

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 2018

Special Events

Tuesday, October 16

9:20 a.m.	Opening Ceremony for the 41 st Sunbelt Ag Expo	D-7	R.W. Griffin Stage
9:40 a.m.	Southeastern Hay Contest Awards Recognition	D-7	R.W. Griffin Stage
10:00 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting – Agri-Supply Company (Building Naming)	AB #3	North End
10:25 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting - Kentucky Spotlight State	B-6	South End
10:45 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting - Trinity Trailer (New Location)		
12 noon	Willie B. Withers Luncheon & Swisher Sweets Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year Announcement (Invitation only)		Maule Hangar
2:30 p.m.	Cow Milking Contest featuring the Deans of the Ag Schools from Auburn University, Fort Valley State University, University of Florida and University of Georgia	F-7	Dairy Pavilion

Wednesday, October 17

8:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Youth Educational Challenges sponsored by Country Financial	D-7	R.W. Griffin
10:00 a.m.	Georgia Department of Highway Safety Event – “Improve Georgia’s Yield Behind the Wheel”		
11:00 a.m.	Youth Educational Opportunity - John Deere Opportunities	A-1	John Deere
11:00 a.m.	Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Spay and Neuter Sterilization Grant Awards Presentation		GA Ag Building
1:00 p.m.	Titan/Goodyear and Georgia FFA Foundation Tire Auction Tires will range in application and include ATV, combine, small tractor and logging applications. All tires will be auctioned as single item; Option to buyer as either one or as a pair of tires. Terms include cash, check or credit card as approved. This is a real auction, with real auctioneer, bid paddles and real dollars. Once you purchase an item, it is yours to go home with. Please note: All items must wait until 5 p.m. to remove through exit gates. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Georgia FFA (Future Farmers of America)	A-3	
1:00 p.m.	Young Farmer Terrell Weeks Spirit of Q’fest Site Judging		
1:30 p.m.	Youth Educational Opportunity - Precision Ag is Decision Ag	A-1	John Deere
2:00 p.m.	Advancing Georgia’s Leaders in Agriculture and Forestry Lemonade and Leadership Social; Agri-leaders and AGL alumni are encouraged to stop by and visit	B-5	UGA CAES
2:30 p.m.	Youth Educational Challenge Awards Ceremony sponsored by Country Financial	D-7	R.W. Griffin Stage

5:30 p.m.

Young Farmer Event
(only open to members of Young Farmer Association and their families)

Maule Hangar

Thursday, October 18

2:30 p.m.

Winner of Grand Prize and other major prize drawings will be announced from Farm Credit Roving Stage located at the Main Gate – Flight Tower.

Agri-Supply Prize Package

Carolina Cooker Prize Package

KDA Farm Safety Kits

Reinke Donation to 26.2 with Donna Cancer Foundation

Exhibit Area Seminars

Safety Demonstrations – South end of B-6

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Ag Safety Team will be demonstrating grain safety, tractor rollover safety, and PTO safety. Visit to register for a KDA Farm Safety Kit to be given to a Fire Rescue Department of your choosing.

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday

Beef and Cattle Management and Forage Seminars – Beef Pavilion, E-8

TUESDAY

9:40 a.m.

SE Hay Contest Winner Announcement **D-7 R.W. Griffin Stage**

10:30 a.m.

Beef Market Outlook / USDA Update

11:30 a.m.

Adding Value to Feeder Calves: Evaluation and Management

12:30 p.m.

Putting Your Checkoff Dollars to Work: Research Update

1:30 p.m. Good Pasture Management Builds Healthy Soils
2:30 p.m. Utilizing Technology in Beef Cattle Production

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. Alfalfa in the Deep South: Yes it Can Happen!
10:30 a.m. Beef Market Outlook / USDA Update
11:30 a.m. Adding Value to Feeder Calves: Evaluation and Management
12:30 p.m. Putting Your Checkoff Dollars to Work: Research Update
1:30 p.m. Latest Buzz on the Bermudagrass Stem Maggot
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9:30 a.m. Integrated Crop and Livestock Systems in the Southeast
10:30 a.m. Beef Market Outlook / USDA Update
11:30 a.m. Adding Value to Feeder Calves: Evaluation and Management
12:30 p.m. Putting Your Checkoff Dollars to Work: Research Update
1:30 p.m. Alternate Forage Options for the Southeast
2:30 p.m. Utilizing Technology in Beef Cattle Production

Dairy Seminars – F-7

Continuous: Dairy Specialists from the Universities of Georgia and Florida will be available to answer questions

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Mobile Dairy Classroom
10:30 a.m. Mastitis Prevention and Control
11:00 a.m. Mobile Dairy Classroom
11:30 a.m. Basic Steps for Reducing Heat Stress
12:30 p.m. Calf Management Under Heat Stress Condition
1:00 p.m. Mobile Dairy Classroom
1:30 p.m. Heifer Reproductive Management and Economics
2:00 p.m. Mobile Dairy Classroom
2:30 p.m. Cow Milking Contest

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11:00 a.m. Mobile Dairy Classroom
11:30 a.m. Dairy Genetics
12:30 p.m. How to Raise a Homegrown Calf
1:00 p.m. Mobile Dairy Classroom
1:30 p.m. Mammary Immunity: Protecting the Udder from Infection
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Equine Demonstrations and Seminars – Priefert Horse Arena, E-11

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Rodeo Royalty Introductions
10:00 a.m. Hands & Hearts for Horses – Celebrating Unique Gifts of Individuals through
Therapeutic Horsemanship and Human Relationships
11:00 a.m. Horse Master with Julie Goodnight
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11:00 a.m. Julie Goodnight (Teaching Equine Skills to Winners of the 2018 4-H Essay Contest)
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Fence Building Seminars – Bekaert – D-8

Bekaert Corporation will host daily seminars to demonstrate building braces, tying off your fence, proper tensioning techniques, and more during each session. Integral to the process, you will also learn how to start your build correctly and techniques for easier install.

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.
2:03 p.m.

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

Pond Management and Aquaculture Seminars –F-8

TUESDAY

All Day “Ask the Expert” booth
9:00 a.m. Managing Ponds for Great Fishing

10:00 a.m. Weed Management in Lakes and Ponds
10:45 a.m. Fantastic U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish Recipes: A Cooking Demonstration
11:45 a.m. How to Fillet Fish
12:15 p.m. Take Your Photo with Captain Catfish – Sponsored by U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish
12:30 p.m. Fantastic U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish Recipes: A Cooking Demonstration
1:30 p.m. Introduction to Aquaponics
2:30 p.m. Adapting Aquaponics for Commercial Sales

WEDNESDAY

All Day “Ask the Expert” booth featuring live, freshwater invertebrates
9:00 a.m. Managing Your Pond for Great Fishing
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1:00 p.m. Common Water Creatures: Their Biology, Ecology, and Identification
2:00 p.m. Aquatic Weed Control for Private Ponds

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12:30 p.m. Fantastic U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish Recipes: A Cooking Demonstration
1:30 p.m. Controlling Nuisance Pond Wildlife: Otters, Beavers, and Birds

Poultry Seminars – E-6

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Behavior of Backyard Flocks
2:00 p.m. Poultry Health Updates

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Starting a Layer Flock
2:00 p.m. Medicating Small Poultry Flocks

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Poultry Biosecurity
2:00 p.m. Nutrition and Feeding of Poultry

Sheep and Goat Seminars – North end of Block F-8

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Goat Milking Demonstration
10:00 a.m. Economics of Small Ruminant Production
10:45 a.m. Fencing for Small Ruminants
11:30 a.m. Shearing Demonstration
1:00 p.m. Health and Diseases including Demonstration of Animal Handling, Body Condition Scoring, Hoof Care/Trimming, Vaccinations, Deworming, and Drenching
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Cooking Demonstrations

Georgia Grown and Georgia Department of Agriculture – GA Grown/GA Farm Bureau Bldg. at Main Gate

Cooking Demonstrations with Georgia Grown’s Executive Chef, Holly Chute, and Farm to School Nutrition Coordinator, Misty Friedman

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. School Lunch Favorites
1:00 p.m. School Lunch Favorites
3:00 p.m. School Lunch Favorites

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Apple Pecan Pancakes with Candied Bacon
1:00 p.m. Springer Mountain Farms Chicken and Grits
3:00 p.m. Springer Mountain Farms Wings Three Ways

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Sweet Potato and Sausage Hash Bowl

Lauri Jo’s Southern Style Cooking Stage – Family Living

Cooking Demonstrations with Lauri Jo Bennett and Layne Varnedoe, joined by Paige Brown of Paige Brown Arts

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. “Kiss the Cook” – **Keep It Simple and Southern**
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U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish - South end of F-8

Cooking Demonstrations with Chef Chris Wilton of Wilton’s Catering in Opelika, Alabama

TUESDAY

10:45 a.m. Buttermilk Biscuits with Catfish Breakfast Sausage

12:30 p.m. Catfish Egg Rolls with Hot Dipping Sauce

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Catfish Boudin
12:00 p.m. Catfish Steam Buns

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Catfish Johnny Cakes with Caribbean Salsa
12:30 p.m. Grilled Catfish Tikki Masala

Other Events on Show Grounds

These **DAILY** events are highlights of the Expo that you shouldn't miss!

American Grand Finals Stock Dog Trials

8:30 a.m. - Stock Dog Trials
area Field at north end of exhibit

Antique Tractor Parade

2:00 p.m. Watch machines from by-gone era roll through the show grounds. WC-7 (begins and ends)

CHEVY – Official Courtesy Truck of Sunbelt Expo – Truck Test Track

Test Drive the newest models from CHEVY C-13

EMCs of Georgia

9:00 a.m. Touchstone Energy Hot Air Balloon (weather permitting) Flyover
9:30 a.m. EMC High Voltage Demonstrations A-6
11:30 a.m. EMC High Voltage Demonstrations A-6
1:30 p.m. EMC High Voltage Demonstrations A-6
3:30 p.m. EMC High Voltage Demonstrations A-6
4:00 p.m. Touchstone Energy Hot Air Balloon (weather permitting) (Tues and Wed only) Flyover

Events in the Fields

Equipment Test Tracks and Demonstrations

Trams depart from the Tram Station (North of D-1) to take visitors directly to and from the Field Demos. See Field Demo Map in center of Show Program.

John Deere Gator and Compact Tractor Test Track

Test drive the newest Gator model – John Deere is Sunbelt Expo's Official Utility Vehicle

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday

Blue River Technology See & Spray System Demonstration

See & Spray looks at every plant in the field to determine if the plant is a weed and turns on the appropriate nozzles to only spray the weeds.

10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. daily

1:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

Harvesting and Tillage Demonstrations

Trams will depart 15 minutes prior to the posted Demo Time from the Tram Station (north of D-1)

At the conclusion of the demo, trams will return directly to the Tram Station. Trams do not travel to any other areas of fields.

For more information, see Field Demo Map in center of Show Program and article on page...

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Tillage

11:00 a.m.	Peanut Digging
12:30 p.m.	Cotton Harvest
12:45 p.m.	Peanut Harvest
1:30 p.m.	Peanut Digging
2:00 p.m.	Tillage
2:30 p.m.	Cotton Harvest
2:45 p.m.	Peanut Harvest

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Hay Demonstrations

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TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.	Tedding
11:00 a.m.	Cutting
11:30 p.m.	Raking
12:30 p.m.	Baling
1:30 p.m.	Tedding
2:00 p.m.	Raking
2:30 p.m.	Baling
3:00 p.m.	Cutting

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11:00 a.m.	Cutting
11:30 p.m.	Raking
12:30 p.m.	Baling
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