The Iowa State Fair

- Finally it’s here! My favorite part of the summer – the Iowa State Fair! I sprint to the car as I am excited to go!

- The parking lot seems to be miles of cars, so it’s a long walk to the front gate. The sun is out and I already am fanning myself in the hot sun. Our first stop is the big yellow slide. There are many, many steps we must climb to the top. We each have a rug and on the count of three – down we go – arms high in the air and laughing the entire way.

- I can see the fancy horses practicing in the arena. They look beautiful as they trot around and around. My entire family loves the Learning Center where there are farm animals being born. Baby chicks peck and peck at their food. New lambs jump and kick their feet. Small piglets run nonstop in all directions.

- The new farm equipment is always a place my family explores. We love to climb up the ladders to new combines and tractors. They are HUGE!

- Every family member gets one ride on the midway. I always want the spinning rides. I spin round and round for several minutes straight. In the hot afternoon we stop for some freshly squeezed lemonade. It’s amazing how they squeeze and squeeze those lemons for the sweet juice.

- The giant pumpkins are always a spot for family pictures. We all pretend we can carry one, by stretching our arms out and lifting. It’s time to head home! I can’t wait until next year!