2026 UNION COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 16: Entries Due Online by 4 pm

Pre-Fair Judging and Activities

Wednesday, July 22
Food and Nutrition Project Judging
Shooting Sports Project Judging
Special Interest Project Judging

Thursday, July 23
Clothing Project Judging
Special Interest Project Judging

Friday, July 24

TBA	Special Interest Project Judging, Armory
12 pm	Horse move in (Optional)
6:30 pm	Horse Orientation (Mandatory), Armory
6:30 pm	Horse Skillathon (all ages), Armory
7:30 pm	Equine Ambassador Interviews, Jr. Fair Office

Saturday, July 25

6am - 1pm	Sheep and Goats Move In
6am - 5pm	Swine move in
11:00 am	Horses must be in place for vet check; Team Tournament Registration due
12 - 5:00 pm	Horse Registration: Member Bios/ High Point/ Classes
1:30 pm	Sheep & Goats Barn Meeting, 2 pm Weigh-In
2:00 pm	Groom and Clean (Mudding starts at noon)
5:00 pm	Horse Judging Contest
6:00 pm	Swine Weigh-In, Barn Mtg. at 5:30

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Sunday, July 26

6am - 11pm	Beef, Dairy Feeder, and Dairy Move In
8:00 am	Horse Opening Ceremonies
9:00 am	Horses – English Show
9am – 11am	Poultry Move in
11:15 am	Poultry Barn Meeting and Weigh-in & Pictures
3pm – 6pm	Rabbits Move-in
4:30 pm	Royalty Crowning (Arena)
5:00 pm	Sheep Show: Showmanship, Market and CBR
6:15 pm	Rabbit Barn Meeting and Weigh-in & Pictures

Monday, July 27

8:00 am	Horses – Western and Driving Show
9:00 am	Rabbit Skillathon- Juniors (Armory)
9:30 am	Rabbit Skillathon – Inter & Seniors (Armory)
10:00 am	Mkt Beef, Dairy Feeders, & Beef Feeders Weigh In & Pictures (Barn Mtg at 9:30)
10:00 am	Chicken Show: Market Chicken Classes, Chicken Showmanship, Exhibition Chickens (Rabbit and Poultry Bldg.)
11:00 am	Dairy Skillathon (Armory)
12:00 pm	Swine Skillathon (Armory)
1:30 pm	Dairy Judging Contest
6:00 pm	Swine Showmanship / CBR Classes / Purebred

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am	Horses – Ranch Show
9:00 am	Rabbit Show (Showmanship, Breeding, Market)
9:00 am	Poultry Skillathon, Juniors (Armory)
9:45 am	Poultry Skillathon, Inter. & Seniors (Armory)
10:00 am	Dairy Show
11:00 am	Sheep Skillathon (Armory)
2:30 pm	4-H Style Review (Armory)
3:30, 4:30	Special Interest Awards (Armory), Projects for each time TBA
6:00 pm	Swine Market Show (released at show conclusion.)

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am	Horses – Versatility
9:00 am	All hogs not in the Livestock Sale or being sent on packer truck are to be off the fairgrounds
9:00 am	Beef Skillathon
10:30 am	Goat Skillathon (Armory)
9:00 am	Turkey Show – Market, Showmanship, Exhibition
30 min. after Turkey Show	Waterfowl Show– Market, Showmanship, Exhibition Classes; followed by Overall Poultry Showman of Showmen
4:00 pm	Beef Showmanship, Dairy Feeder Show: Showmanship followed by Market Classes
TBD	Horses – Championship/Ambassador – 1 hour after versatility
5:00 pm	Horse Fantasia

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am	Horse Demonstration Contest
9:00 am	Goat Show: Showmanship, Breeding, CBR
9:00 am	Horse Dressage Show
1:00 pm	General Livestock Judging
4:30 pm	Rabbit Skillathon Awards (Rabbit and Poultry Bldg.)
4:45 pm	Poultry Skillathon Awards (Poultry and Rabbit Bldg.)
5:00 pm	Goat Show: Market Goat Classes
5:00 pm	Gymkhana Show
5:00 pm	Rabbit, Poultry Released (Must be off fairgrounds by 7 pm Thursday

Friday, July 31

9:00 am	Horse Fun Show and Horseless Horse Show
3:00 pm	Dairy, Beef, Goat, Swine and Sheep Skillathon Awards
6:00 pm	Horse Awards Banquet
6:00 pm	Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calves and Market Beef Show
Time TBD	Showman of Showmen Exhibition – 30 minutes after beef show ends
9:00 pm	Sheep, Goats, Beef and Dairy Feeder Non-Sale Animals Released; Must be off fairgrounds by 8 am
10:00 pm	Horses dismissed, off grounds by 10 am Sat.

Saturday, August 1

10:00 am	Livestock Sale
Noon - 2pm	Special Interest Projects Released