



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 food 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!

The Dodge County Fair Board has been brainstorming changes that we can make to improve our fair. In better planning and working to keep a free entrance to the fair, the management is asking for your cooperation by reserving your space early. We have a list of many new food vendors wanting space to set-up at our fair. In order to give preference to our prior vendors, we are asking you to return your signed contract and **deposit of \$300.00 or full payment by April 1, 2026**. Starting **April 2, 2026**, if we have not received your contract, we will start filling open spaces with new vendors. Spaces need to be paid in full by: **May 1, 2026**.

Food Concessions will be located between the 4-H Building, The Grandstand, and Ice Arena. We must continue to follow all Minnesota State Board of Electricity regulations. We will continue with our schedule: Wednesday- Military/Public Service Day, Thursday- Kids/Family Day, and Friday- Senior Citizen's Day. Grandstand events will include Bull Riding, Stock Car Races, Trailer Races, Demolition Derby, and Autocross.

FOOD VENDOR INFORMATION

FOOD VENDOR RENTAL FEE:

- a.) \$650.00 which includes one (1) electrical plug.
- b.) Additional plugs are \$75.00 per plug.

We need to have the number of electrical plugs required and the amount of voltage or amperage. **This would include all of your extra supply trailers or sources.**

- c.) Rental fee includes utilities, garbage removal, water, and two (2) parking passes per vendor. Additional season or daily parking passes will be available for purchase at each gate or at the Fair office.

REQUIREMENTS:

The Fair Board must have the following papers on file by the deadline of **May 1, 2026**.

- 1) Signed Contract
- 2) Checks payable to: **Dodge County Fair**.
- 3) Current Certificate of Liability Insurance
- 4) Certificate of Compliance ST-19
- 5) Copy of MN Food License
- 6) Copy of Minnesota Sales Tax ID
- 6) Please make sure you include a list of foods you will be offering.

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CHECK-IN:

Check in at the **Fair Office**, located south of the Grandstand, prior to taking up occupancy of your assigned space. We must verify that all required paperwork is on file prior to setup. Each vendor must comply with all Electrical and Food regulations. Compliance will be enforced by inspectors.

SET-UP AND TEAR DOWN:

Set-Up: Food Vendors can start setting up any time starting on Monday, July 13th. All food concessions are expected to be opened by **Wednesday, July 16th at 11:00 a.m.**

We are offering you the opportunity to open your food stand on **Tuesday, July 14th after 3 p.m.** This is one of the busiest days of our fair with 4-H, FFA, and Open class exhibits coming into the fair and workers putting the final touches for opening day. Food vendors must open daily by 11:00 am. The Dodge County Fair Board expects that all food concessions will remain open throughout the duration of the Fair.

Tear Down: Sunday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m.

For the safety of the general public exiting, vehicles are not allowed in the main areas until 6:00 p.m.

OPERATING HOURS: Vendors may choose to open earlier than the hours posted. The Fair is actively open with spectators from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. July 15th-July 18th and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 19th.

All vehicles must be removed from the vendor area by 10 a.m. each day. Any deliveries needed after 10 a.m. must be walked in.

ELECTRICITY: Due to the location of electrical outlets, you need to bring your own adequate and state approved extension cords and to have enough rubber matting to cover your cords. **The Dodge County Free Fair will NOT be supplying any extra cords. If you need a cord you can contact our Electrician and they will help the best they can and will bill you for any accrued charges.** Each vendor must comply with all applicable Electrical. Respective inspectors will enforce compliance. 110-amp electrical services are available in numerous 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.

OIL AND GREASE DISPOSAL: Grease and used frying oil must be disposed of in the grease/oil dumpster located on the South side of the Midway Building.

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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.

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 6:00 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.

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 RETURN YOUR RESERVATION BY APRIL 1, 2026 TO ENSURE YOUR SPACE. Upon receiving your contract, the Dodge County Fair Board will also sign the contract and mail you a copy for your confirmation. Please send the required and signed documents to the following address below.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact:

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