

2026 NORTON COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 1st

**Online entries due for
All 4-H/FFA and Open Class
4-H Building Booth & Banner Space requests
due in the Extension Office**

Saturday, July 11th

8:00 a.m.- Open Class Horse Show check-in at Equine Facility
9:00 a.m.- Open Class Horse Show

Monday, July 13th

6:30 p.m.- 4-H Dog Show, Andbe Home
7:15 p.m.- 4-H Cat & Pets Show, Andbe Home

Tuesday, July 14th

9:00 a.m.- Judge 4-H Clothing Construction & Judge 4-H Clothing Buymanship at United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.- 4-H Public Fashion Revue, United Methodist Church

Friday, July 17th

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Final work session for clean-up and set-up, 4-H Building, Food Stand and Livestock Building

Saturday, July 18th

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.- 4-H Photography & Life Skills Judging
12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.- Lunch Break
2:30 p.m.- Judging of Open Class Photography (will start immediately after 4-H judging)

Monday, July 20th

8:00 a.m.- 4-H and FFA Horse Show Entry
9:00 a.m.- Horse Show-Showmanship & Halter Classes
11:00 a.m.- Enter and Consultation Judging of 4-H Foods and Nutrition Exhibits
12:30 p.m.- Enter and Judging Open Class and 4-H Artwork Exhibits, 4-H Building
1:00 p.m.- Critique Open Class Artwork, 4-H Building
1:00 p.m.- Superintendents will receive all 4-H Exhibits (Food exhibits will be accepted and set aside until judging time), 4-H Building
1:00 p.m.- Enter and Judge Open Class Culinary
2:30 p.m.- Enter and Judge 4-H & Open Class Models, Self-determined Lego's, Rockets, and Woodworking
5:30 p.m.- Auction of 4-H Foods Exhibits, 4-H Building
7:00 p.m.- or 15 minutes after Food Auction Concludes
Timed and Speed events for 4-H/FFA Horse Show
9:00 p.m.- Booths in place at 4-H Building

Tuesday, July 21st

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.- Animal Entry and Weigh-in, at Fairgrounds
Hogs-8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m., Beef 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Goats and Lambs-10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
By Noon- Youth and Open Class Animals entered at Livestock Building, Rabbit & Poultry Building

10:00 a.m.- Nutrien Ag Solutions Corn Stalk Contest @ Corner of Livestock Barns Contest for the tallest **Dry Land** Corn Stalk. Each kid can bring one dryland corn stalk and prizes will be given to the 1st and 2nd place. All participants that bring a Corn Stalk will get a t-shirt.
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.- Superintendents will receive all Open Class Exhibits at 4-H Building (except Horticulture and Flowers, entered Wednesday)
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Enter and Judge 4-H Fiber Arts
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.- Enter and Consultation Judging of 4-H Skilled Arts and Crafts
1:00 p.m.- All Open Class entries at 4-H Building are in place (except Horticulture and Flowers, entered Wednesday)
1:00 p.m.- Enter & Judge Open Class Textiles and Handicrafts
1:30 p.m.- Enter & Judge 4-H/Open Class Entomology, Geology, Small Engines and Electric
1:30 p.m.- Judging of Quilts, Coverlets, and Home Sewing
2:00 p.m.- Judge 4-H Rabbits then Poultry
4:30 p.m.- What makes a Blue-Ribbon Quilt? Judge's Comments
5:00 p.m.- Judging of Meat Goats, Dairy Goats and Sheep
6:30 p.m.- Judging of Swine
6:30 p.m.- Farm Mechanics
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.- Home Owned Carnival on Fairground Arm Band Night (does not include games)
8:00 p.m.- Farmer Olympics by **Norton County Horse Council**
9:00 p.m.- 4-H Building Closed

Wednesday, July 22nd

9:00 a.m.- Judging Bucket Calves, Breeding Beef, & Market Beef
10:30 a.m.- Crops Judging
11:00 a.m.- Enter & Judging of 4-H & Open Class Horticulture Exhibits
1:00 p.m.- Judging of 4-H Reading (Group Session)
1:00 p.m.- Judging of Booths, Banners, Posters, Notebooks
1:00 p.m.- Enter & Judging of 4-H & Open Class Flowers
5:30 p.m.- 4-H Pork Burger Special, Elmwood Park sponsored by **Harting Cattle Co.-Kolton & Lauren Harting & Farm Bureau Financial Services- Joy Johnson**
5:30 p.m.- Watermelon Feed, sponsored by **Jamboree Foods**
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.- Home Owned Carnival on Fairgrounds
7:00 p.m.- Kids Team Penning (18 & under) - Enter onsite, sponsored by **Norton County Horse Council**
9:00 p.m.- 4-H Building Closed

Thursday, July 23rd

10:00 a.m.- Agricultural Challenge of Champions Contest
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- Youth Entomology and Crops Judging
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.- Youth Livestock Judging Contest
2:15 p.m.- Pictures of Special Awards in 4-H Building (Extension Office Staff will also reach out to Champions)
2:45 p.m.- Round Robin Showmanship Clinic, Livestock Barn
3:30 p.m.- Round Robin Showmanship, Livestock Barn
5:00 p.m.- 4-H & FFA Horses check out at Equine Facility
6:00 p.m.- Presentation of Challenge of Champions award, Norton County 4-H Scholarships, and Friend of 4-H award
6:00 p.m.- Market Animal Sale: Beef, Hogs, Goats, Sheep
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.- Home Owned Carnival on Fairgrounds
8:00 p.m.- Check out at Rabbit & Poultry Building, Livestock Building (After Livestock Sale)
8:30 p.m.- Round Robin Team Roping- See Norton County Horse Council Facebook Page for Entry information, Equine Arena sponsored by **Norton County Horse Council**
9:00 p.m.- 4-H Building Closed

Friday, July 24th

- 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-** Clean-up at Livestock Buildings
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.- **Check out all entries- 4-H Building**
9:00 a.m.- Clean-up 4-H Building
5:15 p.m.- Check in Pedal Power Pull, **4-H Building**
5:45 p.m.- Pedal Power Pull Contest for Youth ages 4 to 12 years. Followed by adult celebrities. Sponsored by **Landmark Implement of Phillipsburg**
Prizes sponsored by **Andbe Home**
7:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.- Home Owned Carnival on Fairgrounds, ArmBand Night (does not include games)
6:30 p.m. - Registration for Mutton Busting, at Equine Facility
*Only a parent/guardian can register child
* Must not exceed 55 lbs.
*Contestant must be able to ride alone or have a parent beside them
7:00 p.m.- Weston Harting, LLC Mutton Busting at Equine Facility, Sponsored by **Farm Bureau Financial Services, State Farm Insurance, American Family Insurance, Breese Crop Agency, LLC, Edward Jones, Boxler Insurance Agency, Equity Bank Insurance, Craig Renner-First Choice Insurance, and Moffet Drug. Prizes sponsored by Juenemann Farms.**
7:00 p.m.- Sunset Sinners with special guest Briella Steiner Concert- Grandstands **Hosted by Norton American Legion Post 63**
7:00 p.m.- Pre-entries for Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by **Norton County Horse Council**

Saturday, July 25th

- 7:30 p.m.-** Norton Mini Speedway, Go Kart Tracks
6:30 p.m.- NBHA Barrel Race Check Facebook for entry information @ NBHA KS04 for entry info. Exhibitions start at 6:30, peewees start at 7:30 pm, sponsored by **NBHA**
7:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.- Home Owned Carnival on Fairgrounds **All campers and trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds.**

If you are willing to volunteer to the amusement activities, feel free to contact an amusement association board member.

- *All premiums listed here will be paid according to payments of the Norton Board of County Commissioners.
*This association will not be responsible for articles lost, which are not entered, or for articles not claimed or taken Friday. ribbons will be issued at time of judging. Premiums for open class can be picked up at the 4-H Building on Friday.. Premiums for the exhibits in 4-H and FFA divisions will be figured and paid later.

CLAIMS FOR INJURY

- *The Norton County Fair Association refuses to assume any liability for injury to the person of any of the exhibitors or their officers and employees, or to any patrons or other persons coming upon the grounds of the Norton County Fair Association, its officers, agents, representatives or employees having license or person having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fair Grounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is a part of the consideration for such license or privilege that such claims for damage are specifically waived.
*If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be caused by reason of negligence or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fair Grounds or occupying space thereon, the Norton County Fair Association shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability all persons causing same liable therefore shall indemnify the said Norton County Fair Association at Norton, Kansas.

***ATTENTION:** The Norton County Fair board will not be responsible for diseases that may be contracted while animals are stalled at the fair and then return back to their residence. **Animals will be taken home at your own risk!**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- *Livestock pens will be assigned by the superintendent as you arrive with your exhibit.**
*Cooperation of exhibitors will aid greatly in speeding up assignment of stalls and prompt handling of livestock when they arrive.
*All animals must be in good health and be able to be handled safely.
*The Fair board and Department Superintendents reserve the right to remove from the show any animal they deem a threat to the health and safety of other animals and participants.
*All livestock are subject to examination by veterinarian on call and shall be free of clinical signs of infections or contagious diseases to be permitted on fairground facilities.
*Animals will be cleaned of excess soil and debris **before** check in.
*Veterinarians will be on hand to inspect animals at check in. No animals stalled on grounds until examined by health officials and weighed in the case of the market class animals. No health certificates allowed. **No tubes/coverings on animals during check in.**
*Due to concerns with animal disease, the Kansas Division of Animal Health & K-State Veterinarians are being more diligent in monitoring animal health. We ask exhibitors to be watchful of their animals, practicing strict biosecurity measures. The Kansas Department of Animal Health has not changed any health restrictions or guidelines for exhibition animals but they will monitor continually during the "Show/Fair" season and may develop emergency measures if needed based upon any epidemics.
*All animals will be weighed and checked in by noon on Tuesday. All livestock fees will be invoiced after the fair (tags, vet check, sale assessments). Payment of invoices will be required prior to picking up livestock sale thank you packets.
***Horse, Beef, Goats and Sheep may use wood chips and Swine may use wood chips or rubber mats for bedding. Livestock stalls are to be cleaned daily with fresh bedding added. Other animal's bedding at the discretion of the Superintendent.**

IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS MAY ELECT TO

ALL ENTRIES

Entry for ALL fair exhibits will be completed through FairEntry, an online service located at <http://nortoncountyfair.fairentry.com>. **4-H exhibitors** will log in using their 4HOnline accounts. **Open Class and FFA exhibitors** will create an account in the FairEntry system using an email address and password to enter their exhibits. Your entry cards will then be available from the department Superintendents when you bring in your exhibits. Any questions or exhibitors who don't have access to a computer may contact the Twin Creeks District Extension Office for assistance. **ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE THROUGH FAIRENTRY BY JULY 1st. NO PREMIUMS WILL BE GIVEN TO LATE ENTRIES.**

ALLOW EARLY RELEASE FOR ANIMALS.