



FEBRUARY 12 – March 1, 2026

2026 COMPETITIVE EVENTS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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SHOWS

Junior Purebred Breeding Gilts.....	February 10-12
Junior Crossbred Gilts Show & Sale.....	February 10-12
Junior Market Poultry	February 11
<i>Poultry Order Deadlines</i> <i>Turkeys: August ??, 2025</i> <i>Broilers: TBA</i>	
Junior Dairy Cattle	February 11-13
Open Breeding Beef Cattle	February 12-14
Junior Commercial Ewes & Does	February 13-14
Junior Registered Breeding Sheep & Goats.....	February 13-14
Junior Breeding Angora Goats.....	February 13-15
Open Registered Breeding Sheep & Goats.....	February 13-15
Junior Market Goats.....	February 16-17
Junior Market Lambs	February 16-18
Junior Breeding Heifers	Wave 1..... February 16-17
	Americans
	Wave 2 February 19-20
	British & Continental
Junior Market Barrows	Wave 1..... February 20-22
	Dark Breeds & Dark Crosses
	Wave 2 February 24-26
	Light Breeds & Crosses
Junior Market Steers.....	Wave 1..... February 22-23
Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Simmental, Simbrah, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Brangus, ABC	
Junior Commercial Steers	February 23-24
Junior Market Steers.....	Wave 2 February 25-27
Thursday: Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Limousin, Red Cross	
Friday: Black Cross, Other Cross	
Junior Ag Mechanics Show & Marketplace.....	February 27-March 1



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CONTESTS

Swine Skillathon	February 10
Landscape Challenge	February 11
Nursery Landscape Contest	February 11
**Junior Shoot-Out	February 11-15
Food Challenge Contest	February 12
Dairy Judging Contest	February 12
Wildlife Judging Contest	February 13
Junior Taxidermy Contest	February 14
Agricultural Public Speaking Contest	February 14
Intercollegiate & Junior Wool Judging Contest	February 14
Horse Skillathon	February 15
Horse Judging Contest	February 16
Sheep Skillathon	February 16
Beef Cattle Skillathon	February 16
Agrobotics Challenge	February 19
Poultry Judging Contest	February 19
Floriculture Contest	February 20
Meat Science Skillathon	February 20
Consumer Decision Making Contest	February 21
Agricultural Science Fair	February 21
Meat Judging Contest	February 22
Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest	February 28
Junior Livestock Judging Contest	March 1