

# Volunteer Insider

## September 2024



### VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



**DAN EVANS**

- **How many years have you volunteered for the NSF?**

This is my third year.

- **What is your favorite volunteer position?**

I like the information desk in the Nebraska Building. It is extremely enjoyable getting to meet people and see the crowds.

- **Why do you volunteer?**

I feel it is an honor to be able to contribute to the State Fair and being able to give back to the community in some way.

- **What is the best fair food?**

The State Fair gives me the opportunity to try unique foods, especially items like alligator or bourbon chicken, which I enjoy.

- **What are you most excited about for the 2025 State Fair?**

Seeing my fellow volunteers, the NSF staff and all the fair guests.

### 2024 BROUGHT GROWTH

At this year's Nebraska State Fair numbers across several areas grew. Competitive Exhibits had a 4.7% increase in entries compared to 2023. The Events Department reported that Nebraska's Largest Classroom and marching band participants were up from past years, while the Sales team projected approximately a 9% increase in vendors, sponsors and program partners within their department.

The 2024 attendance also saw an uptick. 314,844 people walked through the gates during the eleven-day event. This is the highest overall attendance since the 2017 State Fair.

### AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW

The 97th Aksarben Stock Show is nearly here! From September 26th – 29th youth exhibitors from fourteen states arrive in Grand Island to compete against one another for titles and scholarships. Animals shown during the show include beef, swine, sheep, goats and broilers. Aksarben will also be offering events such as a college fair, a quiz bowl contest, a national livestock judging contest as well as plenty of food and shopping! The Stock Show is free to the public, so be sure to make time to come out.



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