

MINNESOTA GARLIC FESTIVAL GARLIC VENDOR POLICY 2026

Applications to be a Featured Garlic Grower (a garlic bulb vendor) open February 7th and close June 30th, 2026. (The application period for vendors *not* selling garlic bulbs remains open until all spaces are filled.)

Anyone who wishes to be a Featured Garlic Grower and sell garlic bulbs at MN Garlic Festival must:

- 1) Be a member of Sustainable Farming Association. Membership information here: <https://secure.sfa-mn.org/forms/join>
- 2) Complete a Vendor Application, clearly stating that you intend to sell garlic bulbs. (<https://sfa-mn.org/garlicfest/>)
- 3) Sell only garlic that you grew in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota or South Dakota.
- 4) Complete the Garlic Nematode Testing Procedure by June 30. (Found here: <https://sfa-mn.org/garlicfest/>) Only garlic from fields that test negative for bloat nematode may be sold.
- 5) Be able to bring sufficient stock to sell through the entire day, at least 1,200 bulbs.
- 6) Inspect the bulbs that you intend to bring to the festival for Aster Yellow's Phytoplasma (AYP) and remove bulbs that are obviously infected.
- 7) Enter at least one bulb in the Garlic Growing Contest (see below.)

Any vendor found selling garlic at the festival that has not been approved will be asked to stop and may risk forfeiting their eligibility in future years.

Determination of Selected Vendors

Here are the criteria for determining garlic vendors for 2026, in this order:

- 1) Preference will be given to approved garlic vendors from 2025.
- 2) Preference will be given to growers on the Waiting List in 2025.
- 3) Preference will be given to growers in Minnesota, and then to Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.
- 4) Preference will be given in the order that we received the application.

Once the 17 positions are filled, other approved applicants will be placed on the Waiting List and will be ranked by date received and with the criteria above.

Please **submit your application before June 30th**. After that date, we will begin selecting garlic vendors from the Waiting List to fill any slots left open.

We recommend that ALL garlic growers do the Garlic Bloat Nematode testing, even if you don't intend to be a Garlic Festival Vendor, because it is critical that we stop the spread of this disease.

Number of Garlic Vendors

For 2025, there will be 17 garlic bulb vendors, "Featured Garlic Growers", at the festival. Our policy is that for every increase in attendance of 500, we will add another garlic vendor slot.

Garlic Growers who are not accepted will be given a full refund.

Garlic Growing Contest

All Featured Growers are expected to enter at least one bulb in the Garlic Growing Contest. This can be done the morning of the festival. The contest is housed in the same building as the featured growers.

More information is here: <https://www.mn garlicfest.com/garlicgrowing-contest>

Questions? Please contact Jerry Ford, Festival Director, jerry@sfa-mn.org, 763-244-6659