



HISTORICAL DATES

- 1854: Territorial Agricultural Society founded (governing body of the fair)
- 1854: First territorial fair
- 1858: Minnesota becomes a state
- 1859: First State Fair
- 1860: Territorial Society becomes Minnesota State Agricultural Society
- 1884: The Ramsey County Poor Farm donates 200 acres to be the new home of the fair
- 1885: First year at present fairgrounds
- 1901: Agriculture Building built
- 1904: Manufacturer's Building (current site of the Creative Activities Building) constructed
- 1906: Cosgrove, Underwood and Randall Streets named after former Agricultural Society board members
- 1906: Original Hippodrome built
- 1907: Fine Arts Center and Progress Center built
- 1909: Grandstand built
- 1911: J.V. Bailey House built
- 1920: Cattle Barn built
- 1935: WPA employment program formed by President FDR
- 1930s: Sheep & Poultry Barn
 - 1936: Swine Barn
 - 1938: Commissary Building
 - 1940: Horse Barn
- 1939: Original 4-H Building constructed
- 1944: Wooden-domed Agriculture Building burned down
- 1947: Modern Agriculture Horticulture Building opens
- 1956: Children's Barnyard created
- 1975: Hippodrome renamed Coliseum
- 1976: Minnesota State Fair History Museum created in Heritage Square
- 1980: Fine arts competition moved to new home in the Fine Arts Center
- 1980: Minnesota's largest juried art show begins in Fine Arts Center
- 1984: Milking Parlor created
- 1991: Moo Booth created
- 2001: Miracle of Birth Center added to the Children's Barnyard
- 2001: Adopt-A-Garden Program begins
- 2002: Minnesota State Fair Foundation established
- 2002: Grandstand bleachers razed and renovation begins
- 2003: Foundation develops recognition bricks and benches program in Grandstand Plaza
- 2005: 4-H and Agriculture Horticulture towers restored
- 2005: Foundation funds bring back big farm equipment for the year
- 2005: Foundation adds new disease-resistant elm trees to the fairgrounds
- 2006: Foundation funds new CHS Miracle of Birth and FFA Center
- 2006: Coliseum re-named for Lee and Rose Warner
- 2006: Foundation partners with Minnesota Historical Society on MN150 launch
- 2006: Historic greenhouse residence restored and named J.V. Bailey House
- 2007: Foundation funds the new Supreme Champion Beef & Dairy shows
- 2009: Preservation of the historic Grandstand Marquee
- 2009: Redesign of Moo Booth, creating an updated venue for agricultural education