the dive bars of busy Chicago at the ripe age of 11 years old. Pulling inspiration from classic country stars and rock 'n' roll icons, the down-home country singer brings high energy to his performances that are sprinkled with some soul and rock variety amidst his country sound.

🎵 **Reyna & Dana** (Dayton, pop/rock) | Aug. 1 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Performing together for over 10 years, Reyna & Dana have perfected their sound over the years to become one of Dayton's favorite local duos.

Raquel & The Wildflowers (country rock) | Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Imagine a blissful blend between classic rock and modern country. The close-knit group is embarking on its first tour during 2020 with the Ohio State Fair claiming one of its performance spots.

🎵 **Theo Perry** (Columbus, classic rock) | Aug. 1 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Born and raised in Ohio, Theo Perry relocated from Cleveland to Columbus over 15 years ago and has since developed as a singer, guitarist, recording artist, and live musician. Theo's sound ranges between acoustic, soul, and R&B.

The Drifters | Aug. 2 at 1:00 p.m. **NEW!**

WCOL Celeste Center



The Drifters are a long-lived American doo wop pop-R&B band, originally formed by Clyde McPhatter (of Billy Ward & the Dominoes) in 1953 from New York City, NY, USA. There have been over 60 members since 1953. The Drifters were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988. Heavily decorated, the group has continued in multiple capacities since their initial fame, including the current group.

📍 **Lil' Red & The Rooster** (Westerville, blues) | Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

These 2019 International Blues Challenge Finalists are certain to dazzle fairgoers with their contagious charm and love for blues. Jennifer Milligan and Pascal Fouquet bring a blend of original and fresh music inspired by their love of old-time blues to every energetic performance. Get ready to hop up to your feet and dance along with this stunning group.

📍 **George Barrie Band** (Columbus, rock) | Aug. 3 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Rock out to some groovy rock 'n' roll tunes with this local band. This rock band can be found playing all around the Columbus area.

📍 **Anna Lynn Ferris** (Dayton, country and rock) | Aug. 3 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Dayton born singer Anna Lynn Ferris began her musical career in a bluegrass band at a young age before moving to South Carolina when she was 12 years old. Upon her graduation, Anna moved to live out her dreams in the music industry in Nashville. She now plays regular shows at various venues in Nashville and expanded her statewide following to a nationwide audience.

📍 **Open Highway Bluegrass Band** (Columbus, bluegrass) | Aug. 3 and 4 at 4:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Natural Resources Park amphitheater

This band is built on a solid, traditional bluegrass band sound, along with solid instrumentation, vocals, and taking pride in originating and performing their own material; and most of all sharing their enjoyment performing on stage and getting the crowds involved in their performance.

Cody Joe Hodges (country) | Aug. 4 at noon and 2 p.m.

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Influenced by many legends who paved the roads of country music before him, Cody Joe Hodges derives his sounds from '80s and '90s country. Reaching out across the stage, the high-energy performer is for both younger and older generations.

Taylon Hope (country) | Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Performing since she was 4 years old, Taylon has spent many years perfecting her passionate sound that's derived from both classic and modern country. The North Carolina native moved to Nashville to pursue her passion of singing and writing music. She has since achieved her dream of performing on the legendary Grand Ole Opry stage.

📍 **Ghost Story – Modern Acoustic Trio** (Columbus, pop/indie/rock) | Aug. 5 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

What doesn't Ghost Story do? Performing a blend of pop, indie, and rock music, this local acoustic trio has tunes to satisfy every music lover. Enjoy some of your favorite songs played as acoustic covers.



♥ **Honey & Blue Band** (Columbus, pop/soul/R&B) | Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

The Columbus-based duo formed their small band while working in a restaurant in Los Angeles. Writing music together for a year before officially forming Honey & Blue Band, the musicians performed at LA venues before returning to the Midwest to continue work on their musical careers.

♥ **Ohio State Highway Patrol Drum & Bugle Corps** | Aug. 5 at 10 a.m.

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

The all-brass and percussion band is made up of members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

♥ **Old Forge** (Kent, country/rock/blues) | Aug. 6 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

The up-and-coming Kent-based band covers some of country, rock, and blues' greatest artists. Bringing the love and fun of live music to their community and beyond, fairgoers won't want to miss the opportunity to see this great local band.

♥ **Eric Atkinson** (The Plains, country/rock) | Aug. 6 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Country music artist and songwriter Eric Atkinson has strong roots in the heart of Ohio. From The Plains in Athens County, Eric has performed across the region at Athens Tractor Heritage Show, Walker Turnpike West Virginia MTM music fest, the Hard Rock Café in Nashville, and others.

♥ **Son Gitano** (Cleveland, Latin Fusion) | Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Jumping into the Cleveland music scene in 2009, Son Gitano began blending sounds from Spain, South America, Puerto Rico, and the United States to create the ultimate Latin fusion. Audiences will experience the band's dynamic cultural energy through its sound and vivacious dancing.

♥ **Crabgrass** (Ashland, bluegrass) | Aug. 7 at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. **NEW!**

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

From traditional to modern bluegrass, Crabgrass has been honing its skills for many years. With a growing fan base and loaded schedule, Crabgrass is leaving its mark, and sound, all over Central Ohio.

♥ **Faye** (Grove City, raw indie rock) | Aug. 7 at noon and 2 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

Once a guitarist/singer-songwriter, Faye has transformed into a local award-winning full band. The indie groups' songs, which have been played at venues beyond the borders of Ohio, draw inspiration from personal experience and famous artists from a variety of genres.

♥ **Arch City Lights** (Columbus, pop/soul/R&B) | Aug. 7 at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. **NEW!**

Main Street Stage

This Columbus-based group is diverse in its musical range. From today's top 40 hits to classic oldies, Arch City Lights can do it all.

Free Non-Musical / Strolling Entertainment

♥ **The Amazing Giants** | Daily



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Ranging from stilt walkers, acrobatics, magicians, caricaturists, and everything in between, there's never a dull moment with The Amazing Giants. Their interactive and fun entertainment includes something for everyone.

♥ **Butters D. Cow and his Character Ambassadors** | Daily

Strolling

Mingle with Fair mascot Butters D. Cow and his gang of fun and furry mascots as they stroll around the Fair. Be sure to stop them for a photo!

Marvelous Mutts, Daily, NEW!

The Dog House

Featuring a team of talented rescue dogs who have performed on Animal Planet, The Late Show, Good Morning America, The Today Show, and more, the Marvelous Mutts show entertains all ages with its variety of impressive canine tricks and stunts.

♥ **David Anthony** | Daily

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Cleveland native David Anthony found a love of magic when he got his first magic set at the ripe age of five, and he has been performing since he was 12. This award-winning magician will mystify fairgoers with familiar objects, leaving them laughing and impressed after this up-close and personal encounter.

Bill Robison – Roving Funny Man | Daily

Strolling

For over two decades, Bill Robison has charmed audiences young and old around the world with his unique and masterful style of physical comedy. Using his rubber-like face, elastic body, and limitless energy, he transports audiences to a zany, unpredictable, and hilarious world through outlandish comedy.

The Rubber Chicken Show, Daily. NEW!

Main Street Stage

International performers are not hard to come by, but international chicken performers are a different story. Buckle up and prepare for some family-friendly laughs during this wacky, interactive show.

The Strolling Piano, Daily, NEW!

Strolling

There is no location too remote for this fully remote piano. Combining the concept of live musical entertainment with a fully mobile piano provides fairgoers with topnotch entertainment right along their path through the Fair. Go ahead — request a song. We bet you'll get the chance to sing along!

♥ **SupaFun Clown Band, Daily**

Strolling

This brass band brings the party, fun, and then some as they stroll around the Fair in loud costumes and giant smiles.

Kazual | Daily

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

The Georgia-based a cappella family group, comprised of three brothers and a cousin, is known for its distinct blend of R&B, hip hop, and pop they call the "Kazual experience." Kazual's national spotlights





include NBC's "America's Got Talent," BET, and MTV. Kazual has opened for Nelly, Beyoncé, and many others.

Great Lakes Timber Show | Daily

Natural Resources Park

This entertaining act offers a glimpse into the life of a lumberjack including numerous demonstrations such as ax throwing, chainsaw carving, and log rolling.

Rock-It The Robot | Daily

Strolling

Get ready for the most impressive robot you've ever seen! Standing at nine feet tall and featuring an animated face with moving eyes, brows, and mouth, this lifelike character will entertain crowds with humor, dancing, and serenading.

♥Columbus Chorus of Sweet Adelines, July 27 - Aug. 1, NEW!

Strolling

For more than 60 years, the women of the Columbus Chorus of Sweet Adelines have been performing for summer concerts, holiday events, regional competitions, and more. The all-female group sings in the a cappella barbershop style, achieving those ringing chords.

Eric Haines - The One-Man Band, July 27 - Aug. 1

Strolling

One-man band Eric Haines brings his music, comedy, and variety back to the Ohio State Fair! Eric began his one-man band act in 2010, adding it to a nearly 30-year career as a comedian, juggler, and variety artist. Highlights of his comedy and one-man band career include having his one-man band featured in Time magazine and appearing on ABC's The Gong Show.

The Groovy Guy Show, July 27 – Aug. 1

Strolling

Considered one of the top street performers in the world by Travel Channel and state fair favorite, get ready to laugh at his comedy, juggling, unicycling, and other amazing talents!

Leapin' Louie, July 29 - 31, NEW!

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Watch your step around the stage or you might get caught in Leapin' Louie's giant lasso. Leapin' Louie will have families laughing through his comedy show as he captivates the eye with his unique tricks.

Ron Diamond, July 27 - Aug. 1

Main Street Stage

A master at all levels of magic and hypnosis, Ron Diamond will entertain fairgoers with his talent and humor. He is an expert in hypnotherapy and promises each show will bring unique, memorable experiences to be retold for years to come.

Street Breakz, July 27 - Aug. 1

Strolling

These performers combine hip-hop, street dancing, impossible stunts, acrobatics, and comedy at this pop-up breakdancing show.

♥Buckeye Blend Quartet, Aug. 2 - 7, NEW!



Strolling

For more than 20 years, the Buckeye Blend Quartet has entertained OSU presidents, coaches, and spirited Buckeye fans at tailgate shows and celebrations throughout Ohio. This barbershop quartet's mission is to enhance the expectancy of victory and crush any thoughts of defeat through song, smiles, and laughter.

The Flyin' Hawaiian Show, Aug. 2 - 7

Strolling

Born in Kona, Hawaii, Sara Kunz has performed all around the world. After studying Hula Hoops and Contortion at the Beijing International Arts School, Sara began performing her one-woman show "The Flyin' Hawaiian." Her joyous energy, corny jokes, hooping, dancing, contortions, and amazing stunts will not disappoint.

Hilby — The Skinny German Juggle Boy, Aug. 2 - 7, NEW!

Strolling

From a small child growing up in Berlin and making funny faces at strangers, Hilby has grown into an international act that leaves his audiences in shock from his bizarre tricks.

The Hip Hop Juggler, Aug. 2 - 7, NEW!

AARP Ohio Gazebo Stage

Juggling with a twist! The Hip Hop Juggler offers much more than juggling stunts. His style, witty comedy, and interactive demonstrations take this show to the next level.

Kate Escape, Aug. 2 - 7, NEW!

Main Street Stage

It's your chance to be a star! The audience members become a part of Kate Escape's shows as she uses hypnotism to deliver a hilarious comedy show.

Natural Resources Park

Free shows are offered daily in the Natural Resources Park Amphitheater from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a complete list of shows, please check the daily schedules or go to ohiodnr.gov/statefair.

Special Attractions and Displays

Daily attractions

Listed alphabetically

All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir

Performance times vary

The All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and All-Ohio State Fair Band arrive just days before the Fair opens, learning all of their music in a limited time. They perform daily at various times and locations, with nearly 200 total performances held during the 12 days of the Fair.

Canine Class

The Dog House

Learn all the basics of dog training in a 30-minute demonstration taught by nationally ranked dog trainers. Who knows, your dog could be the next Air Bud!



Camel Rides

10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Kiddieland

Every day can be "Hump Day" during the Fair! Camel rides are offered for \$10 per ride.

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club Exhibit

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Closes at 6 p.m. on Aug. 4), Kasich Hall, Hall C

Fairgoers of all ages will love the elaborate, functional model railroad exhibit including a special just-for-kids Thomas and Friends section.

Kayak Pond

11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Natural Resources Park

Grab a life jacket and try out kayaking in a shallow pond, free during Fair hours.

Kids' Fishing Pond

10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Natural Resources Park

Kids aged 14 and younger may fish daily for bluegill from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. using cane poles and tackle provided by the ODNr Division of Wildlife. If you catch a fish, an Ohio wildlife officer will help you take it off the hook. You can leave the fish in the live well or take it home and fix it for dinner!

Lady Houdini

Monday through Friday: 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Kiddieland

Saturday and Sunday: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

As a real escapologist, Lady Houdini has made her name performing daredevil-like acts as she flirts with near death experiences through her masterful escape performances.

Land & Living Exhibit

10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Land & Living Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau

This highly interactive exhibit is packed with agricultural education activities the whole family can enjoy. Visitors will see, experience, and learn about caring for animals on the farm, how science and technology are helping farmers produce safe food while enhancing our environmental resources, how scientists are researching solutions to our biggest food and farming challenges, and how young people can have careers in agriculture. Visitors can experience planting crops in a tractor simulator, shopping in an interactive grocery store, and recording their State Fair memories with a free photograph before leaving the exhibit.

Little Farmers

10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center Lawn

This hands-on educational exhibit, targeted toward kids ages 3 to 10, allows youth to explore different aspects of Ohio agriculture. Families will navigate through different stations featuring simulated animals, real grains, gardening, and more, with the opportunity to pick a small prize at the final station, the Ohio Proud Farmer's Market.

Monster Mural, Central Park

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closes at 4 p.m. on Aug. 4)

Kids will jump at the chance to make their artistic mark on a giant Fair mural each day (with washable paint, of course).

Natural Resources Park

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (times of activities vary)



Enjoy free fishing for kids, kayaking, archery, a butterfly house, a watercraft simulator, and so much more in this beautiful eight-acre park maintained by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Enjoy native Ohio wildlife, a geological walkway, a camping village, and a tall grass prairie. The outdoor amphitheater hosts free music and entertaining programs, such as the popular lumberjack show, each day of the Fair.

OVMA Veterinary Education Center

9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Wick Pavilion

Witness the miracle of birth and visit new and expectant farm animal mothers and their young at this educational exhibit near the Dairy Products Building. You can even milk a real cow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.!

Ohio Proud Farmer's Market

10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center Farm / Little Farmers Exhibit

Shop for local products like honey, salsa, dip mixes, and more from Ohio Proud vendors. Each day of the fair, vendors will be selling their products — so stop by any day for a different selection of great products grown and made in our great state.

Ohio State Beekeepers Association

10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Lausche Youth Exploration Space

Learn how to start and maintain your own beehive, as well as the importance of bees to our ecosystem, while having fun!

Daily Parade presented by AAA Ohio Auto Club

4 p.m. (no parade Aug. 7)

Fair mascot Butters D. Cow will be joined by local celebrities, honorees, costumed characters, entertainers, and special guests in this tour through the Fair featuring the All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir. The daily Parade presented by AAA Ohio Auto Club begins just north of Natural Resources Park and continues up the WNCI Food Highway, ending just north of 17th Avenue.

Governor's Children's Passport

The Governor's Children's Passport is a great way to navigate the fair while providing your kids with fun activities along the way! Children who complete their passport and turn it in will have a chance at one of our many prizes! Visit the Guest Information Services Booths or one of the Children's Initiatives partner agency booths (Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Department of Medicaid, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources) to receive your passport today!

Pig Races presented by 99.7 The Blitz and Country 103.9

Monday - Friday: 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., Kiddieland

Saturday - Sunday: 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Three different breeds of swift swine race around the track for a prize. Cheer on your favorite little pig!

Petting Zoo

10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday), Kiddieland

The free Petting Zoo features more than 50 animals from around the world including goats, llamas, zebras, antelope, kangaroos, a spotted Highland cow, giant tortoise, and more.



Smokey Bear

10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Natural Resources Park

The Ohio State Fair is full of tradition. For many families, one notable tradition is to be greeted by name by the iconic Smokey Bear in Natural Resources Park. In fact, he is one of only two talking Smokey Bears in the country! Make it a point this year to visit Smokey Bear any day of the Ohio State Fair.

Limited-time attractions

Listed by date

ACT Ohio Construction Demo Days and Little Builders Zone

July 27 – 29, Cardinal Patio 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Try hands-on construction activities in more than 10 building trades, see live construction demonstrations, learn about building trades careers, and meet the construction tradespeople who build Ohio at this family-friendly event hosted by ACT Ohio and the Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council. Learn more at ACTOhio.org.

Operative Plasterers & Cement Masons Unions Great Lakes Apprenticeship Demonstrations

July 27 – 29, Cardinal Patio 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' Unions Great Lakes Apprentice Demonstrations allows apprentices from around the state to showcase their talents by doing hands-on demonstrations of their respective crafts.

WOSU Kids Day

July 28, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Central Park

Join WOSU Public Media in Central Park for a chance to meet some of your favorite PBS KIDS® characters! The event, designed to keep the whole family entertained, will offer PBS KIDS® crafts, coloring, educational activities, and games. See PBS KIDS® characters throughout the day for photo opportunities:

- Daniel Tiger
- Katerina Kittycat
- Nature Cat
- Jet Propulsion
- Elinor
- Xavier Riddle

Photos with costumed characters will end at 3 p.m.

Live Mural Painting

July 29 – Aug. 1, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Cox Fine Arts Center

Famed barn artist Scott Hagan (the same artist who painted the bicentennial barns across Ohio) will be painting a mural in the Cox Fine Arts Center during the Fair thanks to a partnership with the Ohio History Connection. The murals will feature portraits of Ohioans General Charles Young and President Ulysses S. Grant (who was born 200 years ago this year). Painting will occur from approximately 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily, Friday, July 29 through Tuesday, August 2. As important historical figures on a national level, both Grant and Young are marking important anniversaries this year. Grant was born 200 years ago in Point Pleasant, Ohio. Young, long a resident of Ohio, died 100 years ago this year; he received his general's star earlier this year.



Breeding Grand Drive brought to you by Nationwide® and Ohio Farm Bureau

July 30, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Ag-Pro Companies Taft Coliseum

Throughout this premier livestock event taking place in Ag-Pro Companies Taft Coliseum, youth will have the opportunity to compete at the final event of the Ohio State Fair junior breeding livestock competitions. The event raises awareness of the hard work and continued effort that each of these youth champions must do to be at the top of their respective projects.

Fun with Columbus Zoo Animals!

July 30 & 31, Aug. 6 & 7, 11 a.m., Natural Resources Park amphitheater

Jack Hanna's crew will have audiences of all ages captivated with the Columbus Zoo Animals show that will take place in the Natural Resources Park amphitheater.

Columbus All-Breed Dog Agility

July 30 – 31, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m., Rhodes Center Lawn

Watch as these local pups strut their stuff with as-seen-on-TV style agility!

Ohio State Fair 5K

July 31, 8 a.m.

The Ohio State Fair 5K offers a complete family experience of fun and exercise. This is your chance to run through the Ohio State Fair before it is even open. Imagine weaving your way through hundreds of rides and exhibits along this unique 3.1-mile route. Your morning will begin with the traditional 100-yard dash for kids 9 and under. More information is available at <https://www.ultrafit-usa.com/ohiostatefair2022>.

Ohio Beef Council Capital City Burger Battle

July 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Central Park

Burger battle contestants will test their skills and vie for the title of the tastiest burger in Columbus. Stop by for fun activities, free samples, and prizes!

Ohio Lottery Cash Explosion Super Show

July 31, 3 p.m., Ag-Pro Companies Taft Coliseum

Thirty-five years of Cash Explosion winning has led to our biggest show EVER. For the very first time, half of the contestants for our Super Show will be drawn LIVE from the attending audience at the Ohio State Fair and they will have a chance to play for \$350,000, the single biggest C-A-S-H prize in Cash Explosion History.

50 Year Club Meeting

Aug. 1, 8:30 a.m., Rhodes Center Auditorium

Did you attend the Ohio State Fair in 1972 or earlier? If you answered yes, you're automatically a member of the 50 Year Club! The club's annual meeting will feature the presentation of the esteemed Giant Step Award and more.

Well Beyond 60! Health & Wellness Expo presented by the Ohio Department of Aging

Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., North of 17th Avenue in front of the Rhodes Center

Visit our partners at this free expo for vision screenings, fall risk assessments, computer balance tests, blood pressure checks, and more!

2022 Dean's Charity Steer Show

Aug. 2, 2:30 p.m., Steve R. Rauch, Inc. Cooper Arena



Celebrity exhibitors will team up with media personalities and experienced 4-H families to compete in a charity steer show raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio. The event is hosted by Cathann A. Kress, vice president and dean of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. You're invited to this celebration of Ohio agriculture, communities, and children.

Ohio Pork Council Rib-Off

Aug. 2, 11:30 a.m., Central Park

Pork and barbeque lovers alike are invited to join the Ohio Pork Council for their 24th Annual Rib-Off at the 2022 Ohio State Fair. Ohio's highly skilled grill masters will compete to be honored for the best ribs, pulled pork, and barbeque sauce in the state. After celebrity judges sample the food, fairgoers will have the opportunity to enjoy free samples and cast their vote for the highly sought-after People's Choice Award. Voting ends at 12:45 p.m.

Sensory-Friendly Morning

Aug. 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We've turned down the lights and volume to make the Ohio State Fair more sensory-friendly in partnership with the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI). Ride the rides with no flashing lights or music, visit the Fair's many educational and sensory activities, take a break in a quiet room, or use our sensory accessibility guide to find a Fair opportunity that suits you.

Joint Legislative Agriculture Committee Meeting

Aug. 5, 11 a.m., Land & Living Building presented by Ohio Farm Bureau

Join the Ohio House of Representatives Agriculture and Conservation Committee and the Ohio Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee as the bicameral group showcases the work they've accomplished and interact with the public.

"Back to School with Kroger" Scavenger Hunt

Aug. 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., North of 17th Avenue near the main Cardinal Gate

Visit Kroger's booth North of 17th Avenue near the main Cardinal Gate to learn about a fun back-to-school scavenger hunt around the fairgrounds! Obtain a special passport and embark on a fun-filled, interactive search to find one of the twenty-five special vouchers strategically hidden around grounds. The vouchers can then be redeemed for a chance to win a backpack and a \$25 gift card to purchase school supplies at Kroger!

Ohio Lottery Statue Search

Aug. 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Participate in the Ohio Lottery Statue Search! Find five statues strategically placed throughout the Ohio State fairgrounds and simply scan the QR code to participate. Find them all to be eligible for a second chance drawing with tons of prizes and winners. Visit the Ohio Lottery booth in front of the Rhodes Center to learn more and get started.

Market Grand Drive brought to you by Nationwide® and Ohio Farm Bureau

Aug. 6, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., Ag-Pro Companies Taft Coliseum

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Rides

SkyGlider presented by Ohio Lottery

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (open until midnight Fridays, opens 10 a.m. for the sensory-friendly morning, Aug. 3. Closes at 10 p.m. Aug. 7.)

Get a slow-paced, bird's-eye view of the Fair when you hop on at one of the access points in Kiddieland or near the Cardinal Gate. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the half-mile journey across the Fair. The price is \$3 per rider for a one-way ticket and is not included with ride tickets or the ride-all-day wristband.

Giant Slide

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (open until midnight Fridays, opens 10 a.m. for the sensory-friendly morning, Aug. 3. Closes at 10 p.m. Aug. 7.)

Grab a burlap mat, hike up the 105 steps, and take an exciting trip down this 144-foot-long slide! The Giant Slide has been an iconic part of the Ohio State Fair since it was constructed at the facility in 1969.

Mountain Dew Midway

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (open until midnight Fridays, opens 10 a.m. for the sensory-friendly morning, Aug. 3. Closes at 10 p.m. Aug. 7.)

The Midway features a wide variety of exciting rides from roller coasters and free-fall drops thrillers to timeless classics like bumper cars and tilt-a-whirls. These rides are sure to plunge, spin, shock, and excite fairgoers!

Kiddieland

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (open until midnight Fridays, opens 10 a.m. for the sensory-friendly morning, Aug. 3. Closes at 10 p.m. Aug. 7.)

Parents and children alike can enjoy a visit to Kiddieland with nearly 30 family-friendly rides developed for kids and their families, including mini-coasters, a kiddie carousel, a 65-foot tall Ferris wheel, spinning tea cups and more.

History - Talley Amusement Company

Talley Amusement Company has more than 200 years of experience providing amusing rides to parks and fairs across the United States. It all started in 1908 when Mary Talley's great grandfather started with just one piece of equipment to create a real-life merry-go-round. He eventually started charging Texas residents one dollar per ride. "My dad used to walk from town to town booking his one show," said Mary's grandmother. Soon, he saw potential for the amusement business and the rest was history.

The amusement company was created by husband and wife Tom and Mary Talley. The two have known each other since they were just children, both of their parents were presidents of the Lonestar Showman Club in Texas. Tom and Mary became friends and eventually got married later in life. Both coming from family backgrounds of the amusement business, they used their combined knowledge of the industry to create Talley Amusement Company in 1995.

Talley Amusement Company has more than 200 years of experience providing amusing rides to parks and fairs across the United States. Their commitment to safety and attaining quality equipment is the reason for their astonishing safety record since the company began. Talley Amusements takes their equipment through an aggressive preventative maintenance program



and extensively trains all personnel in house. With more than 50 rides at the Ohio State Fair, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Magic Money

Ohio State Fair rides and games are cashless. Reloadable RFID (radio frequency identification) Magic Money cards or wristbands will be scanned at each ride or game.

- **What is Magic Money?** Magic Money is Talley Amusements' state of the art RFID (radio frequency identification) based digital ticketing system.
- **Where can I reload my Magic Money?** Reload your Magic Money cards or wristbands at one of the hundred points of sale on the grounds with cash or credit. Look for a kiosk labeled "Magic Money."
- **Where can I use Magic Money?** Magic Money is accepted at rides and games in Kiddieland and on the Mountain Dew Midway.
- **Do games still take cash, too?** No, all games are cashless as of this year; they only accept Magic Money.

Food

Notable and Interesting Vendors and Food Stories

\$3 Thursdays

Both Thursdays at the Fair, all vendors will be offering a menu item of their choice at a smaller size for just \$3! This new initiative is the perfect way to try all the best Fair foods without breaking the bank.

Schmidt's of German Village

Schmidt's celebrates their 106th year as an Ohio State Fair vendor this summer. Famous for Bahama Mamas and cream puffs, Schmidt's is the oldest continuous restaurant participating at the Fair, and the oldest continuous restaurant participating at a state fair in the nation. The All-Ohio State Fair band played birthday tributes to founder George F. Schmidt for nearly 80 years and now continues the tradition by playing a birthday tribute to his son, John Schmidt.

Tracey Concessions

This concessionaire is family-owned and operated and has been a part of the Ohio State Fair since 1956. They will celebrate their 65th anniversary at the Ohio State Fair this summer. Originally started as a way to make the family a little extra money, the business began as a Fair location. Today, the Ohio State Fair is home to four Tracey concession locations, known primarily for their secret-recipe root beer, fried cheese, and Flaming Hot Cheetos foot-long corn dogs.

Rutana's Hot Apple Dumplings

These apple dumplings are homemade from scratch, and the vendor has been family-owned and operated for more than 30 years.

Ohio Cattlemen's Association

During the Ohio State Fair, the Ohio Cattlemen's Association sells more than four tons of beef.

MarketPlace Food Court



Chinese, Mexican, Italian, and other international cuisines are housed in the center of the Bricker MarketPlace Building, a 3.5-acre air-conditioned facility. The building also offers beer and wine selections located west of the north overhead door.

WNCI Food Highway

Located under the SkyGlider, the WNCI Food Highway features plenty of delicious foods ranging from barbeque to classic Fair foods to deep-fried treats.

Taste of Ohio Café

Sit down for a locally produced meal or a glass of Ohio beer or wine in this air-conditioned facility and attached patio. Meals are served by the Ohio farmers who raise and grow the food that feeds our world. Ohio's agricultural commodity groups housed in the building include American Dairy Association Mideast, Ohio Cattleman's Association, Ohio Grape Industries Committee, Ohio Pork Producers Council, Ohio Poultry Association, and Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.

Wild and Wacky Foods

With approximately 150 vendors, there's something for every appetite at various locations across the grounds. Special dietary options are also available.

Food on a stick

Among the hundreds of food options, the Ohio State Fair sells more than 25 different types of food on a stick, ranging from Fair favorites like corn dogs and cotton candy to more adventurous options like mashed potatoes and deep-fried strawberries!

Velvet Ice Cream's Red, White, and Blueberry ice cream to debut at Ohio State Fair

A signature flavor of Velvet Ice Cream returns to the Ohio State Fair! This year's fair flavor celebrates our national colors. Velvet's limited-release Red, White, and Blueberry ice cream will be available exclusively at the Ohio State Fair, July 27 – Aug. 7.

To create this one-of-a-kind frozen confection, the Utica, Ohio based ice cream maker takes their sweet vanilla base and adds fresh strawberry pieces and tasty blueberry swirl. The blend not only provides some sweet cool relief on a hot day, but it creates an exciting flavor combination that visitors will line up for.

Can it be fried? Here are some of the dozens of deep-fried food items available at the Ohio State Fair:

- Bologna Sandwich
- Buckeyes
- Butter
- Candy bars (Snickers, Three Musketeers, Milky Way, Charleston Chews)
- Cheese
- Cheese curds
- Cheesecake
- Chocolate-covered strawberries
- Cream cheese
- Cookies (Oreo, Nutter Butter)
- Cookie dough



- Grilled cheese sandwich
- Gummy bears
- Hamburger
- Mashed potatoes
- Macaroni and cheese
- Olives
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
- Pickles
- Strawberries and cream puffs
- Sweet corn
- Tacos
- Twinkies
- Vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, mushrooms, okra, onion rings/blossoms, peppers, zucchini)

Gluten-Free at the Fair

For anyone following a gluten-free diet, there are plenty of options you can still enjoy when you visit the Ohio State Fair. Don't forget to ask individual vendors about the risk of cross contamination or gluten exposure for kitchens that may serve items that do contain gluten. Fairgoers with gluten sensitivities and intolerances should use judgment in consuming Fair foods.

- **Corn and corn products** – Roasted sweet corn and other products made with corn (such as tacos, nachos and taco salad) can be safe bets when avoiding gluten.
- **French Fries** – French fries are usually gluten-free, so if you're looking for a yummy fried option at the Fair, this is a great bite to try! However, make sure you ask vendors about cross contamination. If French fries share a fryer with gluten containing foods, those with serious gluten intolerances or celiac disease should avoid this option.
- **Frozen Drinks** – Most syrups for slushies, snow cones and Kona Ice are gluten-free.
- **Ice cream** – Ice cream is a great option for those with gluten intolerances. Many vendors at the Fair serve delicious flavors that can help you cool down in the hot Ohio sun. Make sure to ask vendors about cross contamination and avoid flavors like cookie dough.
- **Iced Tea** – Ohio summers are warm, so cool off with this gluten-free beverage.
- **Meat** – Whether you love special-recipe steak on a stick, chicken, mouthwatering ribs, slow-cooked pulled pork, turkey legs, sausage, or moist tenderloin, meat options are usually a safe bet for those avoiding gluten.
- **Pizza** – Select pizza vendors can make gluten-free crusts upon request (bonus: they also use as much organic produce as possible, making it easy to top your pizza with fresh ingredients).
- **Roasted nuts and peanut products** – Roasted nuts are usually a safe bet for gluten-free fairgoers, so you can still enjoy these delicious products.

Either by choice or requirement, there are many dietary restrictions: gluten-free, low calorie, keto, etc., and our vendors have diet-friendly options available for you. Search our dietary food options at ohiostatefair.com/food to find options that work for your diet either before you visit or while you're at the Fair.

New Foods at the Fair

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Youth

Whether as participants in the Band and Choir, youth organization exhibitors or competition participants, youth from all of Ohio's 88 counties are represented at the Ohio State Fair.

All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir

The All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and All-Ohio State Fair Band arrive at the Ohio Expo Center on July 21 and July 23 respectively, learning all of their music in a limited time. They remain housed on-site throughout the duration of the Fair and perform daily at various times and locations. In full, they perform nearly 200 times during the 12-day Fair.

All-Ohio State Fair Band

directed by Brian W. Dodd

www.aosfb.com

The All-Ohio State Fair Band has been a featured attraction of the Ohio State Fair since 1925. Their enthusiastic tunes have thrilled thousands of fairgoers each year, including the performance of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever!" at the conclusion of each performance.

The Band was known as the All-Ohio Boys' Band until 1975 when young women were invited to participate. Today, the Band is composed of 200 superior musicians chosen from schools across Ohio. High school students apply for membership in the All-Ohio State Fair Band through their school band director. Membership is determined by student ability, instrumentation needs of the band, and geographical consideration. This year's All-Ohio State Fair Band members were chosen from applicants representing 46 counties and 81 schools.

All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir

directed by Dr. Jon C. Peterson

www.aosfyc.org

The All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir, founded in 1963, was organized to provide Ohio's high school vocalists an opportunity to show off their talents and share a musical experience with fairgoers, just like the All-Ohio State Fair Band has since 1925.

The members of the Choir are selected each spring by the director on the basis of their ability and experience, the recommendation of their high school choral director, geographical considerations, and the consent and promised support of their parent or guardian. This year's Choir members were chosen from applicants representing 46 counties and 68 schools. For more information on the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir, visit aosfyc.com.

Junior Fair Board

The Junior Fair Board (JFB) comprises of youth, between ages 16 and 20, who represent various youth organizations that participate in the Ohio State Fair each year. Youth organizations with representation in the JFB are actively involved with the annual Ohio State Fair. In most cases, organizations will select members for a two-year term. Smaller organizations select one person every other year and large youth groups will select yearly to ensure continuity of operation.

Responsibilities of the JFB vary from year to year, but each member serves as an ambassador between their youth organization, the Fair, and the Fair-going public. They assist in the WCOL Celeste Center and with various competitions for youth. They deliver and present awards and assist with the



daily parade, as well as many other programs and activities throughout the 12 days of the Fair. Their office is located in the Conference Center.

Officers are selected by their peers at the completion of their first year on the board and oversee JFB activities during their second year.

2022 Junior Fair Board Members:

- Haven Hileman, 4-H, President (Stout)
- Whitney Bauman, FFA, Vice President (Otway)
- Sia Bavishi, At-Large, Public Relations Officer (Westlake)
- Matthew Swearingen, At-Large, Secretary (West Union)
- Riley Bronnert, Tech Ed (Hamilton)
- Grant Dunn, Tech Ed (Hamilton)
- Zachary Zwiebel, Farm Bureau (Lima)
- Melina Matics, 4-H (Marietta)
- Zach Romero, 4-H (McComb)
- Sara Newsome, 4-H (Hillsboro)
- Elizabeth Fannin, 4-H (Jackson)
- Landon Shelpman, FFA (Springfield)
- Josie Burke, FFA (Waterford)
- Julia Joos, Tech Ed (Dublin)
- Adrianna Meyer, Farm Bureau (Swanton)
- Marissa Johnston, Girl Scouts (Lewis Center)
- Carter Freeman, Boy Scouts of America (Grove City)
- Emily Scaff, At-Large (McDermott)
- Erica Patterson, At-Large (Findlay)

Youth Organizations

4-H

4-H creates positive environments for diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens. The organization helps to teach today's youth through a variety of special days focused on health, communications, woodworking, engineering, leadership, natural resources, creative arts, and home decorating.

Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scouts of America aims to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling the Scout values through character building, citizenship, and personal fitness. The Scouts' booth features a fun lineup of activities including the Cubmobile, the LEGO Pinewood Derby, a GaGa ball pit, a Boy Scouts trading post, and Scouting artifacts and history.

Girl Scouts

For more than a century, the Girl Scouts have played a pivotal role in America's history with a focus on developing young women with the necessary skills to be go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders to make a difference in the world. The Girl Scouts have several fun activities planned for fairgoers at their booth or on the lawn of the Lausche Youth Exploration Space. Fair attendees are welcome to try hands-on activities, learn about Girl Scouts' programming, and buy cookies.



Livestock

More than 20,000 animals are exhibited each year at the Ohio State Fair. Show dates are listed below:

- Beef cattle: July 24 - Aug. 7
- Dairy cattle: July 27 - Aug. 6
- Boer Goats: July 26 - Aug. 6
- Dairy Goats: July 21 - 23
- Dogs: July 13 - 17
- Horses: July 17 - 22, July 15 - 19 (draft)
- Llamas/Alpacas: July 21 - 23
- Poultry: July 26 - 31 (open), August 4 - 7 (junior)
- Rabbits: Aug. 3 (open), Aug. 3 - 6 (junior)
- Sheep: open and junior events July 25 – Aug. 7
- Swine: July 25 - Aug. 6

Sale of Champions Livestock Auction

Sun. Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.
WCOL Celeste Center

This 2022 Sale of Champions Livestock Auction is free and open to all fairgoers, and tickets are not required. The Ohio State Fair Sale of Champions consistently garners some of the highest bids of any state fair in the nation. Last year, the Sale of Champions raised \$306,000 for livestock exhibits.

Established in 1968, the Sale was created to encourage more 4-H and FFA members to bring livestock projects to the Ohio State Fair. The champions of the market beef, market barrow, market lamb, meat chickens, market goat, turkey, and Swiss cheese exhibits are auctioned off in this special event.

Since 1995, the Ohio State Fair has placed caps on the amount exhibitors can earn from their exhibits' sale. Money from sales over the cap amount is distributed among other youth exhibitors through the Youth Reserve Program. The program allocates funds for scholarships, the Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program, FFA, 4-H, and other Fair competition winners. To date, the Youth Reserve Program has awarded \$4,103,150 to approximately 44,000 youth exhibitors since its inception.

Sale of Champions - Facts and Figures

- Total amount of sales since 1968: \$7,913,534
- Total amount collected for the Youth Reserve Program: \$4,103,150
- Total youth champions honored: 493
- Youth who have benefited from the Youth Reserve Program: More than 44,000

Youth Reserve Program

Established in 1995, the Youth Reserve program's purpose is to reward junior exhibitors who participate in the Ohio State Fair. Program funds come directly from winning bids in excess of the cap placed on the amount an exhibitor can receive from the Sale of Champions. The funds are then



distributed among carcass contests, scholarships, the Outstanding Market Exhibitor program, the Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor program, showmanship, skillathons, FFA, and 4-H.

2021 Sale of Champions Results

Exhibit Exhibitor	Price Cap
Grand Champion Market Beef Carson Shafer, Preble County	\$71,000 \$22,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Delaney Jones, Allen County	\$66,000* \$11,000
Grand Champion Market Barrow Aiden Knecht, Fayette County	\$55,000 \$10,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow Cade Peterson, Ottawa County	\$52,000* \$7,000
Grand Champion Market Lamb Bailee Amstutz, Union County	\$23,00 \$10,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb Kaitlyn Zeedyk, Defiance County	\$15,000 \$7,000
Grand Champion Meat Chickens Zane Ortman, Perry County	\$22,00 \$6,000
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Chickens Abecka Ruggles, Huron County	\$21,500* \$4,000
Grand Champion Market Goat Paige Pence, Clark County	\$16,000 \$5,000
Grand Champion Turkey Johnathan Woodward, Coshocton County	\$20,000* \$3,000
Grand Champion Swiss Cheese Pearl Valley Cheese Co., representing the seven dairy champions and supreme dairy showmen Exhibited by: Grand Champion Ayrshire: Logan Topp, Auglaize County Grand Champion Brown Swiss: Madicyn Rupp, Wayne County Grand Champion Guernsey: Aubree Topp, Shelby County Grand Champion Holstein: Kayla Cring, Huron County Grand Champion Jersey: Blake Greiwe, Shelby County Grand Champion Red and White: Lily Elsass, Auglaize County Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn: Aubree Topp, Shelby County Supreme Showman, Week 1 - Exhibited by: Time Gunkleman, Wayne County Supreme Showman, Week 2 - Exhibited by: Madeline Topp, Auglaize County	\$33,000* \$3,000

*indicates new record

2021 total sale: \$394,500

2021 amount earned for Youth Reserve Program: \$306,000

Sale of Champions All-Time Records



Animal Buyer	Price Year	Current Cap
Grand Champion Market Beef JD Equipment, S&S Volvo	\$85,000 2011	\$22,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Meijer	\$55,000 2014	\$11,000
Grand Champion Barrow Big Bear Stores	\$64,000 1996	\$10,000
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Bob Evans Farms, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and The Kroger Company	\$55,000 2021	\$7,000
Grand Champion Market Lamb Mark and Megan Kvamme	\$46,500 2014	\$10,000
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb The Kroger Company	\$25,500 2013	\$7,000
Grand Champion Meat Chickens Kale Marketing, AG Boogher & Sons, Burkhardt Farm Center	\$30,000 2012	\$6,000
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Chickens Mark and Megan Kvamme and Family	\$21,500 2021	\$4,000
Grand Champion Meat Goat Mark & Megan Kvamme	\$20,000 2013	\$5,000
Grand Champion Turkey Cooper Farms, Event Marketing Strategies, OKI Inc., Tim and Glenda Huffman, Concessions by Cox	\$20,000 2021	\$3,000
Grand Champion Swiss Cheese AG Boogher & Sons, S&S Volvo and GMC Trucks	\$28,000 2018	\$3,000

Livestock Terminology

Barrow: a young, neutered male pig

Boar: male pig that has not been neutered

Bovine: scientific name for cattle

Broilers: chickens that are 6-13 weeks of age

Buck: an adult male rabbit

Bull: a mature adult male bovine

Calf: a mature young bovine

Colt: a young male horse (usually under four years of age)

Cow: a mature female bovine

Doe: an adult female rabbit or goat

Equestrian: one who rides horseback

Ewe: a female sheep

Filly: a young female horse (usually under four years of age)

Foal: a young horse or mule of either sex

Gelding: a neutered male horse

Gilt: a young female swine

Heifer: a female bovine less than three years of age which has not borne a calf



Hen: an adult female chicken or turkey
Jack: a male donkey that has not been neutered
Jenny: a female donkey
Kid: a young goat
Lamb: a sheep less than one year of age
Livestock: domestic farm animals kept for production purposes
Mare: a female horse (usually more than four years of age)
Market Animal: livestock bred and produced for food consumption
Pig: a young swine (usually weighing less than 120 pounds)
Polled: a naturally hornless animal
Ram: a male sheep
Ratite: a species of bird consisting of rheas, ostriches and emus
Rooster: an adult male chicken
Sow: a mature female swine
Stallion: male horse of four years or more that has not been neutered
Steer: a neutered male bovine
Wether: a neutered sheep or goat

Competitions

The Arts

Fine Arts

Celebrating artists' work inspired by nature, the 2022 Fine Arts Exhibit will include a new perspective focusing on individuals who work in time-based media, virtual reality, augmented reality, 3D printing, engineering, science, Internet, and computer hardware and/or software as the essential parts of the creative process and production. All competitors are still encouraged to enter their own unique styles and pieces, but artwork portraying a perspective on technology in art will be eligible for additional awards. Join artists and other fairgoers in the Cox Fine Arts Center to view this year's exhibit.

Cox Fine Arts Center

View the 361 pieces of art that have been accepted in the 2022 Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition, as well as live music performances that will take place throughout the duration of the exhibit. The Cox Fine Arts Center, formerly known as the Woman's Building, has hosted the Fine Arts Exhibit since 1932. Arts have been a part of the Fair since the very first Fair in 1850.

In 1977, The Columbus Citizen Journal reported that an unknown source said, "One of the best places to rest your feet and ears... is the Cox Building... where the fine arts exhibit is housed. Good place to treat the eyes, rest the soul, and revive the spirit away from midway clatter."

Creative Arts

A variety of competitions and demonstrations take place throughout the Fair during the Creative and Youth Arts Exhibit in Kasich Hall, which covers a diverse range of talents and hobbies. Some activities include quilting entries, cooking competitions, and Brillo pads. Below are some of the hundreds of Creative Arts activities:

- Baked Arts, Culinary Arts and Food Preservation
- Brillo® Art



- Cake Decorating
- Fashion Arts
- Honey and Bee Items
- Jewelry
- Knitting
- Leather
- Needle Arts
- Origami
- Painting
- Photography
- Stained Glass
- Upcycling
- Woodworking

Cooking and Baking Competitions

Within the Creative Arts Competitions, there are 106 culinary and baking arts competitions at the Fair, which include:

- Baked pies
- Cakes
- Candies
- Cookies & pastries
- Honey & bee items
- Quick breads
- Yeast breads
- Cake decorating
- “Chopped” Cook-Off
- Deviled egg live challenge
- Grilling
- Chili Cook-Off
- Pepperoni pizza
- Jams and marmalades
- Jellies
- Pickles & relishes
- Preserved fruits & vegetables
- Sauces

Youth Arts

The Youth Arts Center can be found in the Kasich Hall – B. This exhibit features artwork by students in grades 1 through 12 in mediums such as:

- Abstract
- Acrylic
- Ceramics (hand-built and wheel-thrown)
- Charcoal
- Collage
- Mixed Media
- Oil Painting



- Original Cartoon/Comic Character
- Painting (tempura and watercolor)
- Pastels
- Pen/Ink
- Pencil
- Photography
- Sculpture

Sports

Baton Twirling

July 31, 9 a.m.

Kasich Hall – C

Since 1966, baton twirlers have brightened up the Fair. Competitions include solo baton twirlers, duets/pairs, parade corps, twirling teams, dance twirl teams, and show teams.

Columbus Recreation & Parks Amateur Boxing Tournament

July 28 and 29: 6 p.m. July 30: Noon – 4 p.m.

Kasich Hall – C

Held under sanction of the Ohio Association of United States Amateur Boxing, this is sure to be a big hit. Please note: Per USA boxing rules, all boxers must have pre-bout physical prior to registration.

Wrestling Tournament – Folkstyle / Freestyle / Greco

Aug. 5 and 6, 9 a.m.

Kasich Hall – C

With a large number of age divisions for men, women, and children, there's no match for this Folkstyle, Freestyle, and Greco-Roman competition. Many of the finest wrestlers in the region and from around the world will compete for top honors. Fairgoers will be pinned to their seats while watching the fast, action-packed wrestling matches. Participants must attend a wrestling clinic from 8:30 – 9 a.m. the morning of their competition.

Cheerleading & Dance Competitions

Aug. 7, 10 a.m.

Kasich Hall – C

Cheerleaders from all over Ohio perform routines of cheers, gymnastics, and dance to compete for top titles in this AmeriCheer/AmeriDance event.

Entry Statistics (2019)

In 2022, there are a total of 6,857 different classes of competitions that individuals can enter - from cooking and baking to gardening and livestock. Entry deadlines vary annually, with many competition entry deadlines falling on June 21. Below are the total number of entries received in 2019.

Livestock categories	2019 Entries	2019 Exhibitors
Junior Fair Beef	642	371



Junior Fair Dairy	697	234
Junior Fair Goats	617	192
Junior Fair Sheep	1800	453
Junior Fair Swine	2042	654
Junior Fair Poultry	1018	240
Junior Fair Rabbits	871	227
Junior Fair Horse	2335	791
Junior Fair Skillathon	1372	1372
Junior Fair Dogs	1460	309
Showmanship	1732	1732
(Total Junior Fair)	14,789	6778

Open Livestock	2019 Entries	2019 Exhibitors
Open Beef	883	406
Open Dairy	1331	245
Open Goats	618	158
Open Sheep	2998	693
Open Swine	2441	900
Open Poultry	2564	68
Open Rabbits	624	102
Llamas	356	92
Open Horse	1200	131
(Total Open)	13,115	2,795

Judges' Credentials

The more than 500 judges chosen to officiate the Ohio State Fair competitions are highly accredited individuals with higher education degrees, previous judging experience, expertise in their fields and certification by various boards. Many judges have participated as competitors and are chosen to serve in this role by notable organizations as part of a selective process. These individuals have collectively put in hours of coursework, testing, and competition judging to get to the Fair.

Arts

Fine Arts

- Jurors for this division are sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council and are professionals in the art world.
- In 2022, these jurors include an internationally recognized interactive bio-art, robotics, 3D animation artist, an Assistant Professor at the School of Art at Carnegie Mellon University, a multidisciplinary visual artist, and an award-winning painter.

Creative Arts

- There are approximately 60 judges, some of whom are certified by applicable organizations including the National Quilting Association, National Ice Carvers Association, and the World Food Sculptors Association.



- Most judges for the culinary competitions are college graduates trained in food and nutrition, and some are employed by The Ohio State University's Food Science and Technology Department in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).
- Sewing and fashion-related competition judges have included fashion designers from the Columbus College of Art and Design.
- Some judges are recommended by many of the esteemed local arts organizations and guilds who partner with the Ohio State Fair.
- Some judges have been involved in the arts for decades through their organizations, county fairs, and state fairs.
- Food sculpting judges are qualified through judging and competing in other food art competitions.
- Judges represent a variety of backgrounds and have collectively worked for commodity groups, Fortune 500 companies, and media outlets.

Youth Arts

- Judges possess arts education degrees and certifications.
- The Ohio Alliance of Art Educators assists by making judge recommendations and assignments.

Livestock

Horses (open and junior)

- Judges are accredited by various organizations including the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Ohio 4-H, American Belgian Horse Association, Percheron Breeders of America, American Clydesdale Association, Shire Association of America, and American Horseshow Association (AHSA).
- Judges are required to apprentice, attend clinics, and complete testing to judge specific events.
- Many judges are owners or breeders of the specific breed or discipline they judge.
- Junior horse judges are certified by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) through recommendations, courses, and exams.

Dogs

- There are approximately 29 judges. After completing hours of work, along with written and oral testing, each judge is certified by American Kennel Club (AKC).

Rabbits

- Judges are licensed by American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and have met the following criteria:
 - Judges must work with four judges and pass a test to become an ARBA Registrar.
 - Judges must register 30 rabbits and have registrar's license for two years.
 - Judges must pass written and oral test for judge's license.
 - Judges must work with eight judges and be endorsed by six of them to receive a license.

Llamas

- Judges are approved by the International Llama Registry, show division, judges committee.
- Judges must pass an annual test.

Dairy cattle



- All judges in this category have college experience and/or have attended national judging conferences.

Beef cattle

- All judges in this category have college experience and/or have attended national judging conferences.

Poultry

- Judges are licensed by either or both the American Bantam Association and the American Poultry Association after a written and oral/hands-on exam by an accredited judge.

Sheep

- Judges have experience in other fairs and sheep shows across the United States.

Dairy Goats

- Judges must have served an apprenticeship, completed an American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) ADGA training conference, and be at least 18 years of age. A personnel file on each judge is maintained at the ADGA office.
- Judges must meet all of the standards of the ADGA license regulations maintain their license by paying a ADGA judges license fee each year.

Boer Goats

- Judges must have served an apprenticeship, completed an American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) ABGA training conference, and be at least 18 years of age. A personnel file on each judge is maintained at the ABGA office.
- Judges must meet all of the standards of the ABGA license regulations maintain their license by paying a ABGA judges license fee each year.

Youth Organizations

4-H Non-Livestock

- Judges have expertise in the corresponding areas they are evaluating, such as natural resources, woodworking, or engineering.
- Many judges are employed in the field in which they are judging and have previous judging experience.

Girl Scouts

- While some competitors may be Girl Scouts, the Girl Scouts organization is not offering any specific competitions in 2022.
- However, Girl Scouts will still be present, and can be visited at their booth or on the lawn of the Lausche Youth Exploration Space for hands-on activities, learn about Girl Scouts' programming, and buy cookies.

Sports

Cheerleading

- Judges are certified by AmeriCheer and AmeriDance through annual courses and testing.



Baton Twirling Competition

- Judges are certified by the National Baton Twirling Association, United States Twirling Association, World Twirling Association, and Twirling Unlimited.

Boxing

- Approximately 100 judges are certified by USA Boxing, Inc. Judges complete recertification courses every two years and take a test every four years.

Wrestling

- There are 25-30 referees; all folkstyle officials are certified by the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) to officiate in Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) sanctioned competitions, and all freestyle officials are certified through USA Wrestling.

Podcast

“A Fair to Remember”

ohiostatefair.com/podcast

“When you have a treasured event like the Fair that’s been around this long, there are so many stories that have built this great tradition,” explained host Vince Tornero, founder of Wessler Media. “I’ve had the honor of hearing and producing these stories firsthand, and I’m so thrilled we’ve had the ability to share them with the world.”

Now entering its third season, the Ohio State Fair’s official podcast introduces topical episodes centered around a particular area - history, arts, food, tradition, and entertainers. Tornero has spent hours chatting with dozens of competitors, entertainers, vendors, and Ohioans, talking about their relationship with the Ohio State Fair. From friendships and marriages that started at the Fair to how entertainers got their start, Season 3 goes beyond the surface to tell the stories behind the Ohio State Fair.

Catch up now on Season 1 and 2 and hear from the late C. LaVon Shook, the Ohio State Fair historian who literally wrote the book on the Ohio State Fair, or Dave Tracey of Holland, near Toledo, a vendor whose family has been selling root beer floats at the Ohio State Fair since 1956.

“The Fair is so important to so many people,” said Tornero. “It honestly transcends tradition. It’s deeper than that. One night, I’m talking to a professional juggler who’s dropped chainsaws on stage. The next morning, I am sitting at the breakfast table with a farm family as they share the intense ups and downs of farm life. It’s my goal for the listener feel as if they went through that experience, too. The stories are exciting, amusing and even a little scary at times, too.”

Tornero isn’t new to podcasts. He’s been hosting Columbus music podcast “In The Record Store” since 2015, is a former broadcaster from iHeartMedia including 610 WTVN, and even hosted Columbus by the Slice, a video quest for the best pizza in Central Ohio.

Listen to the Ohio State Fair podcast on your favorite podcasting platform: Apple Podcasts, TuneIn, Stitcher, Google Play, iHeartRadio, or SoundCloud, or visit ohiostatefair.com/podcast to listen to all available episodes.





2022 Expositions Commission

The Ohio Expositions Commission was established in 1961 when the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation creating a new governing body for the Ohio Expo Center. Prior to 1961, the State Board of Agriculture oversaw the facility and Fair. The Commission maintains and manages state property reserved for the purpose of conducting at least one Fair annually.

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