



Planning for the Houston County Fair, August 19th–23rd, 2026, is well underway and we are excited for your interest in attending as a food vendor. We ask that food vendors have their applications submitted by May 1st to be included in our advertising and promotional efforts. Contracts completed and returned will be given available spots on a “first come, first serve basis”.

In celebration of America 250, this year’s fair will feature special themed activities and events highlighting our nation’s history. You are invited to participate in the celebration by offering a special or food item that fits in the theme. Examples from other fairs include a \$2.50 item, Apple pie on a stick, cheesecake cups with blueberries and strawberries, etc. the ideas are endless and we encourage creativity and participation!

**For 2026, our Carnival vendor, Alpha Amusements, will hold exclusive rights to sell funnel cakes and corn dogs,** please plan your menus accordingly and have these two items removed during the week of the fair. We cannot guarantee any certain food items to be exclusive to a certain vendor with the exception of our carnival vendor.

The rate for food vendors is the same as last year \$550 with a **\$50 discount** applied for forms, deposit and required documents submitted by **May 1st, 2026**. A deposit of \$250 is required. \*\*\* If you have an extra unit, cooler, etc. that takes up space in addition to your main trailer there is an additional charge of \$150.

**All food vendors include one free parking pass. Any balance owed is due prior to set up.**

Wednesday is the preferred set up day. 9 am to 7 pm. We will have one of our committee members at the fairgrounds able to help direct you in getting set in your assigned spot. If you need to arrive earlier please call to schedule a time for one of our members to meet you there.

Vendors should be set up by 10 am on Thursday; however we encourage you to be open for business on Wednesday evening to take advantage of opening night. All deliveries by car/truck should be done by 9:30 am each day. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the grounds from 9:30 am to 1:00 am, Thursday-Sunday.

There is a dump station located on the fairgrounds for your convenience.

**Water hook-ups are LIMITED.** Please share, they are not exclusively “yours”, please share with other vendors as needed.



**2026 Fair Schedule:**

*\* This is a very general and tentative schedule. Once the final schedule is set it will be posted on our website and Facebook page.*

<b>Wednesday August 19th</b>	<b>Thursday August 20th</b>	<b>Friday August 21st</b>	<b>Saturday August 22nd</b>	<b>Sunday August 23rd</b>
Set Up starts at 9am Fairgrounds open at 9am (4-H Shows)	First 4-H show begins at 8am Grandstand event, Tractor Pull starts at 7pm	First 4-H show begins at 8:45am Grandstand event, Rogue Rodeo starts at 7pm	First 4-H show begins at 9am Grandstand event, Demo Derby starts at 6pm	First 4-H show begins at 9am Grandstand event, Tuff Trucks, starts at 1pm

We would like to include your business in relevant post on our Instagram and Facebook pages as well as advertising so if you have a company logo you can email it to Stephani Smith at [stephani@acegroup.cc](mailto:stephani@acegroup.cc). We also encourage you to share posts, create posts about being part of the Houston County Fair and tag us to add more viewers.

**Please contact a committee member below with any questions. We want you to be as successful as possible!**

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# HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION 2026

Please mail this signed and completed form with the required documents to the: Houston County Fair PO Box 91, Caledonia, MN 55921.

Company, Organization, or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Doing Business As (dba) or Name Shown on Signage (if different from above):  
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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your food, product or specialty:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Trailer/Booth Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a water hook-up (if it is available):  Yes  No

Please check your food vendor space desired:

- One (1) Food Vendor Unit - \$550
- Additional Storage Trailer/Unit - +\$150

Please sign and complete this form, and send along with the following items:

- \$250 deposit (Make checks payable to Houston County Fair)
- T- 19 Form (Available online)
- Proof of Insurance, with Houston County Ag as additional insured

### Terms and Conditions

Following are the terms and conditions of the contract for the Houston County Fair designed to ensure fair, equitable and professional relationship between exhibitors/vendors and the Fair Board. Please review the terms and conditions of the contract. Your signature indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.



## HOUSTON COUNTY FAIR COMMERCIAL VENDOR APPLICATION 2026

Terms and Conditions continued,

**Electrical Requirements:** All electrical units will be required to follow guidelines set forth by the MN Department of Electricity. There will be inspections by the State Electrical Inspector upon set-up. No electrical unit will be permitted to energize unless it has a current inspection sticker for the year. The State does charge for the inspection and said fee is not covered by this contract. Only the Authorized Fair Electrician will be allowed to perform any electrical hook-ups to any fair or county owned property or the working of any equipment on the fairgrounds due to insurance and state permits. Should any inspection reveal a violation the State Inspector/Authorized Fair Electrician is hereby empowered to remove power and require any and all violations be corrected before the unit can be energized. Any special electrical service work will be at your expense. A daily inspection will be done by an authorized person for the safety of everyone who attends the fair. Please Note: Electricity Hook-ups are provided as available. Do not use more amps than available, to avoid overloading any one circuit. If this occurs, the Fair Electrician is authorized to shut down equipment, in part or all of the stand causing the overload.

**Insurance and Certifications:** All exhibitors and vendors must provide Proof of Insurance naming the Houston County Ag Society as additional insured. A copy of which must be furnished prior to set-up. Vendors must have all the required valid Minnesota licenses for handling and selling food available.

**Products Sold:** For 2026, the Carnival vendor will hold exclusive rights to sell funnel cakes and corn dogs. We cannot guarantee any certain food items to be exclusive to a certain vendor with exception of the carnival.

**Advertising:** No displays or signs will be allowed to extend beyond the front edge of your truck, stand or booth. Taking products to sell into the stands at Grandstand events will not be allowed without prior approval. No roaming solicitations or hand-outs of any printed matter outside of your booth or parking lots.

**Set Up:** Vendors should be set up by 10 am on Thursday; however we encourage you to be open for business on Wednesday to take advantage of opening night. All deliveries by car/truck should be done by 9:30 am each day. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the grounds from 9:30 am to 1:00 am, Thursday-Sunday. Teardown starts at 4 pm Sunday. No early tear down is allowed unless otherwise discussed with a committee member.

**Other Notices:** There will be dump station located on the fairgrounds for your convenience. Water hook-ups are LIMITED and will need to be shared with other vendors. Contracts completed and returned will be given available spots on a "first come, first serve basis".

I have read and acknowledge the terms and conditions of the contract with the Houston County Fair Board and, by my signature, accept the terms and conditions. As further compensation for use of the exhibit space, exhibitor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Houston County Fair, Houston County Ag Society, the County of Houston and the City of Caledonia, including their respective officers, council members, commissioners, agents and employees, from any and all liability, claims, demands, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, suits, proceedings, and causes of actions of any and every kind and nature arising out of or in any way connected with exhibitors activities related to the Houston County Fair.

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Signature:

Date: