

STATE★FAIR

OF VIRGINIA AT THE MEADOW

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

New Special Events/Theme Days



Blue Ribbon Craft Beer Fest – An event within an event! Second annual craft beer fest at the fair. Purchase a ticket, receive a commemorative glass and get unlimited 4-ounce samples from more than 20 Virginia craft breweries! (Oct. 6, 2-7 p.m.)

Food Lion Hunger Relief Day – Bring five Food Lion-branded food products to the fair on opening day, Sept. 28, and save \$5 off the cost of admission.

Tours of Meadow Hall – The elegant mansion event space will be open for weekend tours. See the spacious banquet and meeting rooms, along with the beautiful artwork and exhibits that tell the story of Secretariat and Meadow Stable. (Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7, noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.; \$5 advance admission)

Virginia's Finest Sundays – Sample and buy tastes of Virginia during two days that showcase Virginia's Finest products. (Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, noon to 7 p.m., in the special events tent)



NEW Fair Food!

New: Arepas: Authentic corn patties stuffed with cheese or other delicious ingredients – from The Best of the Best Pina Colada Inc.

New: Fresh cut fries topped with Maryland crab dip. – from Fat Boyz

New: Hash Bomb: cheddar cheese and bacon nestled between two hash brown patties – from Fun Time Foods



New: Honey roasted peanut butter ice cream – from Here's the Scoop

New: Jams made with fruit and champagne, wine or liqueurs – from Sweet on the Bubbly

New: Variety of beef jerky, as well as preserves and other snacks – from RVA Jerky



Returning favorite: Butt Fries and Bull Fries – from Hog Wild BBQ

FREE entertainment

New: Cowboy Circus with Danny Grant—an interactive comedy, circus and cowboy show all rolled into one

New: Firefighter Combat Challenge—Showcases the skills, talents and athleticism of America's firefighters. (Sept. 28 and 29)

New: FMX Bike Show—Witness unbelievable stunts as these daring riders fly from ramp to ramp.

New: Max Power Robot—A larger-than-life robot travels the fairgrounds in a larger-than-life monster truck.



New: Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean—"Good" pirates play-fight "bad" ones in a never-ending battle for a treasure map—all while suspended on a 30-foot-high cable above a huge pirate ship!

New: Monster Truck Rides—See the fair from the vantage point of a monster truck. (Oct. 3-7, \$10 per person)

RETURNING:

The Amazing Giants—Towering giants roam the fair while juggling, hoop dancing and more. (Daily)

Ben Risney, Chainsaw Carver—Master chain saw carver Ben Risney sculpts one-of-a-kind masterpieces from logs. Sculptures are auctioned the last day of the fair; net proceeds benefit the fair's scholarship program (3 sculptures created daily)

Brunswick stew competition—Stewmasters whip up cauldrons of steaming Brunswick stew. Samples will be sold after the official judging (Sept. 29, 11 a.m.)

Crooked Road Front Porch Music series—Performers from the Crooked Road Series will perform on the porch stage in the Heritage Village area of Harest Landing. (Sept. 28 and 29, the trio called Sandy Shortridge; Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Erynn Marshall and Carl Jones; Oct. 2 and 3, Martha Spencer and Frank Rische; Oct. 4 and 5, Mac Traynham; and Oct. 6 and 7, Jim Lloyd and Brett Morris Martin; daily performances at noon, 3 and 6 p.m.)

Demolition Derby—Two nights of metal-crunching excitement in the expanded Thrill Pit! (Oct. 6 and 7)



Farmers' Market—Fresh, local produce and hand-made products available (Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7)

Giant Pumpkin and Giant Watermelon Weigh-In—See if this year's monster produce breaks records once again! (Sept. 29 at noon in the special events tent in Harvest Landing)

Rosaire's Royal Racers—Crowd-pleasing pigs race around the track (5 shows daily)

Salute to Secretariat—The fair salutes Triple Crown legend Secretariat at his birthplace. Fairgoers can see his stall in the historic barns, pose with the giant 600-pound horseshoe modeled after his racing shoe and take a "Selfie with Secretariat" by his life-size poster.

Sheep Dog Demos—Witness these talented herding dogs display their sheep-herding skills. (Oct. 4)

The Great American SPAM® Competition—Judges will sample SPAM® creations from home chefs of all ages! (Oct. 6, 1 p.m.)



State Fair Parade—Entertaining acts will walk through the fairgrounds, and the parade will culminate with re-crowning of Miss State Fair of Virginia (Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)

Virginia Loggers Association Demonstrations—The Virginia Loggers Association showcases the third-largest industry in the state as they chop, drop and roll logs. (Sept. 28-30)

Virginia State Auctioneer Contest—Experience Virginia's finest auctioneers competing before a live audience for the 2018-19 State Champion Auctioneer title. (Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.)

World Champion Blacksmiths LLC—Professional farriers fashion metal into functional horseshoes and other farrier equipment (Oct. 5-7)

FREE Agricultural Exhibits

Heritage Village – In this immersive Virginia history exhibit, craftsmen will demonstrate glass blowing and more

Horticulture Pavilion – Giant pumpkins and watermelons, corn, cotton, houseplants and other winning horticulture entries

Pigeon and Dove Tent – See more than 300 breeds of doves and pigeons and learn fun facts.

Poultry and Rabbit Exhibit – Many breeds of chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits on display in their own tent

Sale of Champions—youth livestock show grand champion and reserve grand champion (steers, hogs, lambs and goats) will be auctioned; proceeds benefit the State Fair scholarship program (Oct. 6, 7 p.m.)

The Southland Dairy Pavilion—Fairgoers can try their hand at milking a cow in the Dairy Milking Parlor, and can witness calves being born at the Dairy Cow Birthing Center

Virginia State University's Virginia Fish World—This is an interactive, educational display of farm-raised fish and shrimp

Young MacDonald's Farm

Duck slide and chick hatching (daily)

Goat Mountain (daily)

Sow and litter of piglets, feeder pigs (daily)



FREE Horse Shows

Friday, Sept. 28:

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition

Saturday, Sept. 29:

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition

Draft Horse & Mule Show

Sunday, Sept. 30:

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition

Draft Horse & Mule Show

Monday, Oct. 1:

Draft Horse Education Programs
Draft Horse & Mule Pull

Tuesday, Oct. 2:

Roping – Calf/Team

Wednesday, Oct. 3:

Dressage Demo and Show

Thursday, Oct. 4:

Mini Horse Show
Ranch Rodeo

Friday, Oct. 5:

Mini Horse Show
Youth Barrel Racing
True Grit's Ranch Rodeo



Saturday, Oct. 6:

High School Rodeo
4-H Horse Show

Sunday, Oct. 8:

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4-H Horse Show

FREE Main Stage Music!

Presented by Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

Oct. 1, 7 p.m. — **Craig Campbell**— a country crooner whose musical background is built on the solid bedrock of country tradition, he has been a Grand Ole Opry regular and performed on NBC's *Today Show*. He will perform his newest hit, *See You Try*.

Oct. 2, 7 p.m. — **Dylan Scott**—An artist with the friendly charm of Luke Bryan and a dash of Sam Hunt-inspired R&B, his 2017 hit *My Girl* reached No. 1 on Billboard's country chart.

Oct. 3, 7 p.m. — **Trent Harmon**—Has been singing since his mom taught him *Amazing Grace* at the age of 5. He was *American Idol*'s 15th season winner, and his current country songs are infused with indie-soul.

Oct. 4, 7 p.m. — **Natalie Grant**—This seven-time Grammy nominee and four-time winner of the Gospel Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year will fill the fairgrounds with faith-based music.

Oct. 5, 7 p.m. — **Chris Lane**—Contemporary country artist

Oct. 6, 7 p.m. — **The Crooked Road Showcase**—Ralph Stanley II and The Clinch Mountain Boys featuring the Earl White String Band will share their bluegrass talents. This is partially sponsored by The Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Oct. 7, 7 p.m. — **Scotty McCreery**— American Idol alum performs his own brand of down-home country.

Ticket Pricing

| | In Advance Online Through Aug. 31 | Advance online | At the Gate (after 9/27) |
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| Adults (13-59) | \$10 | \$13 | \$15 |
| Child (5-12) (4 and under free)/ Seniors (60+) | \$7 | \$10 | \$12 |
| Military (active duty or retired w/ valid i.d.) | n/a | n/a | \$12 |
| Season Pass (online only through 9/14) | \$35 | \$40 | n/a |
| Unlimited Ride Wristband | \$17 | \$20 | \$25 |
| Premium Parking | \$15 | \$15 | available online only |
| Meadow Hall Mansion Tours | \$5 | \$5 | available online only |
| Blue Ribbon Craft Beer Festival | \$30 (includes fair admission) | | \$25 (does NOT include admission) |

State Fair Hours of Operation

| | Ticket Plaza and Buildings | Rides |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday – Thursday | 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. | 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. |
| Friday, Saturday | 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. | 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. |