

2026 McLean County Fair July 29 - Aug. 2

Hours

Wednesday - Saturday: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

• free admission after 8 p.m.

• no entry or re-entry after 9 p.m.

Sunday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission:

----- Ages 5 & under - FREE -----

Single Day (Wed-Sat):	Single Day (Sun):	5-Day Admission Passes:
Child (6-12) - \$6*	Child (6-12) - \$3*	Child (6-12) \$12*
Adult (13+) - \$10*	Adult (13+) - \$5*	Adult (13+) \$20*

Wednesday - Pay One Price Day

- Admission & unlimited carnival rides for one price
- Pedal Tractor Pull @ 4:30 p.m.
- Fair Royalty Reception & Awards @ 6:45 p.m.

Thursday - Young at Heart/Veterans Day

- Seniors (60+) & Military Veterans get in FREE all day
- Pack the Bus - \$2 admission with qualifying donation

Friday - Merchant's Day

- Kids free until 5 p.m. with coupon from local businesses

Sunday - Last Day!

- Discounted admission all day

Grandstand Entertainment:

Wed., July 29 - 6 p.m.

Tobin's Pizza Tractor & Pickup Truck Pulls

- \$8* grandstand seating

Thurs., July 30 - 6:30 p.m.

Bull Riding, Barrel Racing & Mutton Busting

- \$15* grandstand seating

Fri., July 31 - 6:30 p.m.

Concert: Taylor Bruninga & Feudin Hillbillies

- \$10* general admission, \$15* track, \$25* VIP

Sat., Aug. 1 - 6 p.m.

Don Owen Tire & Auto Demolition Derby

- \$15* grandstand seating

*Ticket/Credit Card fees may apply

Premier Livestock Classic

Saturday, August 1

Beef Cattle, Goats, Horses, Swine & Rabbits

Sunday, August 2

Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Sheep & Goat Shows,
Horse Judging

Visit mcleancountyfair.org or call (309) 663-6497 for more information

Farm Bureau members can save \$1 on single-day general admission tickets (limit 8).
Advance purchase only at the MCFB office or get discount code at mcfb.org/fairtickets



Six local teachers explored local agriculture with a tour of Two Sisters Lavender Farm during the 2026 McLean County Ag in the Classroom Summer workshop June 1, 2 and 4 with AITC Coordinator, Carrie Vogel (right).

AITC Teacher Workshop

Six local teachers toured local farms and explored ways to add agriculture to their curriculum during the 2026 McLean County Ag In the Classroom Teacher Workshop held June 1, 2 and 4.

The group visited the new From the Farm to a Healthy Me exhibit at the Children's Discovery Museum, made soy candles at Farm to Wick near Stanford, learned about vermicomposting at the Ecology Action Center and saw a drone demonstration at Birkey's Farm Store.

Participants also toured Braffett Berry Farm & Orchard near Carlock, Two Sisters Lavender

Farm near LeRoy, Crider Farms sheep operation near Arrowsmith and Red Barn Riding Company near Heyworth.

Illinois Ag in the Classroom staff shared lesson plans and activities focused on technology in agriculture.

Attendees also learned about educational resources from Illinois Corn Growers, Illinois Pork Producers, St. Louis Dairy Council, University of Illinois Extension and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The workshop was funded in part by a grant from Illinois Ag in the Classroom.

2026 McLean County Fair Royalty

Finals Competition

Sunday, July 26 at 4 p.m.

at Heartland Community College Auditorium

Join us for the 2026 Royalty Competition to see who will be crowned Little Miss, Jr. Miss, King & Queen.

Event free & open to the public. Attendees encouraged to bring cash to vote for People's Choice.

Royalty Reception

Wednesday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

at McLean County Fair - Cloverleaf Auditorium

Golden Clover Awards at 6:45 p.m.

McLean County FAIR

Food & Farm Fun Zone Volunteers

Help fair visitors learn about where their food comes from during the 2026 McLean County Fair July 29 - Aug. 2.

Volunteers are needed each day for the Food & Farm Fun Zone educational exhibit with four shifts available from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and two shifts on Sunday afternoon.

Each volunteer will receive free fair admission and a t-shirt, while supplies last, plus the chance to earn 'concession cash' and grandstand or carnival passes for additional volunteering.

Visit mcleancountyfair.org/funzonevolunteers to sign-up or contact us at (309) 663-6497 or anna@mcfb.org.

A training open house will be Mon., July 27 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. for volunteers to pick up t-shirt(s) and admission ticket(s) in the exhibit space, inside the Mini Expo building.

Upcoming Events

July

Thurs. 9	5:30 p.m.	Young Leader Kilgus Farmstead Tour
Mon. 13	9:30 a.m.	MCFB Foundation Golf Outing
Tues. 14	11:30 a.m.	IFB Farm Talk, Champaign County
Tues. 21		MCFB Board Meeting
Sun. 26	4 p.m.	McLean County Fair Royalty Competition

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August

Sat. 15	8 a.m.	Rt. 66 Ag History Bus Tour
Tues. 16		MCFB Board Meeting
Thurs. 25	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers

McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation

Golf Outing

Monday, July 13, 2026

@ The Den Golf Course

9:30 a.m. shotgun start

- \$110 per golfer, teams of 4, best ball
- Includes golf cart, snacks, ribeye dinner & prizes
- All proceeds support local ag education efforts
- Register online at mcfb.org/foundation



Join Us! McLean County Route 66 Bus Tour

Saturday, August 15 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Get your 'farm fix' on Rt 66 in northern McLean County

Featured Sites:

- Duncan Manor
- Lexington Castle
- ISU Farm
- Sprague's Super Station
- and much more!

- \$50/person (Farm Bureau or Museum members)
- \$55/person (nonmembers)



Register at mchistory.org or call 309-827-0428