

2026 Jo Daviess 4-H Fair Schedule

Elizabeth Community Fairgrounds

All Events Open to the Public

Saturday, July 11 Dog Show - Save the date for now!

Sunday, July 12
TBA 4-H Workday - details to come

Monday, July 13

9:00 am Horse Show *Park trailers in the lot directly north of the Community Building
2:00-7:00 pm Livestock may check in early to eliminate chaos on general project day.
Members may stay overnight with an approved chaperone (make personal arrangements
*This is not mandatory, and you MUST COMMUNICATE WITH 4-H STAFF PRIOR.
3:00 pm Poultry and Rabbits MUST be on the fairgrounds for official check-in.
4:00 pm Poultry Show- Elizabeth Community Fairgrounds
5:30 pm Rabbit Show- Elizabeth Community Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 14

9:00-9:45 am General Project Check-in (except Cloverbud)
*MUST BE CHECKED IN BY 9:45 AM- NO EXCEPTIONS
10:00 am General Projects Judging- Elizabeth Community Building
2:30 pm Cloverbud Check-in- Elizabeth Community Building
3:00 pm Cloverbud Judging
3:30-5:00 pm Cloverbud Round-Up & Ice Cream Social
4:00 pm General Projects-Top Award winners announced (Choice, State Fair D/A, Champions)
3:00 pm-8:00 pm Livestock Check-In- Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Goat
NO LATER THAN 8:00 pm- NO EXCEPTIONS
8:00 pm All Livestock Weigh-In: Beef, Swine, Sheep, & Goats
*WEIGH-IN BEGINS (**BE READY BY 8 PM**)- ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ON THE
FAIRGROUNDS AND READY TO GO- NO EXCEPTIONS
10:00 pm All Dairy MUST be on the fairgrounds.

Wednesday, July 15

7:00 am Swine Show
9:00 am Beef Show
11:00 am Dairy Show (*immediately following Beef)
12:30 pm Sheep Show
1:30 pm Goat Show (*immediately following Sheep)
6:30 pm General Project Released (30 minutes before auction begins)
9:00-11:00 pm Livestock Exhibits will be released (no one is allowed to leave until the auction ring,
shavings, pens, trash, trash cans, and other items are cleaned up)
11:00 pm All livestock leaving must be off the grounds.

AUCTION-Wednesday, July 15

4:00 pm-6:30 pm Pork Chop BBQ- sponsored by the auction committee.
7:00 pm 4-H Livestock Auction

*Exhibitors choosing not to load on Wednesday pm are doing so with the knowledge that there will be no Extension Staff or Livestock Superintendent on the grounds. Animal exhibits remaining on the grounds will not be supervised. *After release, swine will load out of the east end, so beef can go through the middle.

*Rabbit and Poultry exhibitors may bring their animals during the Horse Show to help families who show multiple species. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals, which includes food and water.