Nebraska State Fair Ready to Open

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska State Fair organizers say they'll be ready for the crowd Friday with a variety of entertainment options, plenty of food on a stick and hundreds of volunteers when the event opens.

The fair is celebrating its fifth year in Grand Island with a brand new exhibit hall featuring displays from the state Game and Parks Commission and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Extension program.

Inside the new Nebraska Building, fairgoers will be able to check out a 6,500-gallon aquarium, a shooting gallery and a hands-on exhibit about farming.

State Fair Executive Director Joseph McDermott jokes that those exhibits are so impressive he may have trouble getting visitors to check out the rest of the fair.

But McDermott says there will be plenty to do.

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