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Entries are open today for 2018 Indiana State Fair competitions

More than 8,200 blue ribbons to be awarded this year

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (March 1, 2018) — The Indiana State Fair has opened entries, and the 2018 Indiana State Fair Entry Books and all registration and deadline information is live online for all competitions such as best apple pie, best cookie jar and best hand-pieced quilt.

Competitors can choose from 38 departments, including vegetables, livestock, photography and textiles. All ages are welcome to compete for cash prizes and 8,292 blue ribbons to be awarded.

"The great Indiana State Fair celebrates the best of the Hoosier state," said Indiana State Fair Executive Director Cindy Hoyer. "That not only includes Indiana's rich history and culture, but also its people and their unique talents. I invite everyone to consider submitting an entry and sharing their accomplishments with more than 900,000 fairgoers this August."

According to Indiana State Fair Board President Todd Uhl, there are several new features included in this year's competitive events, competitions and livestock shows but one of the most exciting additions is a new event called the Supreme Drive, to be held Sunday, August 12 at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Supreme 4-H ewes, dairy females and gilts will be selected during the event.

The Indiana State Fair draws entries from across state, with 91 different counties represented in 2017. The 2018 Indiana State Fair Entry Books are available online at <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/>. For more information, contact the Indiana State Fair Entry Department at 317-927-7515.

The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held Aug. 3-19 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

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About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 400 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. Laid out over 250 acres, the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center is home to more than 1,000,000 square feet of event space and offers the most flexible event venues in the state of Indiana. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. Additional information is available at www.indianastatefair.com.

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