

2026 Coles County 4-H Fair Schedule

Saturday, March 21, 2026 – Location: SBL Lumpkin Family Education Center
Multi-County Public Speaking Contest with Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, and Moultrie counties.

10 a.m. Public Speaking Contest

Saturday, June 13, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds, Swine Barn
Multi-County Dog Show with Coles, Douglas, and Moultrie counties.

5 p.m. Dog Show

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – Location: CCEEBA Horse Arena in Toledo
Multi-County Horse Show with Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, and Moultrie counties.

9 a.m. Horse Show

Monday, July 20, 2026 – Location: CCEEBA Building, Toledo
Multi-County Cat Show with Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, and Moultrie counties.

6 p.m. 4-H Cat Show

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds

5 p.m. Fair Clean-up

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds 4-H Center
Cloverbud Show (5-7 year old youth)

10 a.m. Cloverbuds Check-In & Show (5-7 year olds)

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds

7 a.m. Swine Check-in @ announcers booth with volunteer

8 a.m. Weigh-in (Order: Swine, Goats, Sheep)

8 a.m. Health Paper Check in Barns (Order: Swine, Goats, Sheep)

12:30 p.m. Check-in for General Projects (8-18 year olds)

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. General Project Show

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. 4-H Center closed to wrap-up and place ribbons

5 p.m. – 6 p.m. 4-H Center Opens (results posted)

- 5 p.m. Beef Rate-of-Gain
- 6 p.m. Cookout with Rural King
- 6 p.m. Rabbit Check-in
- 6:30 p.m. Rabbit Show

Monday, July 27, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds

- 8:30 a.m. Swine Show
- 11 a.m. Goat Check-In
- 12 p.m. Goat Show
- 5 p.m. 4-H General Projects Awards Program in Main Arena
(Awarding projects shown during the General Projects Show)
- 5 p.m. Sheep Check-In
- 6 p.m. Sheep Show

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds

- 9 a.m. Beef Show
- 12:30 p.m. Poultry Check-in & Testing
- 1 p.m. Poultry Show
- 5 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (Hosted by Farm Bureau Young Leaders)

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds Main Show Arena

- 5 p.m. Parade of Champions / Pizza Party
Coles County Young Leaders Livestock Awards Presentation
- 6 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Master Showmanship Contest

Thursday, July 30, 2026 – Location: Coles County Fair Grounds

- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. General Projects Released
Take down exhibits & clean-up 4-H center
- 5 p.m. Federation Pork Burger Sale (Time may vary)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Livestock Auction- Hosted by Coles County Fair Board
See Youth Livestock Auction Section for details and contact info.

August 13-23, 2026 – Location: Illinois State Fair Grounds, Springfield

Illinois State Fair