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Sale of tickets to the Chase County Fair's Friday and Saturday night grandstand shows are well ahead of last year at this time.

That's according to Dillon Harchelroad, a fair board member who reported on the ticket sale totals as of early this week.

Styx, the legendary rock group from the 70s and 80s, is selling the most tickets so far for their Friday, Aug. 16, show at the fair.

Harchelroad said 29 percent of their tickets are sold, which is 12 percent ahead of last year's rock music concert at this time.

Justin Moore, a country newcomer who's been on the scene since 2009, headlines the Saturday, Aug. 17, grandstand show at the fair.

Opening for Moore will be Imperial natives Nick and Tyler Talbott, known as the Talbott Brothers, who will have the biggest night of their career that evening as Moore's lead-on act.

Twenty-three percent of the tickets for Moore/Talbott Brothers are sold, which is four percent ahead of last year's country show sales at this time, Harchelroad said.

A fairly good jump in sales took place the past week as the fair's "Buy in July" campaign neared its end. Special prices on tickets and groups of 10 tickets were offered by the July 31 deadline.

People have several options for purchasing show tickets for the fair, as well as other major events during the Aug. 11-18 fair week.

There is a mail-in form on the colored fair brochure received last week in area mailboxes.

Or people can call 308-882-5260 or 800-472-3247 and order over the phone with a credit card. Online purchases are available at the fair's website: [www.chasecountyfair.com](http://www.chasecountyfair.com)

Fair ticket managers Larry and Jeanette Munger will be moving the ticket office to the fairgrounds on Monday, Aug. 5, for in-person ticket purchases there.

The ticket office will also have tickets for the carnival mega-ride pass, the Young Farmers/Ranchers barbecue, as well as the Aug. 15 demolition derby sponsored by the Imperial Jaycees.

On the day of the show, Wednesday, Aug. 14, people will also be able to purchase the Laura Story Christian Family Show tickets at the booth on the grounds.