

## Hillsborough County Fair: “Country Pride – County Wide”

That is the theme of the 2016 Hillsborough County Fair that opens October 20<sup>th</sup> runs October 20-23 and October 27-30. The County Fair offers an opportunity for residents – of all ages – to enter and display their talents. From cooking to rug hooking and baking to picture taking, from sewing to growing, and animals large and small. There will be lots of blue ribbon, eye catching entries to reflect the talents of the folks of Hillsborough County. Early entries in areas such as Fine Art, Photography and Family Living are encouraged and forms are available on the fair’s website.

The Entertainment Tent offers an opportunity to relax and enjoy or be an on stage contestant in the Children’s Pageant, the Western Wear Contest or the County Fair Talent Showcase. New in the 2016 line up is a Gospel Jam on Sunday afternoons offering some old-time hymns mixed with contemporary music for an inspirational uplift.

New this year is an expanded area where Family Living, Arts & Crafts, Fine Art and Photography will now be displayed in an air-conditioned 7000 square foot exhibition hall. Adding to the livestock area featuring daily shows of youth and their animals is an ag- education center that offers fairgoers a chance to learn more about life on the farm or in the country. From baby chicks to the “milkable” cow or the new scavenger hunt in the livestock area – it is education mixed with entertainment.

Ranch Rodeos, Truck and Tractor Pulls, Lawn Mower Pulls and a Demolition Derby will highlight the paid Arena Events at this year’s Hillsborough County Fair. Look for advance ticket sales at various local outlets.

It can’t be a fair unless it offers traditional midway rides, tasty fair foods and livestock shows along with free entertainment like Robinson’s Racing Pigs and Paddlin’ Porkers and a Firefighter Show as well as some thrilling circus acts. Find it all at [www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com](http://www.hillsboroughcountyfair.com) and follow Hillsborough County Fair on Facebook and Instagram.