# Navigation Tips for the Minnesota State Fair's Digital Archives

The Minnesota State Fair digital archives available at corp.arcasearch.com/usmnmsf/ includes annual reports and competition results. Originally, competition results (winners lists) were a part of the annual report, but beginning in 1956 they were separated into another document. In general, the annual reports give a synopsis of the State Fair, events, annual meeting, and financials. Competition results are for exhibitors in Ag-Hort-Bee, Creative Activities, Education, FFA, Horse, Livestock, and more.

When you click on the link to the digital archives, it will bring you to the welcome page. Click on the *Access All State Fair Archives* button to enter the main website, which will look like this:
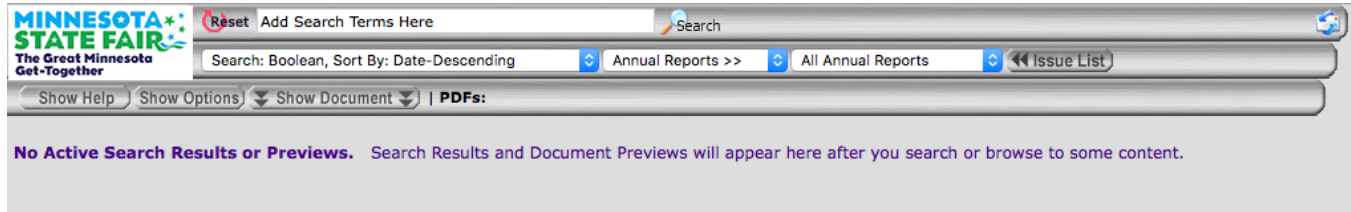
There are various ways to search. To view annual reports and competition results by year, click on the *Issue List* button. Scroll down to the year you want and click to open. For closer viewing on a particular page, click on it. To return back to the results, click *Show Previews*.

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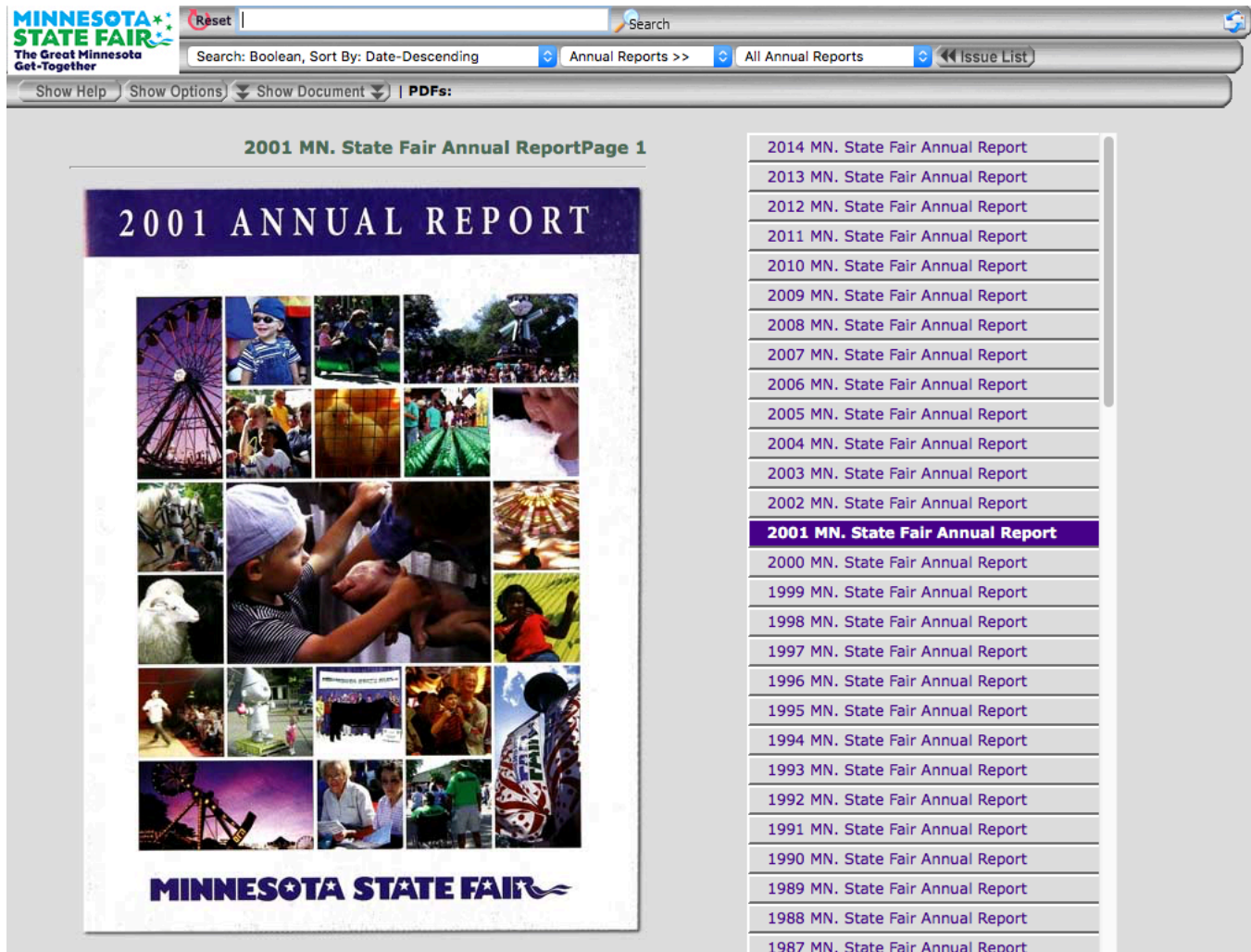
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2001 Attendance & Weather

Thursday, August 23 THRIFTY THURSDAY AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DAY 103,099 HI 85 - LOW 67 Precip 0.00	**Sunday, August 26** MAROON AND GOLD DAY 174,275 HI 81 - LOW 58 Precip 0.01	**Wednesday, August 29** CHARLIE BROWN AROUND TOWN DAY 90,405 HI 81 - LOW 61 Precip 0.16	**Saturday, September 1** MPR DAY 221,637 HI 75 - LOW 50 Precip 0.00
Friday, August 24 GOVERNOR'S FIRE PREVENTION DAY 110,994 HI 83 - LOW 62 Precip 0.00	**Monday, August 27** SENIORS AND KIDS DAY 134,922 HI 81 - LOW 66 Precip 0.00	**Thursday, August 30** SENIORS AND KIDS DAY 137,588 HI 79 - LOW 65 Precip 0.18	**Sunday, September 2** FFA DAY 205,853 HI 86 - LOW 61 Precip 0.00
Saturday, August 25 4-H DAY 173,419 HI 81 - LOW 65 Precip 0.00	**Tuesday, August 28** FAT TUESDAY 110,376 HI 81 - LOW 56 Precip 0.00	**Friday, August 31** EVERYBODY IS A STAR DAY 164,166 HI 76 - LOW 53 Precip 0.00	**Labor Day, September 3** LAST CHANCE DAY 136,242 HI 83 - LOW 63 Precip 0.00

Total 2001 Paid Attendance: 1,762,976

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Our mission…
To educate and involve our guests by providing a world-class showcase that is innovative, entertaining and fun.

We strive to
- Provide outstanding customer service
- Offer exceptional value
- Showcase Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry
- Present an unparalleled forum for knowledge and ideas
- Provide a safe, clean environment that is accessible to all
- Create unique experiences

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The Report of the Executive Vice President

Dear Friends,

The dust from the 2001 Minnesota State Fair had just begun to settle when the terrorists attacked. Many of our nation's matters is what we do today, and how we prepare for tomorrow. A big step in that direction was taken in 2001 with

You can change the size of the image for viewing—for a Mac, run your cursor at the bottom center for zooming and saving options to appear. On a PC, put your cursor over the document and a header will appear with icons to rotate the page, download, or print. Files are saved with the year and page number. Example: msf-1902-0_143 stands for the Minnesota State Fair, year 1902, annual report, and pg. 143.

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If you are looking for a particular item, such as *crochet*, you can enter it in the search bar at the top. At this time, if you enter *crochet,* there should be 256 results. However, if you click on *Show Options* and choose *Stemming,* it will also find words such as *crocheted* and *crocheting,* which at this time yields 832 results. If you want to limit the years of the search, again under the *Show Options* is a *Date Search.* Click on the button next to it and choose a year, then search within, ahead, or back, and how many years you would like included.

Sometimes you may want to understand the context of a result. When you have the document open, you can click on arrows in the search bar, just to the right of *PDFs.* This enables you to search the pages before and after the result page.

Other tips:
In the search bar, there are various ways to search. For example, if you enter the words *Horse Barn*, you will get 341 results. Entering *Horse and Barn* will get more results, because when searching this way, the two words do not have to be next to each other, only on the same page.

(1) Minnesota State Fair: 2013 Annual Report, Page 3

★ ★ ANIMALS, AGRICULTURE & COMPETITION ★ ★

EQUIMANIA!™
EquiMania!™, a free and interactive education center for horse enthusiasts of all ages, highlighted full-size skeletons and anatomy models, dental tools, tail-braiding and leg-wrapping activities and an 80-foot-long digestive tract. Located in the Horse Barn, there were also stations detailing horse behavior, rider safety, careers, nutrition and more. Each station was equipped with unique educational displays, activities, and quizzes to engage youth from both urban and rural backgrounds. It was presented by the Minnesota State Fair in partnership with Equine Guelph, the horse owners' center at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

MINNESOTA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION COMPETITION
This competition showcased athleticism, courage, intuition and expert horsemanship when the horse and rider "cut" a cow from a herd. Then, with explosive moves, they worked to keep her separated from the group in an electrifying duel of instincts. This free event was located at AgStar Arena.

HOP, FLOP AND SNIFF
This exhibit showcased a sampling of rabbit breeds that distinguished the variations of sizes, shapes, fur types, colors, tails and ears. This new experience was open all 12 days of the fair and was located in the Poultry Barn.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CONTESTS & ACTIVITIES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

First place, Open Division: Melanie Bratsch of Willow River, vocal solo

STATE FAIR AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST WINNERS
Open Division:
First place: Melanie Bratsch of Willow River, vocal solo
Second place: Alex Shaleen of Lindstrom, dance solo
Third place: BioFreaks of St. Paul, dance performance
Teen Division:
First place: Mary Alice Hutton of Bloomington, violin solo
Second place: John Blanda of Maplewood, piano solo
Third place: Britton Pankratz of Mountain Lake, yo-yo performance

Preteen Division:
First place: Gideon Scheeler of St. Paul, piano solo
Second place: Shane Mokua of Cambridge, dance solo
Third place: Lauren Senden of North Mankato, vocal solo

HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND COMPETITION
High school marching bands from Minnesota and Wisconsin competed in the State Fair's daily mall parade. Rosemount High School was awarded Class A honors. Waseca High School took first place in Class B and Glenwood City High School of Wisconsin won the Class C division.

MILK RUN
Ben Olson of Coon Rapids and Laura Hernick of New Brighton were the overall male and female 5K Milk Run winners with times of 17:05 and 19:38 respectively.

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(1) Minnesota State Fair: 2013 Annual Report, Page 3 Hits: 2 Score: 38%
Excerpts: .....highlighted full-size skeletons and anatomy models, dental tools, tail-braiding and leg-wrapping activities and an 80-foot-long digestive tract. Located in the **Horse Barn**, there were also stations detailing horse behavior, rider safety, careers, nutrition and more. Each station was equipped with unique educational displays, activities, and quizzes to ...

(2) Minnesota State Fair: 2012 Annual Report, Page 13 Hits: 2 Score: 3%
Excerpts: .....000 for the construction of a new restroom; $268,000 to replace the Education Building roof; $264,000 to replac e horse stalls in the **Horse Barn**; $187,000 to replace Cattle Barn windows; and $170,000 to upgrade the fi ber optic network. Additional information on capital assets can be found ...

(3) Minnesota State Fair: 2011 Annual Report, Page 13 Hits: 4 Score: 8%
Excerpts: .....320,000 for the construction of a new restroom; $268,000 to replace the Education Building roof; $264,000 to replace horse stalls in the **Horse Barn**; $187,000 to replace Cattle Barn windows; and $170,000 to upgrade the fiber optic network. In 2010, the State Fair invested $2,517,000 ...the continued installation of a fire suppression system in the Cattle Barn; $262,000 to replace the Dairy Building roof; $169,000 for renovation of **Horse Barn** stalling, and $167,000 to renovate the Admin Too Office exterior. Additional information on capital assets can be found in note 3. ■ LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS ...

(4) Minnesota State Fair: 2010 Annual Report, Page 13 Hits: 2 Score: 3%
Excerpts: .....the continued installation of a fire suppression system in the Cattle Barn; $262,000 to replace the Dairy Building roof; $169,000 for renovation of **Horse Barn** stalling, and $167,000 to renovate the Admin Too Office exterior. In 2009, the State Fair invested $2,501,000 in capital improvements. Projects in ...

(5) Minnesota State Fair: 2008 Annual Report, Page 40 Hits: 2 Score: 3%
Excerpts: .....24 - The State Fair Foundation board met at the J. V. Bailey House. 25-27 - The Minnesota Horse Expo was held at the Warner Coliseum, **Horse Barn**, Miracle of Birth Center, DNR Building, Ramberg Senior Center, Dairy Building and outdoor areas. 26 - The St. Paul Craftstravaganza was held at the Arts Center ...

(6) Minnesota State Fair: 2007 Annual Report, Page 47 Hits: 2 Score: 3%
Excerpts: .....Pearson, Larson and Huber attended the IAFE Spring Management Conference in Danvers, Massachusetts. 27-29 - The Minnesota Horse Expo was held at the Warner Coliseum, **Horse Barn**, Miracle of Birth Center, DNR Building, Ramberg Senior Center and Dairy Building. Blue Star Productions Liquidation Expo was held at the Education Building. 28 - The ...

(7) Minnesota State Fair: 2006 Annual Report, Page 48 Hits: 2 Score: 3%
Excerpts: .....presented by Great American Gem Show, was held at the Progress Center. 10-11 - The Parelli Natural Horsemanship Seminar was conducted at the Coliseum and **Horse Barn**. The Minnesota Antique Dealer Association held their Fine Antique Show at the Arts Center. 11 - The General Motors Car Club Association auto show and swap ...

(8) Minnesota State Fair: 2006 Annual Report, Page 44 Hits: 2 Score: 3%
Excerpts: .....program sponsored by the St. Paul River Center Convention & Visitors Authority. 25-29 - Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association Corporate Challenge was held at the Coliseum, Horse Barn, Judging Arena and warm-up ...

Another example is if you have a common last name, such as Johnson. If you enter *Johnson* in the search bar, there are too many results to run a complete search. However, if you know you are looking for a Holstein exhibitor with the name Johnson, you can search for *Johnson and Holstein* and your results will be more accurate.

Or, if you are looking for a person from a certain city, you can enter *Johnson w/5 Rochester*. The w/5 means that the words *Johnson* and *Rochester* will be within five words of each other, before or after. It is an arbitrary number, but the numbers 5 through 10 tend to be a good range.

A person's name may not always be the entered the same way. For example, if you are looking for *James J. Hill* and enter just that, you will get 19 results. If you enter *J. J. Hill*, there will be 20 results, and *Mr. Hill*, 28. In the search bar, if you enter *James J. Hill or J. J. Hill or Mr. Hill,* all results will show—61 in total (note periods are not necessary).

Another thing to keep in mind with names is that it was common for a married woman to enter her exhibits under her husband's name, such as Mrs. James Johnson or Mrs. J. Johnson. It is not always the case, but something to keep in mind. Additionally, names were sometimes abbreviated; for example, William would be listed as Wm.

The *Search Fuzziness* tab is useful for when you don't know the exact spelling of a word or name, and in certain cases a word or name is misspelled in the reports. As an example, if you enter Rosevelt in the search bar, it will yield one result, which happens to be misspelled. Change the tab to *Fuzziness: Med*, search again, and then Roosevelt will appear. Results will vary depending on the word and the amount of "fuzziness" you chose.

Just under the search bar the method of search is identified. The tips in this document pertain to a Boolean method search format. The system can also be searched by all words, any words, and sorted by date ascending or descending, or by hits. Experiment to find what works best for you. Part of the fun is stumbling upon tidbits that you weren't looking for—there are a lot of interesting pieces of information to be found.

Enjoy learning about the history of the Minnesota State Fair!