DODGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL SOCIETY

DODGE COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Fair Dates: July 15-19, 2026

On behalf of the Dodge County Free Fair, we are excited to have our new and returning commercial vendors take part in Minnesota's Oldest County Fair July 15-19, 2026. We can't wait for you to participate at the 169th Free Fair!

Our commercial indoor vendors are located in the Ice Arena. This building has no ice and the doors will be open. Outdoor vendors will be outside of the Ice Arena, along the grandstand and near the Horticulture building (The Midway).

The Ice Arena is located by the north fairground entrance and will have patrons entering and leaving the fairgrounds. We have a stage in our commercial building and will host different events to help attract more patrons to come visit your booth. We see approximately 40,000 fair goers during the week.

We are planning 8'x10' booths inside and anticipate we can only take 45 reservations. Please reserve your space early to ensure availability. Outside booth space will be 10'x20'. Booth Space Fees include utilities (garbage removal & electricity if available). Again, this year the Dodge County Fair release time for Commercial Vendors will be 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th, 2026. We expect our Commercial Vendors will be responsible and keep their booths intact until the closing time on Sunday night. We have a Grandstand Event on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

We are asking all vendors again for a separate $100.00 deposit check this year which we will hold until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please come to the fair office to receive your deposit check. Any checks left will be cashed.

Enclosed you will find your contract and associated materials for Commercial Vendor Space. Please complete, sign and return the contract with:

- **CHECKS** payable to: **DODGE COUNTY FAIR**
- **CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**
- **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE** (we must have this in our files each year from all vendors)
- **MINNESOTA STATE SALES TAX ID OR DISCLAIMER.**

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESERVATION ASAP. WE WILL ONLY BE TAKING THE FIRST 45 CONTRACT SPACES. The Dodge County Fair Board will sign the contract and mail you a copy for your confirmation.

Upon arrival at the Fairgrounds, please report to the **Fair Office**. The Fair Board must have the following papers from each vendor prior to setting up: 1) A signed contract; 2) Current Certificate of Liability Insurance; 3) Certificate of Compliance or Disclaimer (ST-19). Each vendor must comply with all electrical and food regulations. Compliance will be enforced by inspectors. One (1) parking pass per vendor will be provided. Additional season or daily parking passes will be available for purchase at each gate or at the Fair office.

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SET-UP:
Upon arrival at the Fairgrounds, **all inside and outside vendor booths please report to the Fair office** for your space assignment and parking passes. At this time, you will be required to present all forms listed above, if you haven't already sent this information prior to set-up.

The Commercial Vendor Building will be open Tuesday, July 14th at Noon until 8:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, July 15th at 8:00 a.m.
All exhibits should be in place by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15th, 2026.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING HOURS

Wednesday, July 15th	**12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
Thursday, July 16th	**11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
Friday, July 17th	**11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
Saturday, July 18th	**11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
Sunday, July 19th	**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

The Dodge County Fair is in the business of selling commercial space and we recognize that similar exhibits may not want to be located near each other. The Dodge County Fair Board, with your agreement, reserves the right to change the location for your exhibit space in order to portray the best exhibit possible and not to have competing exhibits side by side.

CONTRACT CONDITIONS

All rules and regulations governing the Dodge County Agricultural Society are accepted by the vendor and made part of this contract, and they agree to comply with all of them, taking the space for vendoring purposes under the terms and conditions set forth in the rules and regulations.

The Fair agrees to give the vendor the use of the space, to be used in consideration of and for the purpose and time aforesaid. The Fair agrees to the terms herein stated and to the terms and conditions set forth in rules and regulations governing the fair on the reverse side.

It is fully understood that the Dodge County Agricultural Society, Dodge County Fair, its sponsors, or the building used for the Fair are in no way responsible for any damages, losses to any property exhibited, or used in exhibiting by the vendor. It is the sole responsibility of the vendor to cover such losses with his own insurance.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each Vendor will be required to show only the goods described in his/her application, failing to abide, the Board may at any time after the opening hour allot any vacant space to such other applicant as it may deem proper.

No vendor may dismantle or remove during the continuance of the Fair and cannot be removed until 5:00 p.m. the last day of the Fair.

Removal during the continuance of the Fair, without written permission by the Board is not allowed. All exhibits must be removed within twenty-four hours following the closing of the Fair.

NATURE OF EXHIBITS AND DECORATIONS

The Board reserves the right to decline or prohibit any vendor, or proposed vendors not approved by the Board, and to permit only such matters and conduct as shall be approved.

The above reservation covers persons, things, conduct, printed matter, souvenirs, emblems, and all things which affect the character of the exhibition.

Vendors will be allowed to attach display materials with wire or string from the booth tube frames or with pins and/or tape to the curtains (NO NAILS).

All vendors are to provide their own tables and ancillary equipment, supplies, and materials.

All decorations must be flame-proof and pass inspection by all designated authorities. No cut evergreens can be used for decorative purposes. Evergreens and trees must be balled and burlap or container grown.

ELECTRICAL & FOOD REGULATIONS

Each vendor must comply with all applicable Electrical. Respective inspectors will enforce compliance. 110-amp electrical services are available in the commercial buildings and at numerous locations in the Outdoor and Concession areas. Special 220 amp and other installations must be paid for by the Vendor or Concession and must be approved by the Electrical Inspector or Fire Marshall.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

In case the premises are destroyed by fire or the elements, or by any other cause, or in case any circumstances whatsoever, including strikes shall make impossible for Board to permit any vendor or vendor to occupy the premises, the Dodge County Agricultural Society, is released from any and all claims for damages which might arise in consequence thereof.

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POLICIES OF DODGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL SOCIETY

1. The Dodge County Agricultural & Mechanical Society is a private non-profit corporation, through its Board of Directors, the Dodge County Fair Board, organizes and operates the Dodge County Fair. The Dodge County Fair is conducted on land owned by Dodge County.
2. Pursuant to this authority, the Dodge County Fair Board prohibits the sale, distribution of materials, advertisements of any kind, solicitations, or posting of material outside of the confines of a rented commercial booth on the Dodge County Fairgrounds.
3. Use of inappropriate language and behavior will not be tolerated at the Dodge County Fairgrounds. Violation of this will result in removal from the Fairgrounds.
4. Shirts and shoes are required in all buildings and the grandstand at all times.
5. No Smoking or Vaping allowed on the fairgrounds except in designated areas.
6. Dodge County Ordinance No. 23-03 regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places applies to the Fairgrounds. No Cannabis or cannabis derived products are permitted on the grounds of the fair. Penalties up to $300 will be enforced.
7. Bicycles and motorcycles must be parked in designated areas and may not be ridden on the grounds or through buildings. Only authorized 4-wheel vehicles will be permitted in the carnival and exhibit areas of the fair grounds. The speed limit on the entire fairgrounds is 10 mph.
8. No one will be allowed in any exhibit building area after 9:00 p.m. with the exception of those having authorization.
9. There shall be no alcoholic beverages permitted on the grounds except in the designated areas approved by the Fair Board.
10. There are NO Pets or Animals allowed on the fairgrounds unless clearly marked and documented as a Service Animal Only. Emotional Support Animals are NOT allowed.
11. No bicycles, roller blades, or skateboards allowed on the Fairgrounds.
12. "No item(s) will be sold, given as a prize, or be a gift of a drawing to a minor, without written permission from a minor's parents or legal guardian, if the item could be deemed a weapon."
    The definition of a "weapon" in general would be a device that is designed to deliver a projectile, or any item which, by the nature of its design, could be thrown in either an offensive or defensive manner.
13. All Emergency Weather decisions will be made by the Dodge County Sheriff's Department and the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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THE EXHIBITOR AGREES:

1. Not to use microphones, loud speakers, and other amplifying public address devices that are intrusive to other exhibitors.
2. That all displays, interviews, conferences, distribution of literature, lectures, and cash sales will be made inside leased spaces. Not to permit any conferences, meetings, and solicitation of business or canvassing in his leased space, except in the interest of the corporation, company or individual whose name appears on the exhibit.
3. That this license does not permit subletting space described, nor is the license transferrable.
4. That his/her licensee accepts full responsibility for all liabilities for damage to persons or property arising out of his/her use and occupancy of the premises and understands that this agreement shall not be construed as a partnership but only as a license to use space.
5. The Dodge County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for any loss of goods or property by theft, fire, rain, or accident, nor any act of God.
6. Cost of electrical connections, inspection fees, and related costs are to be borne by the licensee.
7. The licensee shall not interfere with other exhibitors or vendors by activity beyond the space this agreement covers or by nuisances of excessive noise.
8. Roving solicitation is prohibited.

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 15th	**Bull Riding**
Thursday, July 16th	**Stock Car Races**
Friday, July 17th	**Auto Cross**
Saturday, July 18th	**Trailer Races**
Sunday, July 19th	**Demolition Derby**

Please send the required and signed documents to the following address below asap to reserve your spot.
If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact:

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We are looking forward to having you at the 2026 Dodge County Free Fair!