

WELCOME TO THE FAIR

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The 2026 Macoupin County Fair – the Oldest Fair in Illinois – is upon us! Visitors can pre-purchase fair admission and concert tickets at the fair office or online at macoupincountyfair.org

Opening Day - Tuesday, June 2
The fair kicked off with Harness Racing, a long-standing tradition, which began at 6 p.m. Thanks to the Macoupin County Farm Bureau, the first 1,000 guests received free admission.
COUNTRY Financial Grandstand Entertainment All Week
Tuesday, June 2: Harness Rac-

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Wednesday, June 3: The annual Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Macoupin County Fair Pageant, where 32 contestants competed.
Thursday, June 4: A major Nashville night featuring Aaron Lewis and the Stateliners, with Illinois' own Josh Holland Band opening and closing the evening in the Smoky Jennings Pavilion.
Friday, June 5: The Illinois Tractor Pulling Association returns with tractors, trucks, and local Macoupin County classes. The BEER MONEY pulling team joins the lineup this year. Afterward, The Longmeyer Band will perform in the pavilion.

Saturday, June 6: The always sold-out Demolition Derby closes the grandstand schedule. The fair will wrap up with a high-energy performance by Lick Creek, one of Central Illinois' top bands.
Daily Attractions
The Smoky Jennings Pavilion will serve its famous fish and fries daily, starting at 11 a.m.
The Macoupin County Food Festival has returned to the WW Bates building.
The Carlinville Area Hospital & Clinics Kids Corner offers activities for children every day. This year's featured attraction is the Grizzly Bear Encounter exhibit and show.

Visitors can also enjoy:
Harvest Hideout in the Bates Building
4-H exhibits in the newly renovated 4-H Building
Livestock shows around the Macoupin County Farm Bureau barns
Free adult entertainment throughout the grounds.
Join the Fun
The Macoupin County Fair runs June 2-6. Enter through the Heinz Furniture Main Gate, enjoy entertainment in the COUNTRY Financial Grandstand, explore exhibits, visit the Kids Corner, and soak in the traditions that make this fair a beloved part of Macoupin County.



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