



2026 Ionia Free Fair 4-H Class Schedule of Events

Fair Opens Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.



Wednesday, July 15

4-7pm (4-H Food Booth)

4-H Food and Cake Decorating Judging

4-7pm (Green Quonset)

4-H Still Exhibit Judging - ALL exhibits, including Crafts, Technology, Woodworking, CloverBud, Needlework, Photography & Cothing, Horticulture & Floriculture, Farm & Garden Crops

Thursday, July 16

Friday, July 17

All Day (Horse Barn)

4-H Horses Haul-In

1pm-4pm (Poultry Barn)

4-H Poultry and Waterfowl Check-in

4-H Poultry Record Books due at check-in

4:30pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Poultry and Waterfowl Show

3-8pm (Dairy Barn)

4-H Dairy Cows Arrive

By 5pm (Dairy Barn)

4-H Dairy Feeder Calves Arrive

6pm (Livestock Barn)

4-H Dairy Feeder Calf Weigh-In

Saturday, July 18

5am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep arrival start time

By 7am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Beef exhibitors must check-in with Superintendent

By 8am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Sheep and Meat Goat exhibitors must check-in with Superintendent

9am (Covered Arena)

4-H Dairy Feeder Show

8am (Livestock Barn)

Beef Weigh-in

Immediately following is Sheep then Market Goats

By 10am (Horse Barn)

4-H Horses Haul-In

11am (Horse Announcers Stand)

4-H Horse Leaders Committee Meeting

11:30am (Horse Arena Bleachers)

4-H Horse Exhibitor Meeting

11am-2pm (Rabbit Barn)

4-H Rabbit & Cavy check-in and weigh-in

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Record Books due at check-in

3pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

3pm (Outdoor Horse Arena)

4-H CloverBud Stick Horse Show

6pm (4-H HQ under Covered Arena)

4-H Beef, Meat Goats, & Sheep Record Books Due

By 7pm (Goat Barn)

4-H Dairy Goats in place and checked in

4-H Dairy Goat Record Books due at check-in

Sunday, July 19

By 8am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Swine in pens

4-H Swine exhibitors must check-in with Superintendent

9am-Noon (Livestock Barn)

Swine Weigh-In

9am (Covered Arena)

4-H Dairy Cattle Show

9am (Outdoor Horse Arena)

4-H Horse Show - English Day

11:30am (Outside of the Poultry Barn)

Poultry exhibitors potluck. For details see Superintendent

3pm-4pm (Livestock Barn)

Beef Sale Pictures

4pm-6pm (Livestock Barn)

Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine Sale Pictures

4pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Beef Show

6pm (Rabbit Barn)

4-H Rabbit, Poultry & Cavy Costume Show

By 6pm (4-H HQ under Covered Arena)

4-H Swine Record Books Due

Monday, July 20

9am (Covered Arena)

4-H Dairy Goat Show

9am (Outdoor Horse Arena)

4-H Horse Show - Western Day

1:30pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Meat Goat Show

4pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Sheep Show

Evening (Milking Parlor)

Milk Samples to be taken for the 4-H Milk Quality Contest



Tuesday, July 21

8am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Swine Show

11am-3pm (Livestock Barn)

4-H Cloverbud Scavenger Hunt

6pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Gallon of Milk Sale

To Follow (Covered Arena)

4-H Dairy Feeder Calf Auction

7pm (Outdoor Horse Arena)

4-H Freestyle Reining

9pm (Dairy Barn)

4-H Dairy, Milking ONLY, Released

Wednesday, July 22

9:30am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Large Animal Skill-A-Thon

9am (Outdoor Horse Arena)

4-H Horse Show - Pattern Day

11am (Livestock Barn)

Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine Exhibitor Meeting

5:30pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Small Animal Auction

Thursday, July 23

11am (Outdoor Horse Arena)

4-H Horse Show - Costume followed by Speed Events

4pm (Covered Arena)

IFF Large Animal Youth Auction

Midnight (Horse Barn)

4-H Horses Released

Friday, July 24

10am (Covered Arena)

4-H Livestock Judging Competition

By Noon (Horse Barn)

4-H Horses Released

1pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Large Animal Market Awards Celebration

5:00pm (Covered Arena)

4-H Showmanship Sweepstakes

8pm - 11:30pm (Covered Arena)

4-H and FFA Dance

Saturday, July 25

3pm (Dairy Barn)

4-H Feeder Calves Released

Clean up immediately to follow

4pm (Dairy Barn)

4-H Heifers Released

Clean up immediately to follow

9pm (Goat Barn)

4-H Dairy Goats released

7pm-10pm (Green Quonset)

4-H Farm and Garden Crops & Floriculture - Entries Released.

Entries not picked up by 10pm will be discarded.

7pm-10pm (Green Quonset)

4-H Still Exhibits Released

8pm (Livestock Barn) CLOSED to Exhibitors and Public

Processing Trucks Start Arriving

Midnight (Livestock Barn)

Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats & Beef Released

Midnight (Poultry Barn)

4-H Poultry released

Sunday, July 26

8am (Livestock Barn)

4-H Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats & Beef Clean Up

8am (Poultry & Rabbit Barn)

4-H Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies Released

Clean up immediately to follow

