

2014 DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SCHEDULE

Rhinebeck, NY.... Rhinebeck's beautiful and bucolic Dutchess County Fairgrounds is once again a premier destination for Hudson Valley fair and festival goers.

On June 6-8, the **Country Living Fair** returns with the promise of great shopping, antique appraisals, seminars, demonstrations and a chance to meet and greet the editors of the Country Living Magazine. The popular **Rhinebeck National Motorcycle Meet and Machinery Show** is on June 13 and 14. And a new event, the **Hudson Valley Brew Festival** featuring Beer, Bourbon and Bacon is held one day only on June 21.

With over a half a million yearly visitors, the **Dutchess County Fair** on August 19 through the 24 remains the second largest agricultural fair in the state. 169 years ago our ancestors established the fair for the sole purpose of the preservation and promotion of agriculture and related arts. That goal continues today with over 1400 farm animals on display and competing for ribbons on Livestock Hill. Plus there are horse shows, vegetable and grain competitions and the largest horticultural show in the Northeast. Additionally, knitting, sewing, cooking and children's crafts and more are displayed all week. All this and non-stop family entertainment, a thrilling midway and fabulous, creative food choices are on hand. This year's grandstand lineup includes: Cody Simpson &

Koko Jones; Eric Paslay & Randy Houser, the Swon Brothers with a surprise guest and The Felice Brothers with Simone Felice. Hours are 10am to 10pm daily, for more information visit. www.dutchessfair.com

September events start on the 6th and the 7th with the **Hudson Valley Wine and Food Festival**, then on September 26-28, the second **Rhinebeck Arts Festival** features beautiful crafts, fine art and sculpture.

A long time favorite, The **Rhinebeck Antiques Fair** is held on October 11 and 12. The season ends with the popular and unique **NYS Sheep and Wool Festival**, October 18 and 19. This show presents hundreds of sheep, llamas and alpacas, crafts and fiber artists, cooking demonstrations, sheep dog herding and Frisbee dog shows, and fleece to shawl competitions. Wineries and specialty foods along with children's hands on activities are also featured in the show.

Commenting on the 2014 season, Fair Manager, Andy Imperati said, "We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of summer and look forward to presenting an outstanding line-up of events for people of all ages".

For more information about any of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds events visit www.dutchessfair.com or call [845-876-4000](tel:845-876-4000).