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What: Mississippi State Fair Schedule
When: Friday, October 16, through Sunday, October 18
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

**Schedule of 167th Mississippi State Fair Events for Friday, October 16,
through Sunday, October 18**

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites the public to attend the 167th Mississippi State Fair and enjoy entertainment and special events Friday, October 16, through Sunday, October 18, at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds in Jackson.

Friday, October 16, is First Responder Friday, so all police officers, first responders, firefighters, healthcare workers and medical professionals will receive free admission to the State Fair. The Mississippi State Fair will once again host the Pony Pull inside the Kirk Fordice Equine Center at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. The Pony Pull features competitors from around the state.

The annual Pretty Cow Contest, a fan-favorite at the State Fair, will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, in the Judging Arena in Barn 14. Participating youth exhibitors and their cows will be dressed up in homemade costumes and themed props. The most creative and patriotic competitors will be named the winner by a panel of local celebrity judges. During the Pretty Cow Contest, the 2026 Commissioner's Production Cup will also be presented to the exhibitor whose dairy cow produces the most milk.

On **Saturday, October 17**, the Mississippi State Fair will once again host the Horse and Mule Pull tomorrow starting at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Fordice Equine Center. Participants and their teams of horses and mules will compete to see which team can pull the most amount of weight. Awards and cash prizes will be presented immediately following the Horse and Mule Pull on Saturday.

Also happening Saturday, October 17, is 4-H Day at the State Fair. Mississippi 4-H students will compete in a variety of events including a Fashion Revue, Robot Round-Up/LEGO Building Judging Contest,

Omelet Cook-Off, Egg Decorating Contest and much more. All events associated with 4-H Day will take place inside the Trade Mart.

Sunday, October 18, marks the last day of the 167th Mississippi State Fair. Fairgoers can enjoy new attractions such as the Flying Fools High Dive Show, Fetch N Fish, Royal Legacy Circus and chainsaw carving, as well traditional favorites like the Biscuit Booth. There is a \$35 wristband ride special on Sunday, too, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, October 16, 2026

Friday is First Responder Friday, so all police officers, first responders, firefighters, healthcare workers and medical professionals will receive free admission to the State Fair.

Ride Specials: \$30 Wristband Day 8:00 p.m. to Close

- 8:00 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show – Barn 8
- 9:00 a.m. – Open Dairy Cattle Show – Judging Arena
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS Store
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving – Patriot Village
- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Flying Fools High Dive Show – Patriot Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Royal Legacy Circus – Kid Zone
- 1:00 p.m. – Pony Pull – Kirk Fordice Equine Center
- 1:00 p.m. – Two-Year-Old Jersey Futurity – Judging Arena
- 1:00 p.m. – Paid Admission Begins
- 1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Fetch N Fish – Patriot Village
- 1:30 p.m. – Two-Year-Old Holstein Futurity – Judging Arena
- 1:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 2:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 7:00 p.m. – Pretty Cow Contest & Commissioner's Cup – Judging Arena
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

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- 8:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Barn 8
- 8:30 a.m. – Junior Dairy Cattle Show – Judging Arena
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open & Paid Admission Begins
- 10:00 a.m. – 4-H Omelet Cook-Off – Trade Mart, Hall C
- 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS Store
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving – Patriot Village
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 11:00 a.m. – Rides Open
- 11:00 a.m. – Horse & Mule Pull – Kirk Fordice Equine Center
- 11:00 a.m. – 4-H Fashion Revue Modeling – Trade Mart, Hall C
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – 4-H Cookie Decorating – Trade Mart, Hall C
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – 4-H Robot Round Up/LEGO Building Judging – Trade Mart, Hall C

- 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Flying Fools High Dive Show – Patriot Village
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – 4-H Egg Decorating Contest – Trade Mart, Hall C
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Royal Legacy Circus – Kid Zone
- 12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Fetch N Fish – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – 4-H Chopped Contest – Trade Mart, Hall C
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 18, 2026

Ride Special: Wristband Day \$35 – 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Barn 14
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open & Paid Admission Begins
- 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS Store
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Chainsaw Carving – Patriot Village
- 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Patriot Village
- 11:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Flying Fools High Dive Show – Patriot Village
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Royal Legacy Circus – Kid Zone
- 12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Fetch N Fish – Patriot Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Patriot Village
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Patriot Village
- 9:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Know Before You Go:

- Gate admission is \$10 per person, parking is free. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. The public can purchase admission tickets, concert tickets and ride wristbands online at www.msstatefair.com, or purchase admission and concert tickets in-person at the Coliseum Box Office.
- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the exception of Columbus Day.
- **Sunday through Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until close and all day Friday and Saturday, any guest under the age of 18 seeking admission to the Fairgrounds must be accompanied by an adult (21 or older). Any guest may be asked to show official proof of age. Guests are encouraged to bring identification.**
- When entering the Midway, all guests will proceed through one of several security points utilizing a metal detector, and/or be subject to magnetic wand.
- **All bags are subject to search.**
- No outside food or beverage allowed.
- No marketing, soliciting, political or vending items allowed unless and as authorized under Fairground regulations.
- No animals (other than service animals or as authorized by Fair management for Fair activities), banners, fireworks/explosives or laser pointers allowed.
- Jefferson Street will be closed between Pearl Street and Amite Street. Greymont Street will be open for Fair traffic only.

*****NEW*** Brisket Biscuit & Discounts on the Midway to Honor Veterans and Military**

Throughout the duration of the Fair, veterans and active-duty military members presenting a valid military ID when entering the gates will receive a special armband to show at the Biscuit Booth for a complimentary Brisket Biscuit, thanks to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) and the Mississippi Beef Council. The Brisket Biscuit will be available at the Biscuit Booth Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Veterans and active-duty military members are also eligible to receive discounts from participating vendors on the Midway. Fairgoers can purchase a Brisket Biscuit at the Beef Barn during Biscuit Booth hours.

The 167th Mississippi State Fair, which runs October 8-18, is wrapping the Mississippi State Fair once again in red, white and blue with this year's theme, Let Freedom Ring! Admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the exception of Columbus Day. Find the complete schedule of fair events at www.msstatefair.com. For additional information and updates, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X.

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Media Note: Media advisories will be sent out each afternoon during the State Fair with schedules of the two upcoming days.

Photo attached.



The Mississippi State Fair is better with friends: find food, fun, rides, and attractions at the 167th Mississippi State Fair.