



The State Fair of Virginia is a CELEBRATION that brings together the best of Virginia in one place!
StateFairVa.org



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

New Special Events/Theme Days

Black Tie & Boots – A special VIP preview-night celebration of the State Fair on Sept. 26. The ticketed event will feature live music by Honky Tonk Heroes, a silent auction, award-winning Virginia wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit the State Fair of Virginia scholarship program.



Blue Ribbon Craft Beer Fest presented by Loudoun County – An event within an event, now in its third year! Purchase a ticket, receive a commemorative glass and get unlimited 4-ounce samples from more than 20 Virginia craft breweries! (Oct. 5, 2-7 p.m.)

Some participating breweries:

1781 Brewing Co.
Coelacanth Brewing
Legend Brewing Co.
Parkway Brewing Co.
St. George Brewing Company
Wasserhund Brewing Company

Bingo Beer
Decipher Brewing
Lickinghole Creek Craft Brewery
Pipe Aleworks
The Farm Brewery at Broad Run

Black Narrow Brewing Co.
Dirt Farm Brewing
Old House Brewing
Starr Hill Brewery
The Vanguard Brewpub
& Distillery

Meet-Up Monday – Adults who choose to come relax at the fair after a hard day's work can purchase an admission ticket at the gate for just \$8, starting at 5 p.m. The discount is available Sept. 30 only, until the Ticket Plaza closes at 9 p.m.

PBS Kids Day and Take-off Tuesday – Bring the kids to meet two of their PBS favorites, Daniel Tiger from *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* and Buddy the Dinosaur from *Dinosaur Train*, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Adult admission at the gate is just \$8 all day long!

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. 28-29, noon, 3 and 5 p.m.; Oct. 5-6, noon, 3 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. 29 and Oct. 6, noon to 7 p.m., across from Meadow Hall near Harvest Landing)

NEW Fair Food!



Chesapeake Grilled Cheese – from Phat Boyz Catering. A take on a traditional grilled cheese sandwich; this version is stuffed with Chesapeake Bay crab dip, tomatoes and bacon. Located in Harvest Landing.

Firecracker Corn on the Cob – from The Ringmaster. Roasted corn on the cob coated in Monterey Jack cheese and crushed Flamin' Hot Cheetos®. Located in Harvest Landing.

Returning favorite: Butt Fries and Bull Fries – from Hog Wild BBQ
French fries topped with pulled pork (butt) or brisket (bull), cheese, sour cream and green onions.



Returning favorite: Block and Bridle – from Virginia Tech
Barbecue, steaks, baked beans, slaw and more, made by Virginia Tech students and alumni.

NEW Grounds Entertainment

Hilby—This self-titled Skinny German Juggle Boy roves around the grounds presenting acts like his Schrubber Schrubb Schrubb of Doom, during which he juggles a bowling ball, electric hedge trimmer and a flaming Beanie Baby. (Daily)



Professor Newton and Kidz Science Safari—Thirty-minute shows bring STEAM concepts to life for kids and adults alike. Hands-on exhibits offered after the shows. (Daily)

Street Drum Corps—This world-renowned, high-energy drum and percussion show will wow audiences with their roving rhythm. (Daily)

Ultimate Stunt Circus—Edge-of-your seat thrills, including aerial stunt performers, a human cannonball and motorcyclists riding at high speeds in the “Globe of Death.” (Daily)



Xtreme Chinese Acrobats—This troupe’s acrobatics, juggling and feats of balance, tumbling and more will amaze fairgoers. (Daily)

RETURNING Grounds Entertainment

Ben Risney, Chain saw 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)

Competition winners—Cakes, cookies, paintings, photographs, quilts and other examples of Virginia’s best handcrafted items, on display in the Farm Bureau Center. (Daily)



The Crooked Road: Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail Series—Performers from the Crooked Road Series will perform on the porch stage in the Heritage Village area of Harvest Landing. Sept. 27 and 28, the trio called Sandy Shortridge Band; Sept. 29 and 30, Jim Loyd; Oct. 1 and 2, Martha Spencer & Kelley Breiding; Oct. 3 and 4, Mac Traynham; and Oct. 5 and 6, Corbin Hayslett and Hunter Holmes. Performances are supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts.

Demolition Derby presented by Papa John’s Pizza—It’s the Virginia State Championship Demolition Derby! One riveting night of metal-crunching excitement in the expanded Sunbelt Rentals Thrill Pit! (Oct. 6)

Farmers Market—Fresh, local produce and handmade products. (Sept. 27-29 and Oct. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Garden Tractor Pull—Back by popular demand, operators will pit the pulling power of these modified, multi-engined tractors against each other (Sept. 27, 6 p.m.; Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sept. 29 at 3 p.m.)



Giant Pumpkin and Giant Watermelon Weigh-Off—See if this year’s monster produce breaks records once again! (Sept. 28 at noon in the Blue Ribbon Tent in Harvest Landing)

Rosaire’s Royal Racers sponsored by Virginia Lottery—Crowd-pleasing pigs race around the track while the audience loudly roots for its favorite oinkers. (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. Fans also can purchase Secretariat swag in the booth near the historic yearling barn. (Daily)

State Fair Parade—Entertaining acts like bands, dance troupes and car clubs will parade through the fairgrounds. (Sept. 29, 4 p.m.)

Virginia Loggers Association Demonstrations—The Virginia Loggers Association showcases the state’s third-largest industry as they chop, drop and roll logs. (Sept. 30-Oct. 1)

World Champion Blacksmiths LLC—Professional farriers fashion metal into functional horseshoes and other farrier equipment. (Oct. 4-6)

Main Stage Music!

Presented by Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

All shows begin at 7 p.m.



Sept. 27 — **The Sugarhill Gang**—This American hip hop group’s 1979 hit *Rapper’s Delight* was the first rap single to become a Top 40 hit.

Sept. 28 — **The Crooked Road Showcase**—Blue Highway and the Wolfe Brothers String Band will share their bluegrass talents.

Oct. 3 — **Zach Williams**—This Christian artist’s *Chain Breaker* album won a Grammy for Best Contemporary Christian Album in 2018.

Oct. 4 — **HARDY**—Modern country

Oct. 5 — **Foghat**—Rocking and rolling since 1971, this iconic band still tours and plays its beloved tunes like *Slow Ride*, *Food for the City* and *I Just Want to Make Love to You*.

Oct. 6 — **LOCASH**—This modern country duo boasts the Top 5 hit, *I Love This Life*.



Agricultural Exhibits

Heritage Village – This immersive Virginia history exhibit includes a blacksmith, a glass blower, a wool spinner and crafters of banjos and violins.

Horticulture Pavilion – Giant pumpkins and watermelons, corn, cotton, houseplants and other winning horticulture entries can be found here.

Pigeon and Dove Tent – See hundreds of breeds of doves and pigeons, and learn fun facts.

Poultry and Rabbit Exhibit – Many breeds of chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits are 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. 5, 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.

Young MacDonald's Farm by Farm Credit – Includes the popular duck slide and chick hatching (daily), Goat Mountain (daily) and a sow and her litter of piglets (daily).

Horse Shows

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition, Sept. 27-29

Draft Horse Show, Sept. 27-29

Draft Horse & Farm Mule Pull, Sept. 29

Dressage Demo and Show, Oct. 2

Mini Horse Show, Oct. 3 & 4

High School Rodeo, Oct. 5 & 6

4-H Horse Show, Oct. 5 & 6



Ticket Pricing

| | Summer of Savings through Aug. 31 | Advance online | Publix advance | At the Gate |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Adults (13-59) | \$10 | \$12 | \$12 | \$15 |
| Youth (5-12) (4 and under free)/ Seniors (60+) | \$7 | \$10 | \$10 | \$12 |
| Military (active duty or retired w/ valid ID) | n/a | n/a | | \$12 |
| Season Pass (online thru Sept. 14) | n/a | \$35 | n/a | n/a |
| Unlimited Ride Wristband | \$16 | \$20 | \$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. |