

Exhibit Entry, Judging and Release Schedule

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 a.m. – Dewitt Barn open for 4-H Horse Show

9:45 a.m. – All horses must be checked in

10:00 a.m. – Judge 4-H Horse Show (All horses are released after the conclusion of the show.)

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Entry of Adult and Youth Clothing, Handicraft, Home Improvement, Food Preservation, and Photography Exhibits, Youth Agriculture, Insects and Forestry Exhibits, Youth Science Exhibits, Handicap, Nursing Home, Sr. Citizen, Special School Exhibits and Decorated Pumpkin Exhibits

Wednesday, October 14

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Entry of Adult and Youth Fruits and Vegetables

7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Entry of **Adult** Cakes and Breads

8:00 a.m. – Barn open for all livestock exhibits (beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and rabbits)

9:00 a.m. – Judging of Adult and Youth Clothing, Handicraft, Home Improvement, Food Preservation, and Photography Exhibits, Youth Agriculture, Insects and Forestry Exhibits, Youth Science Exhibits, Handicap, Nursing Home, Sr. Citizen, Special School Exhibits and Decorated Pumpkin Exhibits

9:30 a.m. – Judging of Adult and Youth Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

11:00 a.m. – Judging of Adult Cakes and Breads

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Release of Adult Cakes and Breads (*If not picked up at this time all exhibits will be discarded.*)

2:00 p.m. – Entry of Eggs

6:00 p.m. – All animals must be in place. All poultry and rabbits should be checked in and tagged.

Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. – Weigh Market Steers, Commercial Heifers, and Commercial Dairy

10:00 a.m. – Weigh Market Lambs, Market Hogs, Market Goats, Commercial Ewes, Commercial Gilts, Commercial Does, and Wether Dams

2:00 p.m. – Judge 4-H Sheep Show

- Sheep Showmanship, Market Lambs, Breeding Sheep, Commercial Ewes

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Entry of **Youth** Baking Exhibits

3:00 p.m. (or 30 minutes after Sheep Show) – Judge 4-H Dairy and Beef Cattle Show

- Dairy Showmanship, Dairy Breeding, Commercial Dairy
- Beef Showmanship, Market Steers, Beef Breeding, Commercial Heifers

Friday, October 16

8:30 a.m. – Judging of Youth Baking Exhibits

9:00 a.m. – Judge 4-H Poultry Show followed by showmanship

9:30 a.m. – Judge 4-H Rabbit Show and showmanship

10:00 a.m. – Judge 4-H Swine Show

- Swine Showmanship, Market Hogs, Swine Breeding, Commercial Gilts

11:00 a.m. (or 30 minutes after Swine Show) – Judge 4-H Goat Show

- Goat Showmanship, Market Goats, Breeding Goats, Commercial Does, Wether Dam
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday – October 17

8:00 a.m. – Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association Open rabbit show (EVAC)
10:00 a.m. – Red River Rumble Open Junior Beef Cattle Show
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Registration for Youth Pet Show
1:30 p.m. – Judging of Youth Pet Show
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Registration for Youth Dog Show
2:00 p.m. – Judging Youth Dog Show
8:00 p.m. – All beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and rabbits are released.

Exhibit Building Schedule

The exhibit building will be open to the public during the following times:

Wednesday, October 14 – 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 15 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 16 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – October 17 - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday – October 18 – CLOSED

Exhibit building entries will be released Sunday, October 18th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

General Rules and Regulations

1. Entries in all classes, unless otherwise specified will be limited to Rapides Parish residents only, regardless of race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion or national origin.
2. The Rapides Parish Fair of Louisiana reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.
3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgement, may deem advisable. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern.
4. Any Person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may order.
5. The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the fair and exhibitors and concessionaires are required to familiarize themselves with all rules.
6. The 65th Annual Rapides Fair will be held in Alexandria, Louisiana, October 14-18, 2026, on the fairground site on Highway 71 South. The Board of Directors has the

right to postpone, extend, or cancel the dates of the fair for any cause whatsoever, which they deem necessary for the good of all concerned.

7. All entries must be entered at the fairgrounds in their respective division according to the schedule.
8. **All livestock exhibits must remain intact until 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17, 2026. Exhibits in the exhibit building must remain intact until 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2026. Failure to comply with this requirement will bar said exhibitor from participating in premiums which may have been awarded by the judge in any department of the fair.**
9. All items not advancing to the LA State Fair are to be picked up at the Rapides Fair between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Articles not picked up on Sunday, may be picked up between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026. **At the end of this period articles not claimed will be discarded**
10. No entrance fee will be charged on an article or animal entered for exhibit, except where otherwise specified.
11. The premiums will be paid up to the amount stated on the premium list, if available. Otherwise, they will be cut in proportion to the excess.
12. No premium will be awarded when the article is unworthy though there be no competition. No premium will be awarded in any department except as definitely stated in the premium list. Decision of the judges will be final.
13. All property of every character entered for competition display or other purposes, or being anywhere in the fairground, shall be subject to the control of the Rapides Fair Association Board of Directors.
14. In no case shall the Rapides Fair Association Board of Directors be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or death by disease of any character, to any such property or person, while the same is on the fairgrounds.
15. All exhibitors will be responsible for entering, displaying, maintaining and removing their exhibit. No professional of any category may enter that category of the fair.
16. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, or show that may be falsely entered and may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them without assigning reason, therefore.
17. Nothing will be sold, given away, raffled or otherwise disposed of by an exhibitor or concessionaire with the same as specifically designated in this contract unless given permission by the board. No concessionaire will be allowed to display, sell or give away beer, whiskey, or wine.
18. All exhibits in the exhibit building and the livestock barn must be officially entered in the fair and have a class number assigned to it.
19. **Articles exhibited in previous years at the Rapides Parish Fair will be disqualified.**