

# Horse and cattle demos have a spot at the show

As always, the 2009 Farm Progress Show will be full of information, education and plenty of action.

As you would expect, the newest and biggest farm equipment will take to Progress City's fields Sept. 1-3. However, show action is not limited to crop production. There also will be plenty for the livestock producer and enthusiast.

## Cattle handling demos

Twice daily at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., live cattle will be worked through head chutes at the northeast corner of the show site. Livestock producers can view side-by-side demonstrations as exhibitors show the



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features and benefits of their cattle working equipment. Both manual and hydraulic chutes will be on display.

Once again, the event will be moderated by Joe Jeffrey. "Doc Joe" will provide witty anecdotes along with his message of sound management techniques.

## The man horses talk to

The Farm Progress Show is excited to welcome Ray Ainsworth, a renowned horseman and clinician, to this year's event.

"The first thing I would like to tell you about myself is that I do not train horses," Ainsworth explains. "I teach horses and allow them to learn. I have found that through using communication and not violence, horses learn faster and retain the information longer."

Ainsworth travels the U.S. giving entertaining and informative clinics to horse lovers.

In addition to his series of teaching DVDs, Ainsworth has a weekly half-hour television show on the RFD-TV channel. The show airs each Monday at 4:30 p.m. CST.

At the Farm Progress Show, Ainsworth's program will be sponsored by Blain's Farm and Fleet. Each day, his clinics will start at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the northeast corner of the exhibit field between 9th and 10th streets.

## Visit the Web site

To stay abreast of all the latest Farm Progress Show news, including new product information, exciting events at company lots and new show activities, be sure to visit [www.farmprogressshow.com](http://www.farmprogressshow.com).

You can also purchase tickets to the show online. Adult admission is \$10. However, a \$3 online discount is available for adults. Children 13 to 17 years old are \$5. Children 12 and under are free. Please note, the online ticket purchase and \$3 discount are not available for children. Parking is free.

# Rock, country legends headline 2009 state fair

LYNRYD Skynyrd, Kelly Clarkson, Heart, The Bangles, Montgomery Gentry and Josh Turner — those are just a few of the musical groups you can expect to see this summer at the Illinois State Fair.

"I am really excited about the Grandstand lineup," says fair manager Amy Bliefnick. "Every year, we aim to bring the best entertainment possible to central Illinois, and I believe crowds of all ages will be thrilled with this year's performers."

■ Lynryd Skynyrd and Bo Bice will open the Illinois State Fair concerts Friday, Aug. 14.

■ Kelly Clarkson and Eric Hutchinson will perform Saturday, Aug. 15.

■ Josh Turner with Jamey Johnson and Chuck Wicks will take the stage Sunday, Aug. 16.

■ Montgomery Gentry with Kellie Pickler and James Otto will entertain fairgoers Friday, Aug. 21.

■ Heart will perform with The Bangles Saturday, Aug. 22.

■ Nat and Alex Wolff with Tiffany Giardina will close the Grandstand acts Sunday, Aug. 23.

All concerts will begin at 8 p.m. except for the Alex and Nat Wolff concert, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Purchase Grandstand reserved seats and track tickets either online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), by calling 800-745-3000 or by visiting any Ticketmaster outlet.

Ticket order forms can be downloaded on the Illinois State Fair Web site at [www.illinoisstatefair.info](http://www.illinoisstatefair.info). The Grandstand ticket office opened on June 6.

All adults and children 3 years of age and older must have a ticket for both concerts and tractor pulls. All sales are final. The fair does not provide refunds or exchanges on ticket purchases.

This year's theme is "An All-American Fair." The Illinois State Fair runs Aug. 14-23.

Source: Illinois Department of Agriculture

## Mark your calendar

✓ **Farm Progress Show:**  
Sept. 1-3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Decatur, Ill.  
[www.farmprogressshow.com](http://www.farmprogressshow.com)

✓ **Husker Harvest Days:**  
Sept. 15-17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Grand Island, Neb.  
[www.huskerharvestdays.com](http://www.huskerharvestdays.com)

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