

2026 Lyon County Fair Application for Food Vendor Space

Wednesday, August 12 Fair Opens @ 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13 • Friday, August 14 • Saturday, August 15 – 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16 – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Booth must be set up the night prior and remain open during carnival hours

At the request of Merriam Carnival, no other vendor may sell corn dogs, mini-donuts, funnel cakes or cotton candy.

Firm, Organization or Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cost of Food Vendor Space

Cost: ____ TBD _____

Payment must be received before fair set-up.

Please indicate type of electricity requested: _____

We plan to serve the following:

- Proof of Liability Insurance is required for all vendors on the fair grounds.
- Food Vendor's menu and location of units subject to approval
- All forms need to be returned prior to the fair.
 - Application (this page)
 - Contract to Hold Harmless Agreement
 - Certificate of Liability (listing the Lyon County Ag Society as Additional Insured)
 - MN Department of Revenue Form ST-19 – Operator of Certificate of Compliance

INFORMATION:

Email completed form to cody.sleiter@heftyseed.com or mail to P.O. Box 141, Marshall MN 56258

Ph: 507-829-3866 | Website: <https://lyoncountyfairmn.com>

Operator Certificate of Compliance

Read the information on the back before completing this certificate. **Person selling at event:** Complete this certificate and give it to the operator/organizer of the event. **Operator/organizer of event:** Keep this certificate for your records.

Do not send this form to the Department of Revenue.

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| Print or Type | Name of Business Selling or Exhibiting at Event | | Minnesota Tax ID Number | |
| | Seller's Complete Address | | City | State ZIP Code |
| | Name of Person or Group Organizing Event | | | |
| | Name and Location of Event | | | |
| | Date(s) of Event | | | |

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| Merchandise Sold | Describe the type of merchandise you plan to sell. | |
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| Sales Tax Exemption Information | Complete this section if you are not required to have a Minnesota tax ID number. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> I am selling only nontaxable items. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not making any sales at the event. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> I participate in a direct selling plan, selling for _____ (name of company), and the home office or top distributor has a Minnesota tax ID number and remits the sales tax on my behalf. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a nonprofit organization that meets the exemption requirements described below: _____ Candy sold for fundraising purposes by a nonprofit organization that provides educational and social activities for young people primarily aged 18 and under (MS 297A.70, subd. 13[a][4]). _____ Youth or senior citizen group with fundraising receipts up to \$20,000 per year (\$10,000 or less before January 1, 2015)(MS 297A.70, subd. 13[b][1]). _____ A nonprofit organization that meets all the criteria set forth in MS 297A.70, subd. 14. | |

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| Sign Here | <i>I declare that the information on this certificate is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am authorized to sign this form.</i> | |
| | Signature of Seller | Print Name Here |
| | Date | Daytime Phone |
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PENALTY — Operators who do not have Form ST19 or a similar written document from sellers can be fined a penalty of \$100 for each seller that is not in compliance for each day of the selling event.

Information for Sellers and Event Operators

Operators/organizers of craft, antique, coin, stamp or comic book shows; flea markets; convention exhibit areas; or similar events are required by Minnesota law to get written evidence that persons who do business at the show or event have a valid Minnesota tax ID number.

If a seller is not required to have a Minnesota tax ID number, the seller must give the operator a written statement that items offered for sale are not subject to sales tax.

All operators (including operators of community sponsored events and nonprofit organizations) must obtain written evidence from sellers.

Certain individual sellers are not required to register to collect sales tax if they qualify for the isolated and occasional sales exemption. To qualify, all the following conditions must be met:

- The seller participates in only one event per calendar year that lasts no more than three days;
- The seller makes sales of \$500 or less during the calendar year; and
- The seller provides a written statement to that effect, and includes the seller's name, address and telephone number.

This isolated and occasional sales provision applies to individuals only. It does not apply to businesses.

Sales Tax Registration

To register for a Minnesota tax ID number, call 651-282-5225.

A registration application (Form ABR) is also available on our website at www.revenue.state.mn.us.

Information and Assistance

If you have questions or want fact sheets on specific sales tax topics, call 651-296-6181.

Most sales tax forms and fact sheets are also available on our website at www.revenue.state.mn.us.

For information related to sellers and event operators, see Fact Sheet #148, *Selling Event Exhibitors and Operators*.

We'll provide information in other formats upon request to persons with disabilities.

CONTRACT FOR VENDOR SPACE

The contract does not allow for sub-letting of exhibit space, nor is it transferable.

To reserve space, the application for the Commercial Exhibitor and/or Concessionaire must be completed, properly signed and returned with the required documentation and deposits by July 16, 2026.

Obstructing passageways, in any manner, is prohibited.

To keep our records correct, Exhibitors must notify the Fair Board of any changes in company name, address, telephone number or management as currently indicated in their application.

All political campaigning must be done from a booth or in the space directly in front of the rented space. No campaigning while walking around the grounds is allowed.

At the request of Merriam Carnival, no other vendor may sell corn dogs, mini-donuts, funnel cakes, shaved ice, lemonade, or cotton candy.

Exhibitors should keep their area neat and clean.

Exhibitors must submit a list of all items to be sold, displayed, advertised, promoted or demonstrated with their space rental application. Any item in an exhibitor's space not authorized per application is subject to removal at the Fair Board's discretion.

THE FAIR BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE SALE OF ANY ITEMS THAT THEY DEEM INAPPROPRIATE TO THE FAMILY ATMOSPHERE OF THE EVENT.

Any item found to be inappropriate, whether advertised or offered for sale by an Exhibitor, shall be immediately withdrawn and removed from the premises at the request of the Fair Board. If it is not removed immediately, the Fair Board may close said leased space and remove Exhibitor without liability.

IT IS THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND COMPLY WITH THE PROVISION'S AND RULES OF THE LYON COUNTY FAIR SPACE AGREEMENT AND TO INFORM ALL THEIR PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL SPACE ABOUT FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMESS AGREEMENT:

_____ (Name of Vendor) agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the LYON COUNTY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY from any and all claims brought by anyone arising out of the 2026 Lyon County Fair, including, but not limited to claims arising out of the Construction, Operations, Maintenance, Supervision, Inspection or use of the 2026 Lyon County Fair.

Signature: _____ Date: _____