

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2026

AUGUST 22-30 2026



VALENCIA COUNTY FAIR DANCES

FRIDAY AUGUST 28, 2026 - \$10.00 PER PERSON

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2026 - \$10.00 PER PERSON

DANCE ADMISSION CHARGE BEGINS AT 5:00PM BOTH NIGHTS

SATURDAY – AUGUST 22

7:00-8:30 am	Rabbit/Poultry Check in (Sale Barn)
8:30 am	Turkey Show (Show Ring)
9:00	Poultry Show (Following Turkey Show-Sale Barn)
TBA	Poultry Showmanship (Following Poultry Show)
	Poultry Meat Pen Judging (Following Showmanship)
10:30	Rabbit Show (Following Poultry Show – Sale Barn)
	Showmanship (in conjunction with Rabbit Show)
12:00 pm	Pee Wee Poultry Show (place TBA)
1:00 pm	Pee Wee Rabbit Show (place TBA)
1:00 pm	Speech Competition (place TBA)
2:00- 4:00pm	Accept 4-H Indoor Entries
2:00 – 7:00pm	Accept Open Indoor Entries
2:00- 7:00pm	Vendor Setup

SUNDAY - AUGUST 23

12:00pm - 6:00pm	Tack Setup
5:00pm	Dog Show (Pavilion)
2:00pm - 7:00pm	Accept Open Indoor Entries
8:00pm	Close Livestock Gates and Barn

MONDAY- AUGUST 24

8:00am -11:00am	All Livestock in place by 11 am
9:00am	Open Commercial Booths
9:00 am	Exhibit Hall closed to public for judging
12:00 pm	Exhibitor Pizza Party (Show Ring)
1:00 pm	MANDATORY EXHIBITOR/PARENT MEETING (SHOW RING)

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1:45pm	Weigh Beef
2:30pm	Weigh Goats
4:00pm	Weigh/Classify Swine
	Classifier will classify all remaining animals, as needed, following swine.
9:00pm	Close Commercial Booths
12:00am	Close Livestock gates and barn

TUESDAY - AUGUST 25

6:00am	Open Livestock Gates
7:00am	Gates open to Public
7:45am	Opening Ceremonies
8:00am	Production Steer Show
9:00am	Open Commercial Booths & Exhibit Hall
9:00am	Ranch Heifer Show
10:00am	Breeding Heifer Show
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Accept Pee Wee Bucket Calves (Livestock Gate)
2:30pm	Pee Wee Bucket Calf Show
4:00pm	Market Beef Show
TBD	All Beef Showmanship
TBD	Production Steers to processor
7:00 pm	Beef Dairy Show
9:00pm	Close Commercial Booths/Barn to the public
11:00pm	Close Livestock gates and barn

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 26

VETERANS DAY

6:00am	Open Livestock Gates
6:30am-7:00am	Accept Dairy Goats and Pygmy
7:00am	Gates open to Public
7:15am	Opening Ceremonies
7:30am	Dairy Goat Show
8:00am	Pygmy Goat show
9:00am	Open Commercial Booths and Exhibit Hall
TBA	Dairy Goat & Pygmy Showmanship
10:00am	Breeding Doe Show
11:00am	Market Goat Show
TBA	Market Goat Showmanship
3:00pm	Market Lamb Show
4:30Ppm	Wether Dam Show (following Market Lamb)
TBA	Market Lamb Showmanship

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7:00pm	Ice Cream party
9:00pm	Close Commercial Booths/Barn to public
11:00pm	Close Livestock Gates and Barn

THURSDAY - AUGUST 27 SENIOR DAY

8:00am	Opening Ceremonies
8:15AM	Market Swine Show
TBA	Market Swine Showmanship
3:00pm	Open Floral Competition (Exhibit Hall)
6pm	Potluck
7:30pm	Old Timers Show

All Livestock Sale Pulls need to be declared/signed before 5pm

Pulls will be posted 2 hours post swine show

9:00pm	Close Commercial Booths/Barn to public
11:00pm	Close Livestock and Livestock Barn

FRIDAY - AUGUST 28

ARMED FORCES, FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT

Free Entry with Badge

6:00am	Open Livestock Gates
8:00am	Gates Open to the Public
8:00am	BBQ COMPETITION BEGINS – JUDGING TIME TBA
8:00 am	Carcass Judging at Processor
9:00am	Open Commercial Booths & Exhibit Hall to the Public
9:30am	Round Robin Contest (Show Ring)
12:00pm	Kidz Zone open
1:00pm	Fitting Contest (Show Ring)
4:00pm	Costume Contest (Show Ring)
6:00pm	Cornhole Tournament Registration
6:00-8:00pm	Arm Wrestling weigh ins (ADC LTD Security Company Pavillion)
7:00pm	Cornhole Tournament Start
7:00pm	Awards Ceremony (Show Ring)
	Senior Walk; Buckle Ceremony; Parade of Champions
6:30-9:30pm	Peter Vigil Band
9:30-11:30pm	VALENCIA COUNTY FAIR DANCE – \$10.00 PER PERSON (6yrs. & under free)
	Dance ends 11:30pm DJ Hot Shot Express
9:00pm	Close Commercial Booths & Exhibit Hall
10:00pm	Kidz Zone Close
12:00am	Close Livestock Gates and Barn- Fair Gates Close

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SATURDAY - AUGUST 29

6:00 am	Open Livestock Gates
8:00 am	Gates Open to the Public
11:00 am	Valencia County Fair Parade (Time (<i>Sponsored by the Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce</i>)
9:00 am	Open Commercial Booths & Exhibit Hall
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arm Wrestling Tournament (ADC LTD Security Company Pavillion)
12:00pm	Kidz Zone Open
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Stick Horse Race (Show ring)
1:00pm	Fruit Race (Show Ring)
2:00pm	Sale Ring Set Up
2:00pm	Dance in Motion
3:00-4:00	Talent/Open Mic (Pavillion)
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Frog Race (Kidz Zone)
4:00pm	Buyers Registration Open (Livestock Office window)
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Buyers Dinner
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	2 nd to Last Band
6:00 pm	<i>JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE (Showring)</i>
7:00-9:30pm	Tripple X Band/VALENCIA COUNTY FAIR DANCE
9:45pm-11:30pm	VALENCIA COUNTY FAIR DANCE (DJ) - \$10.00 PER PERSON (6 yrs. & under free) Dance ends 11:30pm DJ
9:00pm	Close Commercial Booths and Exhibits
10:00pm	Kidz Zone Close
12:00am	Close Livestock Gates and Barns
12:00am	Fair Gates Close

SUNDAY - AUGUST 30

8:30am	Release Sale Animals
9:00am – 12:00pm	Release ALL Indoor Exhibits
1:00pm	Fair Gates Close on 2026 Fair

ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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