

2026 Minnesota Garlic Festival Vendor and Exhibitor Application



**McLeod County Fairgrounds, Hutchinson MN
Saturday, August 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. rain or shine**

The Minnesota Garlic Festival promotes state-wide garlic production and sustainable agricultural practices, enhancing consumer awareness and the vitality of rural communities through education and the arts in an entertaining and festive atmosphere.

We welcome the following types of vendors and exhibitors

whose products and/or services are Minnesota based, and have to do with one or more of the following:

- Garlic
- Cottage Foods
- Products of the Farm
- Sustainable farming
- Vital rural communities
- Local healthy foods
- Stewardship of the planet
- MN produced art and/or crafts

who fit into one of two categories:

- Farmers Market Food & Products/Arts & Crafts/Exhibitors
- Prepared Food (on-site preparation)

Vendors must be in alignment with our mission. Applications are accepted at the discretion of the Garlic Festival Committee and Festival Director. Acceptance in a previous year does not guarantee acceptance in the current year.

- The Minnesota Garlic Festival is the premier event for lovers of garlic, great local foods and good times! Family friendly, fun filled and fragrant, this festival features fantastic foods, celebrity chefs, marvelous music, area artisans, goofy games...and lots of GARLIC – all in support of a healthy environment, sustainable farms and vital rural communities in Minnesota.
- The MN Garlic Festival regularly welcomes between 4000-5000 participants

Minnesota Garlic Festival is sponsored and operated by the Crow River Chapter of Sustainable Farming Association of MN.





Vendor Policies

- All set-up must be completed between 6:30—9:30 a.m. and open for business at 10:00 a.m. Absolutely no booth set-up or moving of booth spaces will be permitted during festival hours. You may set up Friday, August 14th from 1-6 p.m., however, please note that we do not provide security that night.
- Vendor vehicles must be moved to the designated vendor parking lot immediately after unloading their vehicles, and before 9:30 a.m. the day of the festival. No vendor parking is allowed in the patron parking lot.
- **Tear-down will be allowed only after the 5:00 p.m. closing;** vendors who violate this policy will not be accepted to participate in future festivals.
- Food booths must comply with all health department rules and regulations. Food sampling must follow MDA guidelines (www.mda.state.mn.us)
- **MN Garlic Festival is a ZERO WASTE event.** This means that all plates, cups utensils, and sampling devices must be compostable or recyclable. **Vendors who do not comply with the zero waste rule will be asked to leave the festival.**
- Only approved garlic vendors are allowed to sell garlic bulbs. Please see other requirements for Featured Garlic Vendors here: <http://sfa-mn.org/garlicfest>.
- Tables are available at an additional fee of \$10. Please bring appropriate table coverings or a dust rag to wipe the table surface. We also suggest a drop cloth, or some means of covering up boxes and other materials not in use during the event. Bring your own chairs.
- Please work with neighboring booths to ensure that all displays are visible and accessible to visitors.
- Outdoor vendors/exhibitors, please be prepared for inclement weather—wind, rain, cold, or heat. Install your exhibit so that it can stand up to the wind. It is your responsibility to protect and secure displays and handouts. The Sustainable Farming Association is not responsible for damaged exhibits.
- Electricity is available on a limited basis. Vendors must request this service on their applications and are responsible for bringing their own commercial grade extension cords. Food trucks must be up-to-date on electrical code.
- The MN Garlic Festival logo and the words “MN Garlic Festival” are a registered trademark, and may only be used on your products with permission. Please contact Jerry Ford, jerry@sfa-mn.org for information.
- PROHIBITED ITEMS: The following items are not allowed at the festival: wholesale items, knives, firearms, alcoholic beverages, sexually explicit materials, drug paraphernalia, and unapproved soft drinks.
- **All beverages to be sold must be approved by the festival.** No soft drinks with artificial sweeteners or high fructose corn syrup will be allowed.
- No refunds for cancellations after August 1, 2026. Noshows forfeit all fees paid.
- Wi-fi is available, but is provided by the fairgrounds and the festival can not guarantee the reliability.
- With growing attendance, we want to make sure our event goes have plenty of food to choose from. Prepared food vendors should be prepared to serve 2,000+ happy festival customers!



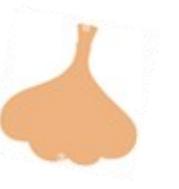
Application Instructions



Discounts are offered for SFA members. Membership must be current for 2026 to receive the discount. Please pay for SFA membership separately - see payment information at the "Membership" link here: www.sfa-mn.org



COMPLETE ALL THREE FORMS - To apply, please complete a copy of the "Vendor Application," "Tax Compliance Form," and "Vendor and Exhibitor Agreement." Space is limited, so the earlier you apply, the better chance you will have to be accepted!



Make Checks payable to: "SFA of MN" for the total fee -or-
Submit online payment at: sfa-mn.org/payment



Email scanned forms to: tj_jo@hotmail.com -or-
Mail forms and check to: Tarah Huston, 202 13th St S, Buffalo, MN 55313



NOTE: Our process for selecting vendors has changed: applications will be reviewed by a committee for acceptance based on the types of products sold and alignment with our mission. Each Vendor will be notified via email if their application is accepted. Participation in a previous festival does not guarantee a spot at this year's festival.

Questions? Contact:

Vendor Coordinator:

Tarah Huston
651-558-6403
tj_jo@hotmail.com

Festival Director:

Jerry Ford
jerry@sfa-mn.org

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NAME OF BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION:	
CONTACT PERSON:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
MAILING ADDRESS: (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)	
PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER:	WEBSITE:

PLEASE LIST ALL ITEMS TO BE SOLD OR DISPLAYED:

COTTAGE FOODS (MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE MN DEPARTMENT OF AG - [HTTPS://WWW.MDA.STATE.MN.US/FOOD-FEED/COTTAGE-FOOD-LAW-GUIDANCE](https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/cottage-food-law-guidance)):

PRODUCTS OF THE FARM (FOODS THAT YOU GROW OR RAISE ON LAND THAT YOU OCCUPY, (OWN, RENT, OR LEASE):

OTHER ITEMS:

Indoor or Outdoor Space?

Food truck or table/tent?

	Price	Subtract Discount if selling Product of the Farm or Cottage Foods	Subtract Discount for SFA Members* (membership will be verified)	Multiply by Quantity	Total: (before extras)
Festival Sponsor Space (1 included free)	\$0			x 1	=
10' x 10' Space	\$200	-\$60	-\$20	x	=
Purchase additional booth width/foot	\$10/foot			x ft	=
Space with two or more sides open to the public (indoor only)	\$20				=
8' Table Rental (1 free for sponsors)	\$10/ea			x tables	=
Electricity, 110 v 20 amps	\$0			check to request ->	
Electricity, 220 v 50 amps	\$0			check to request ->	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED (sum of all line totals above):					

MN Garlic Festival Vendor and Exhibitor Agreement

(Please return with application, tax compliance form, and fees.)

Please initial each paragraph to indicate that you have read and agree to the contents, and sign the Release and Indemnity Agreement.

- Initial _____ To participate, each vendor must commit to the entire day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Absolutely no set-up or tear-down during the Festival. Booths must be set up before 9:30 a.m., ready to open at 10:00 a.m. and remain in place throughout the entirety of the festival until 5:00 p.m.
- Initial _____ The Festival provides: agreed upon space; and by reservation: electrical service and/or tables (fees apply). The Vendor/Exhibitor provides: attractive booth and signage, any equipment needed for displays or selling (must fit in allotted booth space); electrical cords (must be commercial grade).
- Initial _____ Only approved garlic vendors may sell garlic bulbs.
- Initial _____ Use of the MN Garlic Festival Logo or the words "MN Garlic Festival" must be pre-approved by arrangement with Jerry Ford, jerry@sfa-mn.org
- Initial _____ The following are not allowed: wholesale items, knives, firearms, alcoholic beverages, sexually explicit materials, drug paraphernalia, and unapproved beverages.
- Initial _____ All vehicles must be moved as quickly as possible to the vendor parking lot. Vendors should unload their gear and immediately move their vehicle before setting up the booth. All vehicles must be out of the festival site and in the vendor parking lot by 9:30 a.m.. No vehicles will be allowed in the festival site or patron lot between 9:30 and 5:00.

PREPARED FOODS VENDOR ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT (on-site food preparation only)

- Initial _____ We encourage the use of locally produced foods and healthier selections wherever possible, including the sale of healthier beverages - fruit juices, bottled water, milk, etc. – soft drinks and "juices" containing high fructose corn syrup or artificial sweeteners will not be approved. We will give preference to vendors who can do this. ALL BEVERAGES MUST BE APPROVED. No alcoholic beverages may be sold by vendors.
- Initial _____ FOOD BOOTHS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS. Any additional permits or licensing required by the state or county are the responsibility of the vendor. All food is to be sold at assigned booths only. All prepared food booth space is outdoors.
- Initial _____ MN Garlic Festival is a ZERO WASTE event. All plates, cups, utensils, and sampling devices must be compostable or recyclable. The festival will provide appropriate disposal receptacles.
- Initial _____ Vendors are responsible for providing their own grounded commercial grade outdoor extension cords. No outside generators allowed unless approved by Garlic Festival management. Equipment must be up to electrical code.
- Initial _____ With growing attendance, we want to make sure our event goes have plenty of food to choose from. Prepared food vendors should be prepared to serve 2,000+ happy festival customers!

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

AS A VENDOR/EXHIBITOR IN THE 2026 MN GARLIC FESTIVAL, I AGREE TO HOLD THE SUSTAINABLE FARMING ASSOCIATION OF MN, IT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE MN GARLIC FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE FESTIVAL); MCLEOD COUNTY AND MCLEOD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY); EMPLOYEES AND/OR VOLUNTEERS: HARMLESS AND FREE FROM LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OF THE VENDOR, HIS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR THIRD PERSONS IN OR ON THE PREMISES OF THE MN GARLIC FESTIVAL. I ACKNOWLEDGE THE COUNTY AND FESTIVAL WILL NOT PROVIDE DAMAGE INSURANCE AT THIS EVENT, I AGREE TO PROVIDE MY OWN THEFT AND DAMAGE INSURANCE FOR PROPERTY ON DISPLAY AND EQUIPMENT IN USE. THE FESTIVAL AND THE COUNTY AND THEIR AGENTS AND ASSIGNEES ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE, OR LIABILITY TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY SUSTAINED BY REASON OF PRESENCE OF THE VENDOR AT THE MN GARLIC FESTIVAL OR ANY PORTION THEREOF IN AUGUST 2026. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE ESTABLISHED RULES. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THE FESTIVAL MAY REVOKE AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE AT ANY TIME FOR VIOLATION OF THOSE RULES OR OTHER ACTIONS WHICH DO NOT CONFORM TO THE BOARD POLICY.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED VENDOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL VENDORS!

(If you have a non-sales booth, there is a check box to indicate that below.)



ST19

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.

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 Sustainable Farming Association of MN - Crow River Chapter			
	Name and Location of Event Minnesota Garlic Festival, Hutchinson, MN			
Date(s) of Event August 15, 2026				

Merchandise Sold	Describe the type of merchandise you plan to sell.

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.

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

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.