

## Illinois State Fair Grandstand Performers

### 1946

WLS Barn Dance show with Roy Rogers and Trigger on August 10.  
Bob Crosby and his Bobcats on August 11.  
State Fair Revue of 1946 on August 12 thru 16. Rained out on August 12.  
Spring Festival with 10 most famous Barber Shop Quartets and a Band Concert on August 17  
Band Concert on August 18

### 1947

Mark Smith's Horse Troupe Variety Show on August 8.  
WLS Barn Dance Show on August 9.  
Veterans Day Activities on August 10.  
Illinois State Revue including a 928 voice Rural Chorus, The Singing Gentlemen, Eileen Seats, Del Martins 2-man and a girl balancing act, The Four Song Stylists, All Girl Vocal Quartet and Low, Hite and Stanley Comedy Trio on August 11 thru 15.  
Orin Tucker & His Orchestra and Jerry Murad & His Harmonicats on August 16.  
Barbershop Quartets Festival on August 17.

### 1948

Illinois Rural Chorus Festival and WLS Barn Dance Show on August 14.  
State Fair Revue on August 16 thru 20.  
Musical and variety show with Art Mooney and his Orchestra with "Two Ton" Baker the pianist and vocalist, Skip Farrell and the Honey Dreamers on August 21.  
Barbershop Quarter Festival on August 22.

### 1949

Horace Heidt's Stars On Parade musical variety show on August 12.  
Illinois Rural Chorus and WLS Barn Dance Show on August 13.  
Veterans Day events at day and night on Veterans Day on August 14.  
Illinois State Fair Musical Revue with Ainsworth Damien and the Paroff Trio on August 15-19.  
Skitch Henderson and His Orchestra and actress Janet Blair on August 20.  
The Barbershop Quartet Festival on August 21.

### 1950

Illinois Rural Chorus pageant "Down In The Valley" and the State Fair Queen Contest on August 11.  
WLS Barn Dance Show with Rex Allen, Homer & Jethro, Virginia Hams, Bob Atcher, Grace Wilson, Red Blanchard, Dolph Hewitt, Lulu Belle & Scotty, Captain Stubby, the Buccaneers and others on August 12.  
Grandstand Revue with Three Juggling Jewels, Adriana and Charly trampoline experts, Betty and Benny aerial experts and others on August 14 thru 18.  
Bob Hope and others on August 19 and 20.

### 1951

Gene Autry All Western Show with Pat Buttram, Hiawatha Rambler, Strong Foursome and the De Zurik Sisters on August 10.  
WLS National Barn Dance Show on August 11  
Veterans Day activities on August 12.  
State Fair Revue on August 13 thru 17. Miss Illinois State Fair ceremony on August 13.  
Jack Benny with Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Rosemary Clooney, Frank Remley, Marjorie Reynolds, Stuart Morgan Dancers, Pryde and Day Jugglers, the Dunhills Dance Team and Teddy Phillips & His Orchestra on August 18 and 19.

### 1952

Rex Allen and His All-Western Show with the Pee Wee King Band, Texas Tony and his wonder horse Baby Doll on August 8.  
WLS National Barn Dance Show with the Rural Chorus and the selection of the Barn Dance Queen on August 9.  
Veterans Day Activities on August 10.  
The State Fair Revue with Tanya and Biagi Dance Team and others on August 11 thru 15.  
Phil Harris Show with Giselle MacKenzie, Sportsmen Quartet, Four Step Brothers, Honey Brothers and the Cycling Villenaves on August 16 and 17.

### 1953

All Hollywood Revue starring Denise Darcell with Jan Garber and his Orchestra, Eddie Peabody and others on August 14.  
WLS Barn Dance Show on August 15.  
Veterans Day Grand Finale on August 16.  
Illinois State Fair Revue - Vaudeville Show on August 17 thru 21.  
All Star Revue starring Eddie Fisher with Les Paul & Mary Ford, Ray Anthony Orchestra and others on August 22.

## 1954

Tournament of Thrills (Stunt driving) and Barbershop Quartets with Marion Marlowe on August 13  
WLS Barn Dance Show on August 14  
State Fair Revue on August 16-20  
Phil Spitalny and his All-Girl Orchestra, the Harmonicats, Frank Parker and Will Mahoney on August 21

## 1955

Nelson Eddy and Gale Sherwood, Lou Breese and His Orchestra and Chorus, Art Dick, Jimmy Conlin and Dorothy Ryan, Bent Blue and Yvette, the Martells and Mignon and Chai and Somey on August 12.  
WLS Barn Dance Show with Gene Autry and Pat Butram, Homer and Jethro, Lulu Belle and Scotty, the Buccaneers, the Beaver Valley Sweethearts and more on August 13  
State Fair Musical Revue with the Six Voca-love-lies, Dorothy Hild dance ensemble and other music and thrill acts on August 15 thru 18  
Nelson Eddy, Gale Sherwood and Lou Breeze's Orchestra on August 19  
Victor Borge, Dennis Day, The Crew Cuts, The Four Step Brothers and Jan Garber's Orchestra and Leo and Charles Dorman on August 20.

## 1956

Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra with singer Gogi Grant, violinist Florian Zabach and Buddy Weed on August 10.  
WLS National Barn Dance Show with Homer & Jethro, Stuart Hamblen, Bob Atcher and the Beaver Valley Sweethearts on August 11.  
Veterans Day activities on August 12.  
State Fair Revue with Ving Merlin and His Violin Beauties, the Wazzan Troupe and others on August 13 thru 17.  
Hal March, Peter Lind Hayes and Mary Healy, Griff Williams and His Orchestra, Dick Contino, Chordettes, the Toppers, Ames Brothers and the Three Houcs on August 18.

## 1957

Variety show with Howard Keel, Russell Arms, Brenda Lee, Bambi Linn, Rod Alexander, Mimi Benzell, the Vikings and the Hal McIntyre Orchestra on August 9.  
WLS Barn Dance Show on August 10.  
West-O-Rama (Western musical revue) on August 11-15.  
Variety show with James Arness, Rhonda Fleming, Dennis James, Dick Shawn, the Diamonds and the Duke Ellington Orchestra on August 17.

## 1958

Louis Armstrong and the Pops Concert Group on August 8.  
WLS National Barn Dance on August 9.  
Veterans Day Activities on August 10.  
All Star Revue with singer Mary Gale, the Freedom Singers, the Wild Animal Fantasy, acrobats the Kormpates, comedians Pompoff Thed & Family comedian Wes Harreson, acrobats Beatrice and Valenos and dancers on August 11-15.  
M.C. Peter Donald, Jane Russell, James Garner, Jonathon Winters, Peggy King, Dukes of Dixieland and Frankie Masters & His Orchestra on August 16.

## 1959

Women's Air Force Band and Fred Waring & The Pennsylvanians with Jeanne Steel and Patti Beems on August 14.  
Grand Ole Opry with Billy Grammar, Don Gibson, Ray Price, Wilma Lee, Stoney Cooper, Margie Bowes, Grandpa Jones, Del Wood, the Jordanaires and the Stoney Mountain Cloggers on August 15.  
Veterans Day activities on August 16.  
Illinois State Fair Revue on August 17 thru 21.  
Hugh Downs with Dodie Stevens, Hugh O'Brian, Kathy Nolan, Edd "Kookie" Byrnes, Alan King and Les Brown & His Band of Renown on August 22.

## 1960

Three Stooges, Paul Whiteman with the All Gershwin Concert, Dukes of Dixieland, Alice Lon, Nick Adams and the Henry Brandon Orchestra on August 12.

Grand Ole Opry with Roy Acuff on August 13.

Veterans Day activities on August 14.

State Fair Revue with Leo Stork, 13 of Springfield, Frankie Masters & His Band, Betty & Benny Fox high pole dance act, Jack Kodell magician, Trio Martelli & Elsa Shannon singers, Evy & Everto unicycle performers, the Seven Sons of Morocco acrobat ensemble, George Carl & Arlene pantomime dancers, Mary Maytor an English singer, Janik & Arnaut novelty dancers and a chorus of 12 precision dancing girls on August 15 thru 19.

Bob Hope Show with Brenda Lee, John Bromfield, Patty Clark, Michael Ansara, Barbara Eden, Rhythm Kings, Mark Dinning, Linda Bement and the Henry Brandon Orchestra on August 20.

## 1961

All Star Variety Show with Anita Bryant, Neil Sedaka, the Three Stooges, the Chordettes, the Bellafonte Folk Singers, Randy Brown, Mary Norleen, Jimmy Cook & His Orchestra and Yogi Bear and Huckleberry Hound on August 11.

WSM Grand Ole Opry with Ralph Emery, Skeeter Davis, Minnie Pearl, Grandpa Jones, Stoney Mountain Cloggers, Ernest Tubb & His Texas Troubadours, Faron Young, Bobby Lord and George Hamilton IV on August 12.

Veterans Day activities on August 13.

State Fair Revue with Mary Norleen on August 14 thru 18.

Hubert Castle's Circorama circus with Ricky and David Nelson on August 19 and 20.

## 1962

Dick Clark Show with Dion, Bobby Vinton, Gene Pitney, Dee Dee Sharp, Freddie Cannon, Criss Cary, the Bachelors, city singer Roger Douglass, The Lone Ranger Show and the Quick Draw McGraw and Baba Looey Show on August 10.

Grand Ole Opry with Patsy Cline, Tex Ritter, Kitty Wells, Jim Reeves, Ferlin Husky, the Willis Brothers and Hank Morton on August 11.

Veterans Day Activities on August 12.

State Fair Revue including city singer Roger Douglass on August 13.

State Fair Revue with Ginny Tiu and Family and city singer Tommy Cooper on August 14.

State Fair Revue with Mari Norleen and city singer Roger Douglass on August 15.

State Fair Revue with Jimmy Dean and city singer Roger Douglass on August 16.

State Fair Revue with Cliff (Charlie Weaver) Arquette and city singer Tommy Cooper on August 17.

The State Fair Revue shows included the Elkins Sisters, the Goetchis, Max & Cherie, Victor Julian's Dogs, the Nervous Nocks, Miss Elizabeth, the Rixos, Nip Nelson, the Femme Cees and Warren Covington & His Band on August 13-17.

Red Skelton with Skitch Henderson, Enzo Stuarti, the June Taylor Dancers, Jack Narz, The Harmonicats and Teddy Phillips & His Orchestra on August 18.

Johnnie King Thrill Circus (Autos) on August 19.

## 1963

Castle's International 3-Ring Circus on August 9.

Grand Ole Opry with Skeeter Davis and more on August 10.

Veterans Day Activities on August 11.

Holiday on Ice on August 12 thru 16.

Andy Griffith with Ronnie Howard, Tex Beneke Band, Ray Eberle, the Modernaires, Paul Kohler, the Sutton Dancers, the Rhythm Masters and the Half Brothers on August 17.

## 1964

Cavalcade of Music with Bobby Vinton on August 14.

Grand Ole Opry with MC Ralph Emery, Minnie Pearl, Webb Pierce, Marty Robbins, Bill Anders, Melba Montgomery, the Coopers, Wilma Lee & Stoney, Ernest Ashworth, Lonnie Wilson and the Promenaders on August 15.

Veterans Day activities on August 16.

Quarter horse racing on August 17.

Smothers Brothers with city singer Karon Rondell, Brooks Sisters, Peter Palmer & His Orchestra, George Kirby, The Amandis, the Hollywoodettes and The Johnson Sisters on August 18.

Chad Mitchell Trio Show Brooks Sisters, Peter Palmer & His Orchestra, George Kirby, The Amandis, the Hollywoodettes and The Johnson Sisters on August 19.

Andy Williams Show with the Osmond Brothers Mark Wilson and The Magic Land of Allakazam, Candy Candido, Red Blanchard, Candy Candido, Peter Palmer & His Orchestra, George Kirby, The Amandis, the Hollywoodettes and The Johnson Sisters and a 16 girl dancing chorus on August 20-22.

## 1965

Cavalcade of Music with the New Christy Minstrels, Kingsmen, finalists from the day's Cavalcade of Music competition and the King & Queen of the Air on August 13.

Grand Ole Opry with M.C. Ralph Emery, Johnny Cash, June Carter, George Hamilton IV, Hank Williams, Jr., the Promenaders, Lonnie Pop" Wilson, 'Bug' Wilson, Hank Snow, Tennessee Three, Statler Quartet and the King & Queen of the Air on August 14.

Veteran's Day activities on August 15.

Quarter horse racing with Judy Lynn and Her Western Band on August 16.

King Family Singers with King Sisters, Alvino Ray, Three Little Kings, the Dorman Brothers, the Step Brothers, the Hardy Family and the King & Queen of the Air on August 17 and 18.

Pete Fountain, Jackie Vernon, Back Porch Majority, the Dorman Brothers, the Hardy Family, the Step Brothers and the King & Queen of the Air on August 19 and 20.

Lorne Green, Allan & Rossi, Vicki Carr, the Step Brothers, the Dorman Brothers, the Hardy Family and the King & Queen of the Air on August 21.

## 1966

Cavalcade of Music with the Beach Boys, Sam The Sham, The Pharoahs and the State Fair Blue Ribbon Dancers including the finalists from the day's Cavalcade of Music Competition and the State Fair Blue Ribbon Dancers on August 12.

Grand Ole Opry with Ray Price on August 13.

Veterans Day activities on August 14.

Quarter horse racing with Homer & Jethro, The Sageriders, Taylorville Band and Clascenna Harvey on August 15.

Jimmy Dean with Chuck Casey Singers, Wes Harrison, Fuller Brothers, George Kirby and Frankie Masters Orchestra on August 16.

Jack Jones, Wes Harrison, Fuller Brothers, George Kirby with Frankie Masters Orchestra on August 17 and 18.

Robert Goulet and Carol Lawrence with Wes Harrison, Fuller Brothers, George Kirby and Frankie Masters Orchestra on August 19.

Red Skelton with Linda Bennett, Wes Harrison and the Fuller Brothers on August 20.

## 1967

Cavalcade of Music with Paul Revere & The Raiders and Sam The Sham on August 11.

Grand Ole Opry with Buck Owens & The Buckaroos, Jimmy Newman, Archie Campbell and Jean Shepard on August 12.

Veterans Day activities on August 13.

Eddy Arnold with the Morgan Ashton Family, Harmonicats and Berosini's Chimps on August 15.

Bob Hope with the Morgan Ashton Family, Mary Lou Collins, Young Americans and Berosini's Chimps on August 16-17.

Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass with Young Americans and the Kids Next Door on August 18-19.

## 1968

Cavalcade of Music with The Who, Debbie Lori Kaye and ? The Association on August 9.

Grand Ole Opry with M.C. Harry Pebbles, Waylon Jennings and the Wailors, Tammy Wynette, Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys, Stringbean, Bobbi Staff, the Stonemans, David Houston and His Band on August 10.

Veterans Day Activities on August 11.

Quarter horse races on August 12.

Ed Ames Revue with Flip Wilson, the Kids Next Door and the Elkins Sisters on August 13.

Don Adams Show with Flip Wilson, the Kids Next Door and the Elkins Sisters on August 14 and 15.

Lawrence Welk Show with Jo Ann Castle, Lynn Anderson, Bobby Burgess and Cissy King, Dick Dale, Arthur Duncan, Tanya Falon, Joe Feeney, Myron Floren, Charlotte Harris, Larry Hooper, Jack Imel, Bob Lido, Joe Liviti, Natalie Nevins, Bob Ralston, Jim Roberts, Sandi and Salli, Frank Scott, Steve Smith, Audra Willis and Norma Zimmer on August 16 and 17.

## 1969

Cavalcade of music with Iron Butterfly, Tommy James, The Shondels and local music contest winners on August 8.

The Grand Ole Opry with M.C. Harry Peebles, Marty Robbins & His Band, Faron Young and His Country Deputies, Johnny Wright, and the Tennessee Mountain Boys, Kitty Wells, Bill Phillips, Bobby and Ruby Wright and Darnell McCall on August 9.

Veterans Day activities on August 10.

Horse racing on August 11.

John Davidson with George Kirby, Baja Marimba Band and Doodletown Pipers on August 12.

Eddy Arnold with George Kirby, Baja Marimba Band and Doodletown Pipers on August 13.

Liberace with Bob Darin, Stu Gilliam, Baja Marimba Band, the Sandpipers and Doodletown Pipers on August 14.

Liberace with Bob Darin, Stu Gilliam, the Sandpipers and Doodletown Pipers on August 14 and 15.

King Family, Bob Darin, Stu Gilliam, the Sandpipers and Doodletown Pipers on August 16.

## 1970

Judi Ford and Skitch Henderson were host and hostess.

Art Linkletter, The Impact of Brass, Robin Wilson and Diane Shelton on August 13.

Young America Show with Cowsills & Oliver on August 14.

Hee Haw TV Stars Show with Roy Clark, Archie Campbell, Grandpa Jones, Junior Samples, Mary Taylor and Hank Thompson and his Brazos Valley Boys. on August 15.

Veterans Day activities on August 16.  
Quarter horse races on August 17.  
Charley Pride Show with Johnny Duncan, the North Door Singers and Alex Houston and Elmer on August 18 and 19.  
Engelbert Humperdinck with Don Rice and others on August 20 and 21.  
Johnny Cash Show with the Carter Family and the Statler Brothers on August 22 and 23.

## 1971

The Guess Who and Podipto on August 13.  
Red Skeleton on August 14.  
Veterans Day activities on August 15.  
Merle Haggard Show with Bonnie Owens on August 16.  
Pat Boone Family Show with Oak Ridge Boys on August 17.  
Gospel Spectacular with Hovie Lister, the Sensational Statesmen, the Blackwood Brothers, the Prophets and the Speer Family on August 18  
Grand Ole Opry with Jerry Lee Lewis, Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton and Ernest Tubb on August 19  
Doc Severinsen on August 20  
The Lawrence Welk Show with Joe Feeney, Bobby Burgess, Cissy King, Norma Zimmer, Ken Delo, Clay Hart and Bob Lido on August 21 and 22

## 1972

Blood, Sweat & Tears with Don "American Pie" McLean on August 11.  
The 5th Dimension on August 12. 6:00 show held, 9:00 show cancelled because of rain.  
Bill Cosby on August 13.  
Grand Ole Opry with Lynn Anderson, Leroy Van Dyke and David Houston on August 14.  
RCA Rodeo with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans on August 15 and 16.  
Sonny & Cher on August 17.  
Glen Campbell on August 18.  
Grand Ole Opry with Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty and Faron Young on August 19.  
Veterans Day activities on August 20.

## 1973

Seals & Crofts on August 10.  
Grand Ole Opry with Tammy Wynette, George Jones and Freddie Hart on August 11.  
Veterans Pageant on August 12.  
The 5th Dimension with The Little Step Brothers and Garay and Tomie on August 13.  
The Charley Pride Show with Johnny Russell and Alex Houston on August 14.  
RCA Rodeo with Bobby Goldsboro on August 15 and 16.  
Doc Severinsen with The Now Generation Brass with Today's Children and Larry Storch on August 17.  
Jim Nabors with The Mike Curb Congregation on August 18.  
Loggins & Messina on August 19.

## 1974

Sha-na-na on August 9.  
Grand Ole Opry with Roy Clark, Diane Trask and The Spurrllows on August 10.  
Veterans Day activities on August 11.  
Floyd Cramer, Boots Randolph and Anne Murray on August 12. Charlie Rich cancelled.  
Tommy Steiner and the Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo on August 13 and 14.  
Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass Band on August 15  
Dave Brubeck and Herbie Mann on August 16. Bachman-Turner Overdrive cancelled.  
Grand Ole Opry with Tom T. Hall, Jim Stafford, Sonny James and His Storytellers, The Southern Gentlemen, Johnny Rodriguez, and Barbara Fairchild on August 17.  
Rich Little, Ed McMahon and the New Christy Minstrels on August 18.

## 1975

Danny Davis & The Nashville Brass and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons on August 8  
Donna Fargo, Bill Anderson and Billy "Cash" Craddock on August 9  
Veterans Day activities on August 10  
America on August 11  
Bobby Vinton on August 12  
Osmond Family on August 13  
Dionne Warwick on August 14  
John Davidson on August 15  
Anita Bryant and George Kirby on August 16

Vicki Carr on August 17

## 1976

Illinois Country Opera with Minnie Pearl, Jean Shepard, Pee Wee King and others on August 12.

Seals and Crofts on August 13.

Jerry Reed and the Statler Brothers on August 14. Tammy Wynette was originally scheduled but cancelled and was replaced by Reed.

Veterans Day Activities on August 15.

Three Dog Night on August 16.

Tompall & His Outlaw Band with Jessie Colter and Waylon Jennings on August 17.

The Osmonds on August 18.

Neil Sedaka and Bob Anthony on August 19.

Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty on August 20.

Blood, Sweat & Tears with Mary Travers on August 21.

Roger Miller on August 22.

## 1977

Bob Seger on August 11.

Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. on August 12.

Charley Pride Show on August 13.

Veterans Day activities on August 14.

Bay City Rollers on August 15.

England Dan and John Ford Coley on August 16.

K.C. & The Sunshine Band on August 17.

Captain & Tennille on August 18.

Johnny Cash on August 19.

Glen Campbell on August 20.

Naval Academy Band Concert on August 21.

## 1978

Charlie Pride on August 12.

Beach Boys on August 14.

Dolly Parton on August 15.

The Osmonds - The Donny & Marie Show on August 16 and 17.

Kenny Rogers and Dottie West on August 18.

Andy Gibb on August 19 and 20.

## 1979

Quarter Horse races on August 9.

Bill Cosby and Mary Macgregor on August 10.

Willie Nelson on August 11.

Veterans Day activities on August 12.

Chicago on August 13.

Helen Reddy on August 14.

Chic on August 15.

Tony Orlando and the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders on August 16.

Statler Brothers and Barbara Mandrell on August 17.

Dr. Hook on August 18.

Brenda Lee and Chubby Checker on August 19. Jerry Lee Lewis did not appear for the show.

## 1980

Quarter Horse racing on August 7.

Charlie Daniels Band on August 8.

Tractor Pull and John Conlee on August 9.

Veterans Day activities on August 10.

Atlanta Rhythm Section and The Dirt Band on August 11.

Willie Nelson & Family on August 12.

Crystal Gayle and Ray Price on August 13.

The Oak Ridge Boys and Margo Smith on August 14.

Pure Prairie League and Head East on August 15.

Johnny Paycheck and Doug Kershaw on August 16.

Demolition Derby on August 17.

## 1981

Ozark Mountain Daredevils with Leon Russell on August 6. Beatlemania cancelled.  
The Allman Brothers Band on August 7.  
Barbara Mandrell with Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band on August 8.  
The Statler Brothers on August 10.  
Willie Nelson & Family on August 11.  
The Commodores on August 12.  
Mickey Gilley with Johnny Lee and The Urban Cowboy Band on August 13.  
Pablo Cruise with The Michael Stanley Band on August 14.  
The Beach Boys on August 15.

## 1982

Don Williams and George Strait on August 5.  
Franke & The Knockouts, Krokus, Elvin Bishop and The Guess Who on August 6.  
Barbara Mandrell on August 7.  
Joan Jett & The Black Hearts on August 9.  
Eddie Rabbit with Ken Carlisle and the Cadillac Cowboys on August 10.  
Willie Nelson with Hank Cochran on August 11 and 12.  
The Beach Boys on August 13.  
Ronnie Milsap with Sue Powell on August 14.  
Richard Simmons then the Bellamy Brothers on August 15. Free  
Jerry Lee Lewis on August 15. He cancelled this free show.

## 1983

Richard Simmons in the afternoon on August 11.  
The Four Tops and The Temptations on August 11.  
Greg Kihn Band and Head East on August 12.  
Juice Newton and Thrasher Brothers on August 13.  
Veterans Day activities on August 14.  
Charlie Daniels Band and Lacy J. Dalton and The Dalton Gang on August 15.  
Willie Nelson on August 16 and 17.  
Alabama on August 18.  
Kenny Loggins on August 19.  
The Beach Boys on August 20.  
Bellamy Brothers, George Strait and Bonnie Nelson on August 21.

## 1984

Frank Stallone with The Little River Band on August 9.  
Night Ranger with Weird Al Yankovic on August 10.  
The Charlie Daniels Band with Louise Mandrell on August 11. Rod Stewart cancelled.  
Veterans Day Drum and bugle corps competition on August 12.  
George Strait and Juice Newton on August 13.  
B.B. King and Deniece Williams on August 14.  
Willie Nelson on August 15 and 16.  
Laura Branigan on August 17.  
Alabama on August 18.  
Thompson Twins with Berlin on August 19.

## 1985

Survivor with Mitch Ryder on August 8.  
Willie Nelson on August 9.  
George Thorogood & The Destroyers and Johnny Winter on August 10.  
Veterans Day activities on August 11.  
Waylon Jennings, Jessi Colter and Neil Young on August 12.  
Gallagher with Sawyer Brown on August 13.  
The Beach Boys on August 14.  
John Waite with Meat Loaf on August 15.  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra on August 16, free.  
Alabama on August 17 and 18.

## 1986

Willie Nelson and Emmylou Harris on August 7  
INXS on August 8.

Starship with the Outfield on August 9  
Veterans Day competition on August 10.  
Amy Grant on August 11.  
Blue Oyster Cult with Cheap Trick on August 12.  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra on August 13, free.  
George Jones with John Schneider on August 14.  
George Thorogood on August 15.  
Alabama with the Bellamy Brothers on August 16.  
Mr. Mister and the Bangles on August 17.

## 1987

Eddie Money on August 13.  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra free concert on August 14  
The Psychedelic Furs with The Call, John Cafferty and The Beaver Brown Band on August 15.  
Veterans Day activities on August 16.  
REO Speedwagon with Richard Marx on August 17.  
David Ruffin and Eddie Kendrick with Gladys Knight & The Pips, Mary Wells and Martha Reeves on August 18.  
Willie Nelson and Family with Kris Kristofferson on August 19.  
Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble with The Greg Allman Band on August 20.  
Anne Murray on August 21.  
Alabama with Reckless Heart on August 22.  
An Evening with Chicago on August 23.

## 1988

REO Speedwagon on August 11.  
Chicago Symphony, free, on August 12.  
The Beach Boys on August 13.  
Veterans Day activities on August 14.  
Willie Nelson with Merle Haggard on August 15.  
Randy Travis with Ricky Van Shelton on August 16.  
Hall & Oates on August 17.  
Kenny G with John McKuen and the Runaway Express on August 18. Stanley Jordan and Kevin Eubanks cancelled.  
Robert Palmer on August 19.  
Alabama with K.T. Oslin on August 20.  
Georgia Satellites with The Outlaws on August 21.

## 1989

"Ernest comes to the Fair" starring Jim Varney on August 10, free at 1 p.m.  
Alabama with Jo-EI Sonnier on August Expose with Michael Daminan on August 11  
The Judds on August 12  
Veterans Day activities with drum and bugle corps. competition on August 13, free  
Michael Damian with Expose on August 14  
Mike & The Mechanics with The Outfield on August 15  
Chicago Symphony on August 16, free  
George Thorogood with The Delaware Destroyers on August 17  
Ricky Van Shelton with T. G. Sheppard on August 18  
Bob Dylan with Steve Earle on August 19  
30th Anniversary of Rock 'n' Roll on August 20

## 1990

Tractor pulls in the evening on August 9.  
REO Speedwagon on August 10  
Willie Nelson & Family with Tammy Wynette and Delbert McClinton on August 11.  
Veterans Day activities on August 12.  
Chicago Symphony free concert on August 13.  
Beach Boys with the Marshall Tucker Band on August 14  
Kenny G with Michael Bolton on August 15  
Garth Brooks with K. T. Oslin and Les Taylor on August 16. Ricky Van Shelton cancelled.  
Taylor Dayne with The Jets on August 17.  
Randy Travis with Shenandoah on August 18  
Alabama with Clint Black on August 19

## 1991



Hank Williams, Jr. on August 9  
Slaughter on August 10  
Veterans Day activities on August 11  
The Four Tops with The Spinners on August 12  
Styx with Vinnie James on August 13  
Beach Boys with The Everly Brothers on August 14  
George Thorogood and the Destroyers on August 15  
Garth Brooks with Trisha Yearwood on August 16  
Chicago on August 17  
Alabama with Shelby Lynne on August 18

## 1992

Tesla with Firehouse on August 15  
Veterans Day activities on August 16  
Alan Jackson with Diamond Rio on August 17  
Beach Boys with David Cassidy on August 18  
Clint Black with Aaron Tippin and Little Texas on August 19  
Hammer on August 20  
B-52's with Violent Femmes on August 21  
Travis Tritt with Tanya Tucker on August 22  
Tesla with Firehouse on August 23

## 1993

Beach Boys with America on August 13. This was the 15th time at the Fair.  
Kansas on August 14. Bell Biv DeVoe cancelled this date in early August.  
Veterans Day drum & bugle corps competition.  
Damn Yankees with Graveyard Train on August 16.  
Ricky Van Shelton, Tammy Wynette and Joe Diffie on August 17.  
Ray Charles on August 18.  
Hank Williams Jr. with the Gibson/Miller Band on August 20.  
Barbara Mandrell with Royce Elliott on August 21. The Metal band cancelled this date in early August.

## 1994

Salt-N-Peppa with 95 South and The Puppies on August 12  
Barry Manilow on August 13  
Wolfman Jack & His '50s and '60s Revue on August 14  
Vince Gill with Larry Stewart August 15  
Stone Temple Pilots with The Meat Puppets and Jaw Box on August 16  
The Beach Boys with America on August 17  
Travis Tritt with Leroy Parnell on August 18  
Hank Williams Jr. with Blackhawk on August 19  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 20

## 1995

Amy Grant with Gary Chapman on August 11.  
Hootie & The Blowfish with Don Dixon on August 12.  
Veterans Day activities on August 13 afternoon.  
Legends in Concert on August 13.  
Tim McGraw with Little Texas on August 14.  
Earth Wind & Fire with D-Knowledge on August 15.  
Clint Black with John Berry on August 16.  
The Bodeans with the Freddy Jones Band on August 17.  
Brooks & Dunn with Wade Hayes on August 18.  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 19.

## 1996

The Wheel of Fortune Road Show on August 9.  
Gin Blossoms with Goo Goo Dolls on August 10.  
Beach Boys with 38 Special on August 11.  
Tommy James with Gary Puckett on August 12.  
Brooks & Dunn with David Lee Murphy on August 13.  
Sheryl Crow with John Hiatt on August 14.  
Michael W. Smith with Brent Bourgeois on August 15.

Hank Williams Jr. with Marshal Tucker and Leon Russell on August 16.  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 17.

## 1997

ZZ Top with Son Volt on August 8  
John Michael Montgomery and James Bonamy on August 9  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 10, free.  
Vince Gill with Bryan White on August 12  
Alabama with Kenny Chesney on August 13  
Wallflowers with Dishwalla on August 14  
Terri Clark with Clay Walker on August 15  
Mint Condition and 702 on August 16.

## 1998

Ted Nugent with Foreigner on August 14.  
Savage Garden with Billie Myers on August 15.  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 16. A free show.  
Jaci Velasquez with Clay Crosse on August 17.  
Sister Hazel with Seven Mary Three and Far Too Jones on August 18.  
Bryan White on August 19. LeAnn Rimes cancelled an hour before she was to perform for an illness.  
Rock Never Stops Tour featuring Quiet Riot, Warrant, Slaughter and Firehouse on August 20.  
Alan Jackson with Deana Carter on August 21.  
Oldies Show, featuring Fabian, Bobby Rydell, Lou Christie and Gary Lewis and the Playboys on August 22.

## 1999

Randy Travis with Suzy Bogguss on August 13  
Goo Goo Dolls with Sugar Ray and Frog Pond on August 14  
Brooks & Dunn with Trace Adkins on August 15  
Wayne Newton on August 16  
Def Leppard and Moon Dog Bane on August 17  
Reba McEntire and Dick Hardwick on August 18  
Monica with GRITS on August 19  
Journey with Mr. Opporknockityon August 20  
Rock & Roll Army on August 21  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 22

## 2000

Christina Aguilera with Before Dark on August 11.  
REO Speedwagon with Styx on August 12.  
Savage Garden with Kina on August 13.  
Neville Brothers with Joanna Connor Band on August 14.  
Beach Boys with Johnny Rivers on August 15. This was the 18th appearance of the Beach Boys.  
Brooks & Dunn with Andy Griggs on August 16.  
Truck and tractor pulls on August 17. They were cancelled because of a rain storm.  
Clint Black with Pam Tillis on August 18.  
Def Leppard on August 19.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 20. The show was free.

## 2001

Alabama on August 10.  
98 Degrees on August 11.  
Bob Dylan on August 12.  
Patti Labelle on August 13  
Chicago with Walt Parazaider on August 14.  
Willie Nelson on August 15.  
Truck and tractor pulls on August 16.  
George Thorogood, the Delaware Destroyers and the Fabulous Thunderbirds on August 17.  
Oldies Show with Bobby Vee, Brian Hyland, Freddy Cannon and Peggy Marsh on August 18. Little Eva cancelled and was replaced by Marsh.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 19, free.

## 2002

Toby Keith with JoAnna Janet on August 9.  
Journey on August 10.  
Lee Greenwood and the 113th U.S Army Field Band on August 11.  
Kirk Franklin on August 12  
The Gin Blossoms, with Spin Doctors and Seven Mary Three on August 13. Rain delayed the start of the program and Sponge would not play and then after another rain the program was cancelled.  
Englebert Humperdinck on August 14.  
Truck and tractor pulls on August 15.  
Kenny Chesney with Kellie Coffey on August 16.  
Aaron Carter with Jump 5, Triple Image and No Secrets on August 17.  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 18.

## 2003

Hank Williams Jr. on August 8.  
Kenny Chesney with Jeff Bates on August 9.  
Montgomery Gentry with Becca Rae (From Springfield) on August 10.  
Ted Nugent with The Fabulous Thunderbirds on August 11.  
Goo Goo Dolls with Lisa Marie Presley on August 12.  
Boston on August 13.  
Truck and tractor pulls on August 14.  
Hootie & The Blowfish on August 15.  
Smashmouth with Everclear on August 16.  
Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago on August 17.

## 2004

Clay Aiken with Cherie on August 13.  
Clint Black with Bill Engvall on August 14.  
Styx and Kansas on August 15.  
Evening Harness Racing on August 16-17  
LeAnn Rimes with Phil Vassar on August 18.  
Tractor Pull on August 19.  
Travis Tritt with the Charlie Daniels Band on August 20.  
Hall & Oates with Michael McDonald and Average White Band on August 21.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 22.

## 2005

Rascal Flatts with Blake Shelton and Blaine Larsen on August 12.  
Lynyrd Skynyrd and Cross Canadian Ragweed on August 13 was cancelled. - Skynyrd cancelled on August 11.  
REO Speedwagon with Cheap Trick and Head East on August 14.  
Evening horse races on August 15-16.  
Velvet Revolver with Modern Day Zero on August 17.  
Evening tractor pulls on August 18.  
Bradley Paisley with SHeDaisy on August 19.  
Simple Plan and Jesse McCartney on August 20.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 21, free.

## 2006

Bow Wow with Mario, B-5 and Jibbs on August 11.  
Montgomery Gentry with Jeff Bates on August 12.  
Foreigner with Loverboy, Blood Sweat & Tears and Chuck Negron on August 13.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 14. Free  
Evening harness racing on August 15-17. Free  
Big & Rich with Hello Dave and Cowboy Troy on August 18.  
Counting Crows with Goo Goo Dolls and Eliot Morrison August 19.  
Carrie Underwood with Phil Vassar on August 20.

## 2007

Gretchen Wilson with Blaine Larsen on August 10  
Corbin Bleu, Drake Bell and Jordan Pruitt on August 11  
Chris Daughtry with 12 Stones on August 12  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 13, free  
Evening Harness Racing on August 14-16, free  
Martina McBride with Carolyn Dawn Johnson on August 17

Joe Walsh on August 18. Grand Funk Railroad cancelled a week before their scheduled performance.  
Sugarland with Joe Nichols on August 19

## 2008

Fergie with Carney on August 8  
Weird Al Yankovic on August 9  
Huey Lewis and The News with Joan Jett and the Blackhearts on August 10  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 11 Free  
ZZ Top with Brooks & Dunn and Heidi Newfield on August 15  
Natasha Bedingfield with Vanessa Hudgens on August 16  
Trace Adkins with Trent Tomlinson on August 17

## 2009

Lynyrd Skynyrd with Bo Bice on August 14.  
Kelly Clarkson with Eric Hutchinson on August 15.  
Josh Turner with Jamey Johnson and Chuck Wicks on August 16.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 17. Free  
Montgomery Gentry with Kelly Pickler, James Otto and Candy Coburn on August 21.  
Heart with The Bangles on August 22.  
Intergalactic Wrestling Federation free show on August 23. Nat and Alex Wolf with Tiffany Giardina cancelled.

## 2010

Lady Antebellum with Jonathan Singleton on August 13. Rained out  
Kiss Army with Unauthorized Journey on August 14.  
Shinedown with Chevelle on August 15.  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra on August 16. Free  
Mercy Me with 10th Avenue North on August 17.  
Blake Shelton with Candy Coburn on August 18.  
Sandra Lee - Semi-Homemade Cooking on August 19.  
Cheap Trick with Blondie on August 20. Suspended after an hour of performance because of a rain and lightning storm then cancelled.  
Selena Gomez with Mitchel Musso on August 21.  
Darius Rucker with Eric Church on August 22.

## 2011

Jeff Dunham on August 12  
3 Doors Down with Safety Suit on August 13  
Jason Aldean with Chris Young and Thompson Square on August 14  
Illinois Symphony Orchestra with Million Dollar Quartet on August 15 Free  
Luke Bryan with Craig Campbell on August 16  
The Oak Ridge Boys with Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers on August 17  
Allstar Weekend with Greyson Chance on August 18  
.38 Special with Loverboy, Head East and The Tubes on August 19  
MC Hammer with Boyz II Men on August 20  
Lady Antebellum with Stealing Angels on August 21

## 2012

Eric Church with Aaron Lewis on August 10  
Demi Lovato with Hot Chelle Rae on August 11  
Toby Mac with Royal Tailor on August 12  
Million Dollar Quartet / New Odyssey on August 13  
Brantley Gilbert with Charlie Daniels on Band August 14  
Train with Matt Kearney and Andy Grammer on August 15  
Creed with Theory of a Deadman on August 16  
Cheap Trick with Night Ranger, Blue Oyster Cult and the Georgia Satellites on August 17  
Miranda Lambert with Pistol Annies August 18  
Steve Miller with Dave Mason on August 19

## 2013

Billy Currington with Lauren Alaina on August 9  
REO Speedwagon with Styx and Head East on August 10  
John Mayer with Phillip Phillips on August 11

New Odyssey with the Illinois Army National Guard 144th Army Band on August 12 Free  
The Perry Band with Randy Houser Band on August 13  
Toby Keith with Kip Moore on August 14  
? High School choirs on August 15  
Gary Allan with Thompson Square, The Farm, Frankie Ballard and Brushfire on August 16  
KE\$HA with Mike Posner on August 17  
Journey with Night Ranger on August 18

## 2014

American Idols Live on August 8  
Pitbull on August 9  
Florida Georgia Line with Colt Ford on August 10  
Million Dollar Quartet on August 11  
Boston, Sweet & April Wine on August 12  
Hunter Hayes with Sam Hunt and Dan Shay on August 13  
Emblem 3, MKTO and Midnight Red on August 14  
An Evening with Steely Dan on August 15  
Jake Owen with Parmalee & The Cadillac III on August 16  
Robin Thicke with Magic on August 17

## 2015

Sammy Hagar with Collective Soul on August 14  
Fall Out Boy on August 15  
Justin Moore with Jon Pardi & Josh Thompson on August 10  
Million Dollar Quartet with Scott Laytham & Karl Holmes Duo on August 17  
Rascal Flatts with Scotty McCreery & RaeLynn on August 18  
Styx with Tesla on August 19  
The Fray with Andy Grammer on August 20  
Hank Williams with .38 Special on August 21  
Austin Mahone with Kalin and Miles, Laura Marano & Devin Hayes on August 22  
Brantley Gilbert with Colt Ford & Michael Ray on August 23

## 2016

Free show with the Chicago 6, a hypnotist, acrobats, reptile show and a Springfield radio personality showcasing what's new at the Fair on August 11.  
Pat Benatar with Neil Giraldo and Melissa Ethridge on August 12. Cancelled due to rain.  
Meghan Trainor with Hailee Steinfeld and Common Kings on August 13.  
Jake Owen with Old Dominion on August 14.  
New Odyssey (3 Guys-30 Instruments) on August 15. Moved to Lincoln Stage due to muddy track.  
Dierks Bentley with Tucker Beathard on August 16.  
Kiss with the Dead Daisies on August 17.  
Volbeat with Killswitch Engage and Black Wizard on August 18.  
Cole Swindell with Kane Brown, LANCo & Jon Langston on August 19.  
Little Big Town with David Nail on August 20.  
ZZ Top and Three Doors Down on August 21. Gregg Allman cancelled for health reasons.