



# Erie County Agricultural Society

3110 Columbus Avenue, P.O. Box 2436, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

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## 2026 ERIE COUNTY FAIR FOOD VENDOR AGREEMENT

Fair Dates: August 10 - 15, 2026

Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Vendor Information

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

 Please print clearly!

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### Space Requirements

Space Required: Front \_\_\_\_\_ ft. x Depth \_\_\_\_\_ ft. (Print clearly!) \_\_\_\_\_ Side you serve from

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### Items to be Sold or Advertised

(List all items below. Only listed items will be permitted! If you need more space, attach a separate list.)

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### Pricing and Payment

 **Non-Refundable Deposit:** \$300.00 per space reserved.

(This deposit is NOT deducted from your weekly sales for commission purposes!)

**Commission:** 15% on daily gross sales totals. (Commission is due when vacating your spot - no later than Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 12:00pm.)

**Daily Totals:** Vendors must submit daily totals each night to the fair office.

**Pop-Up Tents:** Allowed at your own risk! Must be properly secured. Any damage caused is your responsibility.

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## \$ Fees:

Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Stock Trailers (Non-electric \$30, Electric \$60): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Insurance Requirements

⚠ Vendors **MUST** carry liability insurance with at least **\$1,000,000.00** in coverage. A **Certificate of Insurance** must be provided during reservation and check-in listing the Erie County Agricultural Society as an additional insured.

## Agreement Terms

This contract ensures that your business follows all **Rules & Regulations** of the Erie County Agricultural Society.

You pledge your structures, goods, and equipment as security for the agreed payment.

If payments are not made, the Erie County Agricultural Society may auction pledged items to cover costs.

The Society is **not responsible** for any loss or damage to vendor property.

Vendors must obtain required licenses from the Department of Agriculture.

👉 **By signing this agreement, I confirm that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the Guidelines for Food Vendors and Rules and Regulations governing midway activities at Ohio Agricultural Fairs.**

Vendor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Erie County Agricultural Society): \_\_\_\_\_ 

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment & Submission Details \$

**Make checks payable to:** Erie County Agricultural Society

**Credit Card Payments:** Available online at <https://app.fairs.com/e/8679ca8fbd4c4049>

Need help? Call or email us at **419-625-1000** or [secretary@eriefair.com](mailto:secretary@eriefair.com)

**Submission Deadline:** May 1, 2026 (After this date, space is first-come, first-served!)

**Return completed agreement and documents to:**

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**See you at the fair!**





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## Greetings from the Erie County Fair!

While everyone else is bundled up for winter, we're already counting down the days to sunshine, fair food, music, laughter, and another unforgettable week at the fairgrounds. Planning for the **2026 Erie County Fair is officially underway**, and we couldn't be more excited!

We'd LOVE for you to join us as a vendor this summer!

This year's fair features Edy Solet, our 2025 Erie County Fair Queen and the 2026 Ohio Fairs' Queen — a distinguished statewide ambassador. With her representing us, we anticipate higher visitor turnout and expanded interest from across Ohio, meaning more potential customers for your booth

**A unique feature of our fair is FREE admission to the grounds for the public.** This means big crowds, happy families, and LOTS of potential customers walking past your booth all day long. It's the perfect place to showcase your business, connect with the community, and have a whole lot of fun doing it.

Of course, we're bringing back the crowd favorites you know and love —

- 🎯 Rodeo
- 🚗 NTPA Tractor Pull
- 💣 Demolition Derby
- 🐷 Animal Scramble 🐷 🐶 🏃

PLUS, we're adding even MORE excitement this year like Bounce Houses, Laser Tag, Dog Shows, and new attractions still in the works. We're pulling out all the stops to make 2026 bigger, better, and more buzz-worthy than ever — the kind of fair people talk about all year long (and bring their friends back to!).

## 📅 Mark your calendars:

The fair kicks off **Monday, August 10th** and runs through **Saturday, August 15th**, with Sunday, August 16th reserved for animal/project release and tear down. You're welcome to stay open Sunday morning for exhibitors and workers if you'd like — or pack up after Saturday night.

Throughout the week, we'll collect your daily totals, and at the end of the fair we'll gather the standard **15% commission**. When you check in, you'll receive a vendor packet with everything you need for a smooth, successful week. Before heading out, just stop by the fair office to drop off final paperwork and commission. (We truly love having our vendors back year after year, so getting that wrapped up before you leave helps guarantee your spot for next time!)

## 🌟 Ready to join the fun?

To reserve your space, please return:

- Vendor Agreement
- Hold Harmless Clause
- Proof of Insurance
- Full deposit

Spots fill quickly every year, so don't wait too long! The preferred deadline to submit is **May 1, 2026**.

We can't wait to fill the fairgrounds with amazing vendors, incredible food, unique shopping, and that unbeatable Erie County Fair energy. We hope you'll be part of it — because it just wouldn't be the same without you!

See you this summer! ❤️ 🌻

Jennifer Gast  
Secretary, Erie County Agricultural Society



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## 2026 Guidelines for Food Vendors

### 1. Vendor Contract Details:

Food vendors must list all items to be sold on the "Vendors' Contract." Display items, handouts, and demonstrations are subject to approval by fair directors. Items or activities not listed will not be permitted. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

### 2. Liability Insurance Requirement:

Vendors must provide the Erie County Agricultural Society with a **current Certificate of Public Liability Insurance** listing the Erie County Agricultural Society as an additional insured. Coverage must be at least **\$1,000,000.00**.

### 3. Exhibit Hours:

Food exhibitor spots must be manned between **11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.** daily. All vendor spots must be set up and ready by **Monday at 11:00 a.m.** Vendors may choose to open earlier than 11:00 a.m.

### 4. Setup and Teardown:

Vendors may begin setting up on the **Saturday before the fair**. Vendor spots **must remain in place until 11:59 p.m. on Saturday**, with no exceptions.

### 5. Daily Reporting:

Daily gross sales totals must be submitted to the fair office each night. If not submitted, a fair board member will collect the paperwork by **11:30 a.m.** the following morning. Failure to report sales will result in a minimum \$500 commission owed for that day.

### 6. Commission Rate:

A 15% commission is applied to your total gross sales during the week of the fair. Food vouchers from the Fair (Judges, Hay Bale winners) must be accepted and change provided as needed. Voucher amounts will be deducted from your gross sales prior to calculating the commission, ensuring no commission is charged on these amounts.

### 7. Solicitation Restrictions:

Vendors may not solicit contracts for goods or services or make philosophical presentations to individuals under **18 years old** unless a parent or guardian is present.

### 8. Vehicle Access for Supplies:

Vendors may bring in supplies by vehicle each morning. Vehicles must be off the grounds by **10:00 a.m.** Inform suppliers of this deadline. After **10:00 a.m.**, supplies must be brought in by hand. Vehicles not removed by the deadline may be towed at the vendor's expense.

### 9. Soft Drink Sales:

Soft drinks may not be sold in **glass bottles**. Only soft drink vending machines operated by the Erie County Agricultural Society are allowed on the fairgrounds.

### 10. Living Quarters:

Vans, trucks, cars, campers, or motor homes used as living quarters during the fair are not allowed on the fairgrounds. These must be parked in the campgrounds. Contact the Fair Secretary for campsite contracts and payment information.



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## 11. Trash Disposal:

Vendors must dispose of trash in the **three-yard containers** located on the grounds—not in trash totes.

## 12. Compliance with Fair Rules:

By signing this contract, vendors agree to abide by the **Rules and Regulations Governing Midway Activities at Ohio Agricultural Fairs**, as set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and adopted by The Erie County Agricultural Society.

## 13. Fire Safety:

Concession stands using deep fryers must have at least one **K-Class portable fire extinguisher** within easy access, in addition to the required dry extinguisher for grease fires. Proper grease disposal is mandatory, or vendors will be billed.

## 14. Grandstand Sales:

Vendors must request authorization to sell drinks in the grandstands. Only authorized vendors may sell in this area.

## 15. Electrical Requirements:

Proper plug ends are required. The fairgrounds are wired for **60-amp plugs**. Hard wiring is **not allowed**. Contact the fair office if assistance is needed in obtaining plugs. A limited number of **60-amp adapters** are available for rent.

## 16. Deposit Payment Deadline:

Any remaining vendor deposits must be paid by **May 1st** of the current year. Payment arrangements can be made by contacting the Secretary at **419-625-1000** or via email at [secretary@eriefair.com](mailto:secretary@eriefair.com). Forms of payment accepted are check, cash or credit card. Fees apply when using a credit card. We can now accept online payments visit [www.eriefair.com](http://www.eriefair.com) for the payment link.

## 17. Vendor Location:

The fair board will make every effort to keep vendors in their current location. However, the board reserves the right to change vendor locations at any time for any reason.

## 18. Fairground Removal:

The Erie County Agricultural Society reserves the right to remove vendors from the grounds at any time, for any reason, at its sole discretion.

## 19. Vendor Location:

The Erie County Agricultural Society reserves the right to approve or deny vendor placements at its sole discretion. While we strive to keep vendors in their previous locations, placement is not guaranteed. Additionally, we reserve the right to reject any vendor application for any reason.

## Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I have read and will comply with the foregoing guidelines. **(Print name clearly)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

“To the fullest extent permitted by law, the \_\_\_\_\_ (Company Name) agrees to defend, pay on behalf of, and hold harmless the Erie County Agricultural Society against any and all claims, demands, suits, or losses—including all associated costs—for any damage that may be asserted, claimed, or recovered against or from the Erie County Agricultural Society, its elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers, or others working on its behalf. This includes claims for personal injury (including bodily injury and death) and/or property damage (including loss of use), arising out of the alleged negligence of \_\_\_\_\_ (Company Name) and/or in any way connected or associated with this contract.”

**Authorized Agent of Entity** (Please Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## LIABILITY WAIVER

The Erie County Agricultural Society is not responsible for any damage done by the holder of a concession permit, or by his, her or its employees or agents, to any person or property.

Concessionaires shall hold Erie County Agricultural Society harmless and waive their right of subrogation against the Erie County Agricultural Society. They shall carry their own liability insurance and present a CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE as part of the reservation process and at time of check in.

The Erie County Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility for accidents to any person, property or loss of damages by theft, fire, water, wind, storm, or acts of third party, or for any other causes; and all concessionaires, exhibitors and their agents agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Erie County Agricultural Society and to indemnify the Erie County Agricultural Society and its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers thereto.

The violation of any of the above-mentioned conditions by the holder of a concession or privilege permit, or by his, her or their agent or employees, shall annul the permit and the Erie County Agricultural Society, which may take charge of all property used in or about the business of the Concessionaire and sell same and apply the proceeds to payments of any sums due to the Erie County Agricultural Society for the privilege.

**I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Erie County Agricultural Society and its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print Clearly)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Concession:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print Clearly)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_