The Great Minnesota Get-Together takes all comers, from American presidents, to Roman gods, to ordinary folks. Whether they come by land, by air, or by sea, people have thronged to the Minnesota State Fair since 1859. From bull to wool, the fair has covered it all ever since.

Originating as a farming exposition, the fair has always featured agricultural science. Better techniques beget bigger produce, along with heftier livestock. Domestic arts are also served up in equal parts friendly competition and homemade goods.

Expanding its reach beyond the familiar, the fair has featured the exceptional and the exotic – from colliding iron horses to diving horses.

For many, the fair is an annual rite of passage. The Minnesota State Fair: Where we’ve been clownin’ around in the dog days of summer for more than 150 years!