

SCHEDULE FOR 2026 COWLEY COUNTY FAIR, JULY 30th TO AUGUST 3rd, 2026

Fairgrounds - West of Winfield - Hwy 160 620-741-7449

Website: www.cowleycountyfair.com

TICKET SALES AT LOCAL RETAILERS - JULY 15TH TO JULY 29th, 2026

TICKET SALES NOW AT WWW.COWLEYCOUNTYFAIR.COM

AFTER THE FAIR: OPEN CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE PICKED UP

7:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2026

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st, 2026

Pre-entry deadline for all 4-H and FFA entries

SUNDAY, JULY 19th 2026

2:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Show, Behr Rafter, Winfield

MONDAY, JULY 20th, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 12pm Wheat show entries must be delivered to Lions Club Pavilion at Island Park, Winfield

TUESDAY, JULY 21st, 2026

8:30 a.m. Fashion Revue, Shopping in Style, Sewing and Textiles, Decorated Foods Judging & Favorite Foods Contest, FCS Contest Central JR/SR High USD 462

7:00 p.m. Public Fashion Revue, Southwestern College, Messenger Recital Hall, Winfield

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd, 2026

TBA Horse Show Clean Up, Burden Arena

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 2026

8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show Judging - Burden Arena, Burden

5:00 p.m. 4-H Junior Rodeo, Burden Arena, Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 2026

6:00 p.m. Fair Set up and Clean Up. Livestock pen set up. (Begins in the show arena). Barn 4 clean up and set up, Fairgrounds

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH, 2026

8:00 a.m. Set-up continues, Fairgrounds.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2026

6:00 p.m. Media Tour and Dinner

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Sheep and Goats may arrive, begin vet check (must go through vet check before entering pens) And weigh

Poultry check in, Option 1. No entering cages until vet check & supervisor check in

THURSDAY, JULY 30th, 2026

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Swine may arrive and weigh/check-in

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Beef weighed, Beef Barn

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Poultry check in, Option 2. No entering cages until vet check & supervisor check in

12:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Breeding Heifer and Bucket Calf Check-in Deadline, Dairy Cattle Check in deadline

12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Open Class Entries sign-ups for all departments (entry blanks in the back of this book)–Barn 4

2:00pm Merchants Building - Open

3:45 p.m. Meat Goat show families may check in exhibits, Barn 4

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Check-in 4-H/Youth exhibits, 4-H Exhibit Building, Barn 4

4/H Youth sign up for conference judging – Barn 4

4:30 p.m. Livestock Exhibitor Meeting, Show Arena

5:30 p.m. New Barn 4 exhibitor families may sign up for an assisted check in and walk through

5:30 p.m. All livestock must be on the grounds

**** No livestock, other than those entered for 4-H/FFA exhibition, are allowed in the barns.****

5:30 p.m. Meat Goat Show, Show Arena

6:00 p.m. Carnival – WEEE Entertainment

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Rabbits Check In, Health check. No animals in the pens until they have been checked

7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Karaoke with BJ Croakie- Midway Stage

7:00 p.m. Open Class entries close - Barn 4

7:30 p.m. ATV Races, Grandstands

9:00 p.m. All Open Class entries must be in place EXCEPT Floral and FRESH HERBS – Barn 4

9:00 p.m. Beef may tie out

11:00 p.m. Open Class Building & 4-H Building – Barn 4 - Close

11:00 p.m. Merchants Building - Close

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 2026

7:30 a.m. Open Class opens - Barn 4

8:00 a.m. 4-H Exhibit Building Opens, Barn 4

8:00 a.m. 4-H Bucket Calf then Beef Judging, Show Arena
8:30 a.m. Open class FLORAL and FRESH HERB entries must be in place
8:30 a.m. 4-H Foods check in, Conference Judging of Foods & Food Preservation –4-H Exhibit Building, Barn 4
9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Beef Show will start at 9 a.m. or 30 minutes following the bucket calf show, Show Arena
9:00 a.m. Open Class Judging -Barn 4
9:30 a.m. 4-H Conference Judging - Booth/Banners, Notebooks, Project Displays, Vet Science – Barn 4
10:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry and Pigeon Judging - Barn 7
11:00 a.m. 4-H Conference Judging – Agronomy, Horticulture, and Landscape Design. Forestry, Wildlife, Shooting Sports, Barn 4
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 4-H Food Bake Sale, Barn 4
12:30 p.m. Pictures of 4-H Champions & Reserve Champions, Barn 4
1:00 p.m. 4-H Conference Judging – Entomology/Geology, Electric and Renewable Energy, Woodworking, Aerospace/Rocketry, Ag Mechanics, Astronomy, Building Block Engineering, Computer Science, Interior Design & Architecture, Robotics, Small Engines, Uncrewed Aerial Systems, Barn 4
2:00pm Merchants Building - Open
5:15 p.m. 4-H Food Auction – 4-H Exhibit Building, Barn 4
6:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Sheep Judging - Show Aren
6:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging – Barn 10
6:00 p.m. Carnival WEEE Entertainment
7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Vincents, Midway Stage
7:30 p.m. **Figure 8 Races and Demolition Derby, Grandstands**
9:00 p.m. Cattle may tie out
11:00 p.m. Merchants Building - Close
11:00 p.m. 4-H Building & Open Class Building – Barn 4 – Close

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2026

7:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Swine Judging, Show Arena
8:00 a.m. Open Class Building & 4-H Building – Barn 4 – Open
8:30 a.m. 4-H Conference Judging – Visual Arts – 4-H Exhibit Building, Barn 4
9:30 a.m. 4-H Conference Judging – Fiber Arts –4-H Exhibit Building, Barn 4
12:00 p.m. 4-H Shooting Sports Booth open, south Grandstands
12:00 p.m. Merchants Building – Open
12:30 p.m. 4-H Clover Bud Show and Share, Barn 4
12:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Judging, Show Arena
1:00 p.m. 4-H Conference Judging – Photography –4-H Exhibit Building, Barn 4
2:00 p.m. 4-H'ers meet with livestock superintendents to complete intent to sell cards.
3:00 p.m. Superintendents meet to assemble livestock sale order – 4-H Fair Office
4:00 p.m. #supportyourlocalbeefproducer Event. Meet & Greet with the future of the beef industry, Barn 8
4:30 p.m. Dairy Goats Judging, Show Arena
4:30 p.m. Pictures of Champions and Reserves, Barn 4
6:00 p.m. Round Robin Contestants Announced, Show Arena
6:00 p.m. Carnival – WEEE Entertainment
6:30 p.m. Livestock fitting contest, Show Arena
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Kevin Horner, Ventriloquist
7:30 p.m. **Easton Corbin with Rusty Rierson opening, Grandstands**
9:00 p.m. Cattle may tie out
11:00 p.m. Merchants Building – Close
11:00 p.m. Open Class Building & 4-H Building – Barn 4 – Close

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2026

10:00 a.m. Youth led 4-H Sunday at Fairgrounds – Show Arena (**ALL LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES STOP!**) – Show Arena
12:00 p.m. Animal Costume Contest
1:00 p.m. Open Class Building & 4-H Exhibit Building – Barn 4 – Open
1:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt, starts at 4-H Fair office
1:30 p.m. Barnyard Olympics – Show Arena
Ice Cream Social sponsored by Cowley County Farm Bureau following Barnyard Olympics
2:00pm Merchants Building - Open
6:00 p.m. Round Robin Showmanship – Show Arena
6:00 p.m. Carnival – WEEE Entertainment
6:30 p.m. Mutton Bustin sign ups, Pit Gate (first 20 riders—ages 6 and under)
7:00 p.m.-9:00p.m. Steve Butler Family-Midway Stage
7:30 p.m. **PRCA Pro Rodeo, Grandstand**
9:00 p.m. Cattle May Tie Out

11:00 p.m. Merchants Exhibit Building – Close
11:00 p.m. Open Class Building & 4-H Building – Barn 4 – Close

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2026

8:00 a.m. Registration for 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – Show Arena (Breakfast will be available for contestants)
8:00 a.m. Open Class Building & 4-H Building – Barn 4 – Open
8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest – Show Arena
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Open Class Building – Barn 4 – Open to Handicapped Individuals
11:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Challenge of Champions – 4-H Fair Office
1:00 p.m. 4H/FFA Members set-up for the Livestock Sale – Show Arena
Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Bucket Calves, poultry, and rabbits released. Animals must be taken home at
This time unless prior arrangements have been made with your superintendent.
2:00 pm Merchants Building – Open
3:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Members set-up for the Buyer’s Bar-B-Q
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Bar-B-Q for 4-H/FFA Livestock Buyers – Picnic Area
6:00 p.m. Carnival – WEEE Entertainment
6:30 p.m. Mutton Bustin Sign ups, Pit Gate (first 20 riders—ages 6 and under)
6:45 p.m. 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale – Show Arena

**ALL BUYERS WILL GET A REGISTRATION NUMBER AT THE CLERK
TABLE BEFORE THE SALE!!**

7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Pop & The Boys featuring Barry Paton on the Bones—Midway Stage
7:30 p.m. PRCA Pro Rodeo – Grandstand
9:00 p.m. **All livestock vehicles must be moved from the barn areas to allow room for the Base and Locker
Trailers to line up.**
10:00 p.m. All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibits released. Must check out with superintendent.
10:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Building & Open Class Building – Barn 4 – Close
10:00 p.m. Merchants Building – Close

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. All other 4-H/Youth exhibits released and fairgrounds clean up **ALL HANDS ON DECK TO HELP
EACH OTHER WITH FAIRGROUNDS CLEANUP**
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Open Class exhibits released – Barn 4
10:00 a.m. All Open Class and 4-H Building Closed to the Public!!! EXHIBITS MUST BE PICKED UP!!!

**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OPEN CLASS ENTRIES LEFT AFTER
10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2026**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2026

Time TBD Carcass Contest Evaluations, Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine