

MERCER COUNTY *fairgrounds*

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The Mercer County Fair Board has unanimously decided to move the **2024** Fair Dates to **Thursday, August 8- Wednesday, August 14, 2024**. This change **DOES NOT** alter the 2023 fair dates (Friday, August 11 through Thursday, August 17, 2023).

This will allow our fair to grow and prosper by allowing us to increase our variety with vendors, ride company, and more options for quality entertainment thus overall making it a more successful fair for our patrons and sponsors. Our current fair schedule limits our choices of vendors and entertainers as most of them are already committed to a fair the following day after Mercer County Fair. This move will allow vendors more flexibility to attend our events thus making it a more successful fair for all involved.

In addition to increased vendor attendance and more options for quality entertainment, the new schedule allows all Open Livestock Shows to occur during the weekend. Moving the shows to the weekends will eliminate the conflict of interest with school activities and sports to better allow our 4-H youth to participate in this show. Having the youth participate in the shows will also result in higher attendance and a more successful show for all. More involvement in the Open Livestock Shows also results in higher payouts for the winners of said shows.

“We are aware that many people utilize their vacation days around fair week so they can spend quality time with family and friends, whether that is at livestock shows or on the amusement rides. Because of this, we are releasing this information months in advance so families can plan ahead. This schedule change will also give an additional day for everyone to get ready for the upcoming school year,” Cara Muhlenkamp, Mercer County Fair Manager.

Check out the 2024 schedule below. The Mercer County Fair Board, Staff, and superintendents have put a significant number of hours and consideration in the 2024 schedule to make it all work efficiently. All events listed on the graphics below are subject to change, but the **2024 fair dates will remain Thursday, August 8- Wednesday, August 14, 2024**. This move is going to allow a better fair experience for all fair goers, sponsors, vendors, and entertainers.



Thursday
August 8, 2024
Senior Day | Taste of the Fair

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 3PM: JUNIOR FAIR Goat Weigh In
- 4PM: JUNIOR FAIR Sheep Weigh In
- 5-8PM: JUNIOR FAIR Swine Weigh In

Adrian Debrosse Arena

- 8AM: JUNIOR FAIR DOG SHOW
- 5-8PM: JUNIOR FAIR Beef Weigh In
- 7PM: JUNIOR FAIR Dairy Showmanship

Entertainment Tent

- 11AM: Senior Day Lunch & Activities
- 5PM: Special Interest Awards

Grandstands

- 6PM: 1st Concert

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Friday
August 9, 2024

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 9AM: JUNIOR FAIR Swine Showmanship
- 2PM: JUNIOR FAIR Market Goat Show

Adrian Debrosse Arena

- 9AM: JUNIOR FAIR Dairy Cattle Show
- 2PM: JUNIOR FAIR Rabbit Breed Show

Entertainment Tent

Grandstands

- 8PM: 2nd Concert

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Saturday
August 10, 2024

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 9AM: JUNIOR FAIR Sheep Showmanship
- 2PM: OPEN SWINE SHOW

Adrian Debrosse Arena

- 8AM: JUNIOR FAIR Poultry Show & Showmanship
- 7PM: OPEN DAIRY SHOW

Entertainment Tent

- 9AM: Baby Contest
- 3PM: Pie Contest
- 5PM: Pie Auction

Grandstands

- 7PM: 3rd Concert

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Sunday
August 11, 2024

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 12PM: OPEN SHEEP SHOW
- 5PM: OPEN GOAT SHOW

Adrian Debrosse Arena

- 12PM: OPEN BEEF SHOW

Entertainment Tent

- 2PM: Little Mr. & Miss Mercer County Fair
- 5:30PM: Modeling Revue Practice
- 6:30PM: Modeling Revue

Grandstands

- 12:30PM: Harness Racing
- 9:30PM: Fireworks

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Monday

August 12, 2024

Nursing Home Day

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 9AM: JUNIOR FAIR Market Swine Show
- 4PM: JUNIOR FAIR Market Sheep Show

- Market Hogs Released

Adrian Debrosse Arena

- 9AM: JUNIOR FAIR Rabbit Market Pen & Showmanship
- 3PM: JUNIOR FAIR Market Dairy Show
- 7PM: Market Beef Showmanship

Entertainment Tent

- 11AM: Nursing Home Lunch & Activities

Grandstands

- 7PM: Demolition Derby

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Tuesday
August 13, 2024
Veterans Day

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 12PM: JUNIOR FAIR Market Goat Showmanship
- 4PM: JUNIOR FAIR Showman of Showmen

- Home Use Hogs Released

Adrian Debrosse Arena

- 10AM: JUNIOR FAIR Market Beef Show
- JUNIOR FAIR Showman of Showmen Continued

Entertainment Tent

Grandstands

- 6PM: Veteran's Day Show
- 7PM: Tractor Pulls

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Wednesday

August 14, 2024

Kids Day

Coldwater Young Farmers Arena

- 4PM: Junior Fair Livestock Auction

Adrian Debrosse Arena

Entertainment Tent

- 11AM: Mr. Potato Head Contest
- 1:30PM: Cookie Contest
- 5:30PM: Diaper Derby

Grandstands

- 7PM: High School Band Show

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE