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FAIRS
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PREFACE

The Tourism Management and Development Center's mission is to help the tourism industry in Minnesota, specifically northern Minnesota, to be successful. To accomplish this purpose, the Center conducts research and offers technical assistance to communities, non-profit organizations and private enterprises within the tourism industry. Target market research on campers, senior citizens, special populations, fisherman, skiers, and international visitors is our current focus. University of Minnesota, Duluth students operate a campground as a small-business, a newsletter, "The Northland Trekker", is published quarterly for trip planners who organize trips to northern Minnesota, and the resources of the Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Institute, and the Bureau of Business and Economic Research are utilized when appropriate.

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MINNESOTA COUNTY FAIRS

INTRODUCTION

County fairs are one of Minnesota's major summer attractions. They range on a scale from very small local events to several of regional and statewide significance. In an attempt to posture and develop county fairs as major visitor attractions, a survey of 1985 county fairs in Minnesota was conducted by a Tourism Management and Development Center intern. The survey was directed toward identifying the nature of each county fair in the State in terms of its theme, special events, unique aspects and attendance. The survey also collected fair information such as the date of fair, contact person, telephone, addresses, and booth application process. Presentation of the data collected is presented alphabetically by county. Only those responding to the survey are listed. If this manual proves to be useful to potential visitors, potential booth participants, fair officials, and tourism promotional organizations, then it will be enlarged and updated in 1986.

ANOKA COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Anoka County Fair

ADDRESS: Box 278
Anoka, MN 55303

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Gil Bruner
Home: 612-757-2310 Fair: 612-427-4070
President: Dean Carlson 612-427-4070

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 30 - Aug 4
Previous Years: same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications and contracts for booths are mailed out to exhibitors. Deadline for submission is July 15th. County handles food license only.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of outside booth space is \$15.00 per front foot. The inside booth space costs \$12.00 per front foot.

THEME: The theme hasn't been decided yet.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: 1) the largest demolition derby in the state 2) tractor pull 3) truck pull 4) Pro-Rodeo 5) moto-cross 6) possible horse race. Two major bands per night and an old stockade for a beer garden.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This fair's unique aspect is an Old Farm site containing a school house, blacksmith shop, log barn, church, jail, post office and senior citizen house.

ATTENDANCE:

1984 200,000

BECKER COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Becker County Fair

ADDRESS: Box 96
Frazee, MN 56544

CONTACTS:

Manager: Mari Leegard 218-439-6229
Secretary: Yvonne McTaggart 218-334-2501
President: Ken Shroyer 218-439-6035
Other Officer: Marv Anderson 218-334-2751

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 21-24
Previous Years: the second week of August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available through:
Lillie Cogger
Rte. 3 Box 43
Detroit Lakes, MN

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair.
The approximate cost of booth space in the commercial
exhibit building is \$65.00.

THEME: None Listed.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include a demolition derby, tractor & pick up
pull, and 4-H market auction.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE:

None Listed

BELTRAMI COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Beltrami County Fair

ADDRESS: Hwy 2 W
Bemidji, MN

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Bill Schulke 218-751-2739
President: Earl Dickinson 218-751-5530
Treasurer: Chas Noren 218-751-1510

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 1-4
Previous Years: as near to Aug 1 as possible

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Contact R. Frisk, 1st National Bank; Bemidji, MN; 218-751-2430. Deadline for submission is April 15 of current year.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Food Booths: \$75.00 and \$25.00 for a 50-ft frontage
Other booths differ depending on the size.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Horse Pull 2) Battle of Bands 3) Tractor & Truck Pull
4) Demolition Derby 5) Two Circle Performers 6) Gopher
State Exposition-Midway 7) State Hampshire Sheep Show 8)
Logging Demonstration

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Heritage Center and Children's Barnyard

ATTENDANCE:

1984 15,600

1983 12,400

For statistics on other years contact:

Don Brown, Secretary
MN Fed of County Fairs
Wadena, MN 56482

BENTON COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Benton County Fair

ADDRESS: Benton County Fair
Box 166
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

CONTACTS:

President: Philip Pederson 612-253-5649
Burton Olson 612-968-7213

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 6-11
Previous Years: the usual dates of the fair are around the
15th of August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booth space can be received by writing to
Phil Pederson, manager. The deadline for application
submission is when they are all sold out.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths and the cost
of booth space differs depending on where the booth is
located. The approximate cost of space for a truck or van
is \$50.00 and the cost of an 8'x8' space in the merchant
building is \$75.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Major events that will take place this year are a demolition
derby, tractor pull, pick up pull and horse show.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This is a free fair.

ATTENDANCE

1984 80,000
1980 75-100,000

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Blue Earth County Fair

ADDRESS: Route 1, Box 128
Beardsley, MN 56211

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Dick Keenan 507-625-7595
President: LeVerne Bergamann 507-642-8536
Other Officer: Bob Schroeder 218-726-6922

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 1-4
Previous Years: same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booth space are available through the booth manager - Roleen Larron
Box 284
Garden City, MN 56034
Deadline for submission is July 1, 1985

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of booth space for the inside exhibit building is \$50.00 and for the back of a truck/van is \$35.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) County Combine Crash 2) 4-Wheel Pick Up Pull 3) Antique tractor pull & tractor pull 4) Senior Citizen Program 5) Talent contest.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Minnesota's oldest county fair nestled in among oak trees.

ATTENDANCE

1984	9,500
1983	11,000
1982	10,000
1981	9,000
1980	9,000

CANNON VALLEY COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Cannon Valley County

ADDRESS: Old Hwy 52 S. Box 30
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

CONTACTS:

Secretary & Manager: Kay Gipbus 507-263-4806
President: Willard Nibble
Concessions: Nick Mensing 507-263-3911

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 1-4
Previous Years: same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

A licensed requirement is needed for food booths.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

None Listed

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Bobby Vee Band; Demo Derby; Harness Racing

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

None Listed

CARLTON COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Carlton County Fair

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 216
Barnum, MN 55707

CONTACTS:

Secretary & Manager: Beverly Paulson 218-389-6600
President: Gorden Aanerod 218-384-4697
Other Officer: Roger Gustafson 218-389-6379

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 15-18
Previous Years: 2nd or third weekend of August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booths are available through the manager if they are a new applicant. Invitations are sent out to previous renters. Deadline for submission is Aug. 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Approximate costs of booth space vary depending on the size of the area; \$50.00 for a single space & \$100.00 for a double space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Major events that will take place at the fair include traditional horse racing, draft horse pulls, and various entertainment in Grandstand.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This county fair is one of the few in Minnesota to have horse racing and a large amount of exhibits.

ATTENDANCE

1984	13,375
1983	12,543
1982	11,487
1981	9,998
1980	7,174

CARVER COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Carver County Fair

ADDRESS: Carver Co Ag Society
Janice K. Albrecht
5325 Co Rd #10 North
Watertown, MN 55388

CONTACTS:

Secretary & Manager: Jan Albrecht 612-955-1772
President: Curtis Wolter 612-467-3832

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 7-11
Previous Years: Second weekend in August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available to all persons - call for an application. Deadline for submission is the fair opening.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The cost is independent for the midway- \$175.00 for under the grandstand, \$85.00 for the back of a truck or van and \$85.00 in the building.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Horse Show 2) Demo Derby 3) Arm Wrestling 4) Truck pull with 18 wheeler 5) tractor pull 6) Grand Parade

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Free entertainment on grounds each evening.

ATTENDANCE

1984	52,000
1983	54,000
1982	50,000
1981	50,000
1980	48,000

CASS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Cass County Ag Assn in Pine River

ADDRESS: Vi Fenton, Secretary
HCR - Box 125
Backus, MN 56435

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Vi Fenton 218-947-3138
President: Eldon Wiese 218-568-8375
Treasurer: Darrell Somers 218-947-4842

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 22-24
Previous Years: Mon, Tues, Wed on the third week of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Contracts are sent out on May 1st to last year's booth & space rentals. They have until June 1st to return contracts & fee. New applicants can be put on a waiting list and the secretary will contact them after June 1st if there are any cancellations from last year's rentals. If space is available, we will rent the starting day of the fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of booth space under the grandstand is \$1.50 per front footage and \$30.00 for booths in the main building and \$20.00 for booths outside, under the roof.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Events include 4-H Clubs. Saddle Clubs put on entertainment of Horse Game Shows. We also have a demo derby this year for the grandstand. In the arena building will be a square dance group and also a school band.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE:

This is a free gate fair, so there is no attendance count.

CASS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: The Pillager Fair

ADDRESS: Cass County Ag Society
Linda Imgrund, Secretary
Box 21
Pillager, MN 56473

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Linda Imgrund 218-746-3489
President: Dennis Timmermen 218-746-3596

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 16-18
Previous Years: Same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

None Listed

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at the fair.
The approximate cost of booth space for the midway is \$25.00
and \$25.00 for the back of a truck/van.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984 2500

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Chippewa County Fair

ADDRESS: Box 369
Montevideo, MN 56265

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Buck Jacobs 612-269-6525
President: Elwood Weckwerth

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 21-24
Previous Years: usually the 2nd or 3rd week in August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booths are available by applying with the fair board. Deadline for submission is May 1 - June 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. The cost of midway space is \$40.00-\$50.00. Under the grandstand is \$40.00-\$50.00. In the back of a truck/van is \$25.00-\$30.00. Booth space in the park is \$25.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include 4-H judging.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	17,000
1983	16,000
1982	18,000
1981	20,000
1980	18,000

CHISAGO COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Chisago County Fair

ADDRESS: Lyle Steltz
Rte 1 Box 279
Rush City, MN 55069

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Lyle Steetz 612-358-4965
President: Harold Eklund 612-396-2409
Other Officer: Paul Carlson 612-358-4881

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 25-28
Previous Years: Same as above

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are numerous applications for booths available. The deadline for submission is first come first serve.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are two exhibit buildings costing \$40.00 per booth space. \$40.00 for the back of a truck/van.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) talent contest 2) parade 3) donkey race 4) demo derby
5) tractor & pickup pull 6) 4-H judging for state fair

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Celebrity Donkey Race

ATTENDANCE

1984	20,000
1983	17,500
1982	18,000
1981	17,000
1980	16,000

CLAY COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Clay County Fair

ADDRESS: Box 12
Barnesville, MN 56514

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Brad Field 218-354-2201

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: June 26-29

Previous Years: Date varies from year to year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

None Listed

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair.
The approximate costs of booth space under the grandstand
are \$60.00 and \$45.00 for the back of a truck/van.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Free gate admission

ATTENDANCE

14,000 people are estimated each year.

CLEARWATER COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Clearwater County Fair

ADDRESS: Clearwater County Agricultural Society
Bagley, MN 56621

CONTACTS:

Manager: John B. Arneson 218-785-2229
President: Reubon Rydeen 218-776-3145

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 7-11
Previous Years:

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Booth applications are available by contacting John Arneson

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair.
Cost of booth space in the booth building is \$60.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: demolition derby, 4-H program,
three wheel races, horse pulling contest, and a tractor
pulling contest.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This fair has one of the largest 4-H exhibits in the state.

ATTENDANCE

This fair has free gate and free parking and no attendance
figures.

COOK COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Cook County Fair

ADDRESS: 4th Ave. W and 5th St.
Grand Marais, MN 55604

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Eleanor Waha 218-387-1667
President: Violet Rindahl 218-387-2587
Vice President: Ray Olson 218-387-2185

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 13-17
Previous Years: the usual dates of the fair are the
Tuesday-Friday of the third week of August.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available by writing or calling the secretary. Deadline for submission is August 10.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for booths at this fair. The approximate cost of space in the back of a truck/van is \$15.00 for two days. Small 8'x10' areas in the building are also \$15.00 for two days.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: 4-H and open class displays, forest service and park service displays and 4-H demonstrations and dress review.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

There are no carnivals at this fair.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance each year is approximately 850.

CROW WING COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Crow Wing County Fair

ADDRESS: Crow Wing County Fair Assn.
Brainerd, MN 56401

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Birney Wilkins 218-829-4922
President: William Friday 218-765-3467
Manager: Ruth Gilbertson 218-829-8181

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 29 - Aug 2
Previous Years: These dates are the same every year.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Procedure for booth application includes sending your request and the fair will then return a duplicate contract and instruction sheet. Deadline for submission is when the fair is filled up.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are five buildings and outside space for booths at this fair. In the buildings cost is \$100.00 for a 10'x10' and \$70.00 for a 6'x10'. 100 booths are available and there are 75 outside spaces.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include a rabbit show, horse show, two demo derbies, one motor cross, one horse pull contest, one tractor pull, and one 4-wheel drive pull.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Free Gate.

ATTENDANCE

None Listed

DOUGLAS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Douglas County Ag. Assoc.

ADDRESS: Harold G. Johnson, Secretary
827 Westwood Dr.
Alexandria, MN 56308

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Harold G. Johnson 616-763-3755
President: Dale Benson 612-852-7126

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug. 15-18

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available from the secretary. The deadline for submission is June 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Approximate cost of midway space is from \$50.00-\$400.00.
Under the grandstand is \$60.00-\$110.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Demolition Derby 2) Connie Lee Stieh Show 3) Talent Show
4) Stock Car Races 5) Pick Up Pull

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984 42,000
1983 41,000

EAST OTTERTAIL COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: East Ottertail County Fair

ADDRESS: East Ottertail County Fair
Box 152
Perham, MN 56573

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Alan Priebe 218-396-4383
President: Art Carow 218-346-2721
Other Officer: Mac Tobbin 218-346-2865

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 25-28
Previous Years: last weekend of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Letters are sent out with a deposit required. Deadline for submission is July 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Midway costs \$50.00 and back of a truck/van costs \$60.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	9,022
1983	10,001
1982	9,693
1981	9,283
1980	9,371

FARIBAULT COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Faribault County Fair

ADDRESS: Faribault County Fair
Hwy 169 North
Blue Earth, MN 56013

Mailing Address:
Roger Oldfather, Secretary
Box 485
Kiester, MN 56051

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Roger Oldfather 507-294-3734
President: Lester Paschke 507-526-3368

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 23-27
Previous Years: Last full week in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no local requirements, just state and federal license requirements where needed. Applications are available by request from Roger Oldfather. Deadline for submission is at fair time or when full.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. Outside booth space costs \$75.00 to \$150.00. Inside buildings, space costs \$85.00 and \$95.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include the Judds Country Western Show, demo derby, pick up and tractor pull, and a regional wood carvers show.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This fair has a beautiful setting in a park with lots of trees.

ATTENDANCE

Free gate fair. 35,000 - much the same each year.

FILLMORE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Fillmore County Fair

ADDRESS: Fillmore Co Ag Society
Box 364
Preston, MN 55965

CONTACTS:

Secretary: LaDeane Peterson 507-467-2413
President: Les Hellickson 507-765-2238

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 23-27
Previous Years: last week in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

License requirements include proof of certificate of insurance. Applications for booth space are available by writing to the above address. Deadline for submission is July 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for booth space at this fair. The approximate cost of booth space in the midway is \$30.00, under the grandstand is \$35.00, back of truck/van is \$30.00 and indoors is \$8.00 per frontage foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

This year's special event will be the L & S IRA Rodeo

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984 21,000

FREEBORN COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Freeborn County Fair

ADDRESS: Freeborn County Agricultural Society
Box 128
Albert Lea, MN 56007

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Howard Recknor 507-845-2481
President: Glenn Ruble 507-373-1808
Treasurer: Bob Blong 507-373-7881

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 30 - August 3
Previous Years: same week every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are license requirements only for foodstands which may be obtained from the city. Contracts are sent to previous year's booth holders on April 1 and must be returned by May 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair, and the cost of the booth space differs depending on the location of the booth. Booth space on the midway is \$12.00 per frontal foot, and booth space under the grandstand is \$12.00 per frontal foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Tammy Wynette 2) Reba McIntire 3) Atlanta 4) Nitty Gritty Dirt Band 5) Regional Gladiolus Show 6) Horse Show including draft lighthorse, and pony mule 7) Open Steer and Heifer Show 8) Gateway Hog Show 9) Demolition Derby

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984 90,000
1980 75,000

GOODHUE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Goodhue County Fair

ADDRESS: c/o Chuck Schwartau
Rt. 3, Box 77
Goodhue, MN 55027

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Chuck Schwartau 612-258-4490
President: Carl Bang 612-388-3983
Treasurer: Fran Hoven

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug. 6-10
Previous Years: 1st full week in August; Tues.-Sat.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are the normal state license requirements, and applications can be obtained from the secretary-manager.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair, and the cost of the booth space depends on the location of the booth. The cost for the back of a truck/van is \$50.00 for an outside space and \$7 per front foot for booth space inside.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This is the 124th annual fair.

ATTENDANCE

There is an estimated 20,000 people each year.

HENNEPIN COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Hennepin County Fair

ADDRESS: Hennepin Co Ag Society
23185 County Rd 10
Rogers, MN 55374

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Eileen Roehlke 612-498-8502
President: Wesley Roehlke 612-498-8502
Treasurer: Justin Gould 612-420-4057

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 25-27
Previous Years: last full weekend in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Booth applications can be obtained by writing to this
address: Eileen Roehlke
23185 Co Rd 10
Rogers, MN 55374
Deadline for submission is July 1, 1985.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Approximate cost for booth space is \$30.00 and \$40.00 on the
midway.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Livestock shows are open & 4-H horse shows

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

All exhibits are in two large buildings connected by a door.
All grounds are either blacktop or cement. Large animals
are exhibited in another area. This county fair is
primarily an exhibition, not a carnival.

ATTENDANCE

1984	6,000
1983	6,500
1982	6,500
1981	5,550
1980	5,000

HUBBARD COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Hubbard County Fair

ADDRESS: Shell Prairie Ag. Society
Rte 3 Box 349
Park Rapids, MN 56470
W.L. Erickson - Secretary

CONTACTS:

Secretary: W.L. Erickson 218-732-3038
President: Howard Wirmbold 218-732-8188
Other Officer: Martin Annvtt 218-573-3375

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 18-21
Previous Years: end of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booths are sent to anyone requesting a booth & the deadline for submission is June 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Midway costs are approximately \$30.00 per space, \$35.00 for under the grandstand and \$25.00 in the exhibit building.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) horse show & races 2) gospel singers 3) demo derby
4) exhibit judging

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Located in a popular tourist area which brings many tourists to the fair.

ATTENDANCE

1984	11,000
1983	10,000
1982	10,000
1981	9,500
1980	10,000

ISANTI COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Isanti County Fair

ADDRESS: Shirley Eklund
Rte 2
Stanchfield, MN 55080

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Shirley Eklund 612-689-1456
President: Bill Binger 612-689-2109

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 18-21
Previous Years: third weekend in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Call Shirley Eklund and she will send an application.
Deadline for submission is the end of June.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Inside Bldg is \$8.00 per foot.
Outside grounds is \$60.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Demo Derby - July 18 & 19
Tractor Pull - July 20
Action Thrill Show - July 20
Three Wheel - July 21

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984 15,000

ITASCA COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Itasca County Fair

ADDRESS: 3652 Hwy 2 East
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

CONTACTS:

Secretary: James E. Johnson 218-326-6270
President: Donald Simons 218-326-2184
Other Officer: Ron Fox 218-326-3520

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 14-18
Previous Years: third weekend in August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

State permits & inspections are required on food concessions. Applications for booths begin April 1 & the deadline for submission is when all the booth space is filled.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Outside booth space is mostly adjacent to community exhibit building & food booths are mostly adjacent to the midway area.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Include a musical or variety show, in the grandstand, tractor & pick up pulling contest, demolition derby, stock car races, DNR forest fire demonstration & horse races.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Hillside stage area which provides continuous free band music in the afternoon.

ATTENDANCE

1984	38,500
1983	40,000
1982	37,500
1981	35,000
1980	35,000

JACKSON COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Jackson County Fair Assn

ADDRESS: Box 211
Jackson, MN 56143

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Ken Bargfrede 507-847-3891
President: Glenn Olson 507-847-4218

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 30 - Aug 4
Previous Years: The usual dates of this fair fall around
this same week.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Deadline for submission of booth application is April 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair.
The cost of indoor space is \$4.50 per front foot and the
cost of outdoor space is \$3.50 per front foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include a 4-H dress review, county fun night,
demolition derby, auto races & chuckwagon races.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

There is a large antique area and demonstrations of yester
year. There are also larger livestock exhibits.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance is 20-30,000.

KANABEC COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Kanabec County Fair

ADDRESS: RR #4, Box 294
Mora, MN 55051

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Wes Cashman 612-679-3395
President: Cross 612-679-1207
Treasurer: Audrey Mattson 612-679-1226

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 18-21
Previous Years: has been the last weekend of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Anyone can request a booth form from the secretary. There is no deadline for submission - first come basis with limited space.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair with the back of a truck/van costing \$50.00 and the cost of booth space in the exhibit building \$50.00 per space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

All grandstand events are free to fair goers.

ATTENDANCE

1984 10,000
1983 10,000

KANDIYOHI COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Kandiyohi County Fair

ADDRESS: Kandiyohi Co. Fair
P.O. Box 490
Willmar, MN 56201

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Maggie Schwingler 612-974-8531
President: Dennis Baker 612-974-8431

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 7-10
Previous Years: We close the second Sat. of August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Licensed requirements include writing an inquiry with full name of person making application & the nature of business. Application availability for the previous years' exhibitors have priority, then first come, first served.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Approximate cost for the back of truck/van is \$45.00-\$60.00. The large building costs \$75.00 and exhibit two is \$45.00-\$55.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Major events include the grandstand shows and livestock shows. This fair is 85 yrs old; the oldest annual event in the country. We have one of the largest tractor pulls in the state. There is a campground in the fair ground in the summer.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

None Listed

KITTSON COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Kittson County Fair

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 174
Hallock, MN 56728

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Willis Lilliquist 218-674-4323
President: Harvey Diamond 218-379-3156

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 11-14
Previous Years: Usually the second weekend in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Contact Duane Lyberg in Hallock, MN for the correct procedure on booth application.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. The approximate cost for booth space under the grandstand is \$4.00 per foot and \$4.00 per foot for the back of a truck/van.

THEME: This year's theme is "Fair Time is Fun Time"

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

The average is 25,000 to 30,000

KOOCHICHING COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Koochiching County Fair

ADDRESS: Duane B. Graham
Box 234
Northome, MN 56661

CONTACTS:

Manager: Vernon Nelson 218-897-5053
Secretary: Duane B. Graham 218-897-5552
President: Vernon Nelson 218-897-5053

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 2-4
Previous Years: 1st or 2nd week in August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements, and applications may be mailed to the secretary. The deadline for submission is until filled.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair, and the cost of booth space depends on the location of the booth. Booth space in the back of a truck/van is \$10.00, and booth space in the exhibit building is \$10.00-\$20.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) ATV Race 2) Demolition Derby 3) Foot Race - Sink hole
scramble 4) Soft Ball Tournament

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	2156
1983	1927
1982	2019
1981	1864
1980	1937

LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Lac Qui Parle County Fair

ADDRESS: 130 Tenth St. East
Madison, MN 56256

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Ron Leslie 612-598-7553
President: George Gehalt
Other Officer: Shirley Espland

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Sept 5-8
Previous Years: weekend after Labor Day

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Application availability is first come, first served.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Under grandstand is \$75.00
back of truck/van is \$50.00

THEME: Little Minn State Fair

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	25,000
1983	24,000
1982	28,000
1981	27,500
1980	26,000

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Lake of the Woods County Fair

ADDRESS: Lake of the Woods County Fair
Box 301
Baudette, MN 56623

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Ruth Lee 218-634-1682
President: Roger Krause 218-634-1691

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 19-21
Previous Years: It's on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday- The first three weekends in July.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available by writing: L.O.W. County Fair
Box 301
Baudette, MN 56623
Deadline for submission is the opening of the fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Cost of the back of a truck/van is \$20.00 for the first eight front feet; each additional foot is \$2.00. This is the same for other outdoor displays. The 4-H building for an 8x8 foot space is \$45.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include a demolition derby, three-wheeler races, 4-H and open class exhibits, helicopter rides, MINN-NO-SO-DAK Midway shows.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This fair is located on the Canadian border with good airport facilities; both U.S. and Canadian fishing and scenic wilderness.

ATTENDANCE

1984	5,000
1983	4,500
1982	3,000
1981	3,000
1980	3,000

LE SUEUR COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: LeSueur County Fair

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 124
LeCenter, MN 56057

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Russ Becker
Home: 612-357-4876 Office: 507-931-6655
President: John F. Traxler 612-357-4960

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 15-18
Previous Years: This fair usually starts the weekend prior to the start of the state fair.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements. Applications are available by contacting the secretary.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There is an exhibit building which costs \$75.00 for a 10'x10' space. The outside lots vary by size & they must be commercial exhibits.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

Free admission. The attendance is approximately 8-10,000 per year.

LYON COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Lyon County Fair

ADDRESS: Lyon County Agricultural Society
PO Box 141
Marshall, MN 56258

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Lois Novosad 507-532-5236
M.A. Fifield 507-532-5492

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 8-11
Previous Years: This fair usually takes place the second weekend of August.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available by writing to PO Box 141, Marshall, MN. The deadline for submission is August 8, 1985.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at the fair. The approximate costs of booth space for under the grandstand is \$20.00. The cost of the back of a truck/van is \$4.00 a foot. Exhibit building booth space is \$50.00 a section or \$40.00 a section.

THEME: None Listed.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Major events include: Charley McClain Show, International Rolle Bolle Tournament, Chicago Knocker Mud Wrestling, Pick Up Pull, Demolition Derby, Zoomobile, Senior Citizen Presentation, 4-H exhibits, Farm Bureau Fun Days, Horse Shows.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	28,840
1983	30,375
1982	24,428
1981	27,319
1980	25,050

MARTIN COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Martin County Fair

ADDRESS: Martin County Ag. Society
Rte. 3 Box 21
Fairmont, MN 56031

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Harlan S. Johnson 507-235-5286
President: Leighton Hugoson 507-235-5286
Vice President: Rollo Kosbab 507-436-5450
Treasurer: Charles W. Buchan 507-235-5209

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 13-18
Previous Years: same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booth space are available. A new building will be opening this summer for exhibit space. The deadline for application submission is June 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booth space and the cost depends on where the booth is located. The approximate cost for a booth space in the midway is \$52.50 and up for outside, \$52.50 for the back of a truck/van, or \$6.50 per foot in either of the large industrial buildings.

THEME: This county fair's image is the largest county fair in South Western Minnesota.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

It has a 100'x160' show arena with 70'x160' clear span & bleachers on one side seating 900 people. Horse, cattle & hog shows are shown in this arena. An Arab Horse show will take place this year.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

There are 120 acres of area for growth and a grandstand that seats 5,000.

ATTENDANCE

1984	30,000
1983	28,000
1982	25,000
1981	23,000
1980	20,000

MEEKER COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Meeker County Fair

ADDRESS: Route 1, Box 65
Dassel, MN 55325

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Jean Holm 218-275-2801
President: Donald Rick 218-693-6744
Other Officer: Aggie Schmitz 218-453-7896

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 5-8
Previous Years: same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Contact Jerry Freitag at 218-693-8703. License requirements include having your own insurance. Deadline for submission is two weeks before the fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. The cost of booth space in the exhibit building is \$2.50 per square foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The grandstand show will be as follows:
Monday Evening - Donkey Race
Tuesday Evening - Pick Up Pull
Wednesday Evening - Tractor Pull
Thursday Evening - Destruction Derby

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This fair has demonstrations, musical shows, senior citizen day & kid's day. Demonstrations & musical show are free & some form of entertainment is going on from noon until 9:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE

1984	15,750
1983	20,250
1981	21,750

MILLE LACS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Mille Lacs Co. Fair

ADDRESS: Mille Lacs Co. Fair
Princeton, MN 55371

CONTACTS:

Manager: Donald Gylling 612-389-4162
Secretary: Emma Volker 612-389-2518
President: Donald Gylling 612-389-4162
Vice President: Clair Trunk 612-389-1009
Treasurer: Judy Jensen 612-389-3852

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug. 1-4
Previous Years:

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements. Applications are available in February until two weeks before the fair. If there is any space left after that, the space will be given. Applications are available from the secretary.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair, and the cost is dependent on the location of the booth. The cost of booth space on the midway is \$40.00 for a 20'x20' area, \$40.00 for the back of a truck/van. Inside space is \$50.00 for a 8'x8' area, and outside space is \$40.00 for an 8'x8' area.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) 4-H judging 2) Open class dairy, beef, sheep, and goats judging 3) Outstanding senior citizen

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

There is a free barbecue Sunday at noon for the first 1,000 people.

ATTENDANCE

1984	13,000
1983	13,000
1982	13,000
1981	13,000
1980	13,000

MOWER COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Mower County Fair

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 426
Austin, MN 55912

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Ella Marie Lausen 507-437-2981
President: Richard Grass 507-324-5944

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 5-11
Previous Years: two weeks before the state fair.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Booth applications are available by writing to the secretary. Deadline for submission is until the spaces are filled.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of a midway space is \$10.00-\$18.00 per front foot. Commercial building booth space costs \$160.00, \$115.00 & \$75.00.

THEME: This year's theme is Freddie Free Fair Logo (a pig from Hormel Co.).

SPECIAL EVENTS:

This year's special event is the Midwest Livestock Show.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

None Listed

NOBLES COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Nobles County Fair

ADDRESS: Nobles County Fair Assn.
c/o Dennis Selberg
Rte. 2, Box 247
Worthington, MN 56187

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Dennis Selberg 507-376-4144 (work)
President: Dale Ling 507-376-6955
Vice President: Buell Luig 507-478-4407

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 15-18
Previous Years: Thursday prior to state fair opening thru
Sunday - 4 days

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

In prior years booths have had the first priority up to the deadline date. Deadline for submission is June 15th. Forms for booth application are available from the secretary.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. Cost of booth space in the commercial building is \$20.00 to \$60.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This county fair is adjacent to Pioneer Village - the Historical Society Village from the past.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance generally runs 10,000 to 15,000 depending on the weather.

NORMAN COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Norman County Fair

ADDRESS: Norman County Ag. Society
702 East 1st Ave.
Ada, MN 56510

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Michael Ness 218-784-2542
President: Donald Vissen 218-784-7338

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: June 25-28
Previous Years: Late June to Early July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements, and the deadline for application submission is the opening day of the fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for booths at this fair, and the cost of the booths varies depending on the location of the booth. The cost of booth space under the grandstand is \$4.50 per running foot; the cost of booth space in the back of a truck/van is \$2.00 per running foot; the cost of booth space in the coliseum is \$5.00 per running foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) The Judds 2) Sprint Car Races 3) Demolition Derby

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	19,500
1983	19,000
1982	19,000
1981	18,000
1980	18,500

NORTHERN MINNESOTA

NAME OF FAIR: Northern Minnesota District Fair

ADDRESS: Rte 2, Box 49
Little Fork, MN 56653

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Joyce Anderson 218-278-4536
President: Keith Barstad 218-278-4472

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 25-28
Previous Years: Dates are usually the last weekend of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Booth applications are available by writing to Dan Joyce; Littlefork, MN 56653/00515. Deadline for submission is on a first come, first served until filled.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of indoor space is \$4.00 a running foot and outdoor space is \$1.00 a running foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: draft horse show with entrants from Canada & the US, Saddle Horse Show, Antique Car Show, livestock show & flowers, vegetable & craft entries.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

No entrance or parking fees so there is no way of telling the attendance.

N.W. MINNESOTA

NAME OF FAIR: N.W. Minnesota Agricultural Association

ADDRESS: Gil Danielson
416 N. Foss
Fosston, MN 56542

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Gil Danielson 218-435-6718
President: Davil Gilbertson 218-435-1161
Other Officer: Harold Vig 218-435-1510

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: June 20-23
Previous Years: Usual dates of this fair are the second week in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for submission is the first day of the fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. The approximate costs of booth space for the midway are \$50.00; under the grandstand costs \$35.00 and \$50.00, and in the back of a truck/van costs \$50.00. The commercial building costs \$75.00 for booth space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: Clyde Foley Cummins Band, Demolition derby, talent contest, and 4-H shows.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

The first fair was in 1894. Missed a couple years in the early 1900's and then every year since has been a fair.

ATTENDANCE:

1984	12,000
1982	10,000
1980	8,000

OLMSTED COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Olmsted County Fair

ADDRESS: Ray Aune, Secretary
211 NW 2nd St. Apt 1305
Rochester, MN 55901

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Ray Aune 507-289-4182
President: J. Robert McLean 507-567-4478

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 29 - Aug 4
Previous Years: Begins on Monday, 5 weeks before Labor Day

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

First come, first served, except holders of booth space in 1984, have first chance until April 1, 1985. There are license requirements on the food booths from the Health Dep. Deadline for submission is April 1 for former renters & when filled up for other renters.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are three industrial buildings - 120, 10'x10' booths, no food inside. There is an independent Midway for outside stands & a Farm Machinery Row. It costs \$8.00-\$15.00 per ft.--a minimum of \$135.00 for booth space on the Midway. Inside the industrial buildings it costs \$135.00 for 10'x10' booths.

THEME: For 1985 it is the 125th Anniversary.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: 1) Largest draft show at any county fair in the Upper Midwest 2) Big dairy show 3) Chuck wagon races 4) Tractor pull, two demo derbies, stock car races, & harness racing

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Largest attendance of any county fair in the Upper Midwest. Ranks high on number of exhibits.

ATTENDANCE

1984	205,000
1983	200,000
1982	190,000
1981	180,000
1980	175,000

PINE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Pine County Fair

ADDRESS: R.R. #1, Box 254A
Pine City, MN 55063

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Leonard Hinze 612-629-2409
President: Ray Wimmer

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug. 1-4
Previous Years:

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

First come and paid, first served

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair, and the cost of the space is dependent on the location of the booth. Inside buildings costs \$40.00-\$50.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

It is the best small town fair in this area

ATTENDANCE

The attendance is approximately 25,000 each year.

PIPESTONE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Pipestone County Fair

ADDRESS: Mailing Address: Location:
Pipestone Co. Ag. Society East Highway 30
Route 4, Box 229 Pipestone, MN
Pipestone, MN 56164

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Doreen Thies 507-825-3931
President: William Thies 507-825-3931

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 5-8
Previous Years: usually the first week in August but starts
on Monday

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Make reservations starting in the spring with a deposit on booth. Contract is sent to applicant. Deadline for submission is up to time of fair if any space is available. There are also forms required that are available from the secretary.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. The cost of space under the grandstand is \$25.00; the cost of the back of a truck/van is \$2.00 per running foot; the cost of space in the exhibit building is \$50.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

State Limosuain Cattle Shows

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Strong 4-H program, and many demonstrations for women

ATTENDANCE

1984	8,000
1983	10,000
1982	10,000
1981	10,000
1980	10,000

POLK COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Polk County Fair

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 556
Fertile, MN 56540

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Reynold Erickson 218-945-6402
Ass't Secretary: Duane Knutson 218-945-6745
President: J.C. Halvorson 218-945-6800
Treasurer: Solon Gullickson 218-945-6464

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 11-14
Previous Years: The date is usually the 2nd weekend in July; Thursday through Sunday

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The only licensed requirements are the State Food License. Applications are available by writing to:
Polk County Fair
Fertile, MN 56540
Deadline for application submission is July 1.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The cost of booth space on the midway is \$60.00 and electricity is furnished. Cost of truck/van space is \$60.00. Cost of booth space in the exhibit building is \$60.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Grandstand shows 2) flower show 3) 4-H & FFA Activities
4) Open class exhibits 5) Arts, Crafts & Hobbies 6) Polk County Spelling Bee 7) \$1000 Bingo 8) Senior Citizen Day

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

The grounds are like a park, new buildings, new grandstands, flowers around buildings & grounds.

ATTENDANCE

1984	26,000
1983	27,000
1982	25,000
1981	28,000
1980	30,000

RAMSEY COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Ramsey County Fair

ADDRESS: Ramsey Co. Ag. Society
2102 Reardon Place
N St. Paul, MN 55109
(Frank J. Young)

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Frank J. Young 612-777-2330
President: Joseph L. Fox 612-777-6514
Treasurer: Cliff Gilbertson 612-777-5524

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 24-28
Previous Years: last week of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The only license requirement that is needed is insurance. The deadline for submission of applications is June 1. You can write to this address to obtain forms that need to be filled out for booth application: Dr. Walter Ekblad
2485 Canabury Dr. #310
St. Paul, MN 55119

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Booth space rentals cost \$100.00 plus \$10.00 electricity & \$55.00 insurance

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

12,000 estimated attendance each year

RED LAKE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Red Lake County Fair

ADDRESS: Oklee, MN 56742

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Jane Kolstoe 218-796-5372
President: Gerald Nelson 218-253-2743
Grace Dessellier 218-796-5414

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 29-31
Previous Years: The usual dates of this fair are the middle of July.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booths are available by writing:
Judy Schue, Comm Chair
Box 53
Oklee, MN 56742
Deadline for submission is when the space is full and taken on a first serve basis.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate costs of the outdoor area for booths are \$25.00 plus \$10.00 for electricity. Machines- \$40.00. Booth costs for the indoors are \$25.00 for an 8'x8' and \$50.00 for a 16'x18'.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This fair is set up in downtown area- the school is used for displays.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance is unknown. There are no records kept.

REDWOOD COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Redwood County Fair

ADDRESS: Betty J. Larsen
PO Box 175
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Betty J. Larsen 507-644-3459
President: Stanely Saefer

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 1-4
Previous Years: It is usually the first weekend in Aug.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The cost of a truck/van is \$55.00 and for booth space in the exhibit building is \$45.00 for a single space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include a demolition derby, a rodeo, a battle of bands and stock car races.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE:

None Listed.

RENVILLE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Renville County Agriculture Society

ADDRESS: Inez Kienholz
Renville County Agriculture Society
Box 148
Bird Island, MN 55310

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Inez Kienholz 612-365-4585
President: Glenn Dahlgreu 612-365-3181
Other Officer: Donald Kienholz 612-365-4585

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 19-21
Previous Years: First three days in the third week in Aug

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available through:
Steve Caulheus, Concession Mgr
RR
Hector, MN 55342 telephone: 612-848-2742
Deadline for submission is June 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of midway booth space is \$6.00 per front foot. It is the same for under the grandstand & in the back of a truck/van.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

There is a combine crunch on Aug. 20

ATTENDANCE

Around 2100 per year. Children 12 and under get in free and all others pay adult fee of \$1.50.

RICE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Rice County Free Fair

ADDRESS: Rice County Ag. Soc.
P.O. Box 393
Faribault, MN 55021

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Dennis Blackmer 507-334-7455
President: Gerald Heyer 507-334-3730

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 23-28
Previous Years: Thursday through Sunday during last week in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booth space are available from the secretary.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for the booths. The approximate cost of space under the grandstand is \$65.00 and the back of a truck/van is \$125.00. The cost is also dependent on the location of the booth.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

Approximately 50-75,000 each year.

ROCK COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Rock County Fair

ADDRESS: Rock Co. Ag. Soc.
Box 328
Luverne, MN 56156

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Gary Golla 507-283-9536
President: Bob Zinnel 507-283-9555
Treasurer: Mike Reker 507-283-2386

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 22-25
Previous Years: They will move up one week in 1986 - the
Mon-Thus is consistent.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Booth applications are limited. Those with contracts the
previous years have first access to booth space. The
deadline for application submission is June 30.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate cost of space for a truck/van is \$30.00.
The commercial building costs \$40.00 for a space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Some events that take place at this fair include outstanding
Senior Citizen Candidates & 4-H competition for state trips.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Some unique aspects about this fair are the DNR Fish Tanks &
the outstanding grounds with grandstand events every night.

ATTENDANCE

10,000 estimated attendance each year.

SHERBURNE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Sherburne County Fair

ADDRESS: Sherburne County Ag. Society
Rte 1, Box 416
Elk River, MN 55330

CONTACTS:

Secretary: J.A. Demeules 612-743-2759
President: Merrill Kampa 612-743-2759
Treasurer: Donna Costello 612-441-2606

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 18-21
Previous Years: usual dates run around the 15th of July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booth space are available by writing the following address: Marge Kampa
13915 211 Ave. NW
Elk River, MN 55330

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for booths and the cost of the booth space differs depending on where the booth is located.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Major events that will be taking place this year are a parade, horse show, fiddler contest, tractor pull, semitruck pull and a demo derby.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

None Listed

SIBLEY COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Sibley County Fair

ADDRESS: Sibley Co Fair
Arlington, MN 55307

CONTACTS:

Secretary: John Paulman 612-562-2402
President: Stan Draeger 612-964-5543
Other Officer: Charles Ponath 612-864-3729

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 1-4
Previous Years: these dates are the same each year.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booth space are available by writing:
John Paulman
RR #1
Gaylord, MN 55334

The deadline for submission of these applications is July 1, 1985.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at the fair and the cost of the booth space differs depending on where the booths are located. The approximate cost of space on the midway is \$15.00, \$48.00 under the grandstand, \$15.00 for a truck or van and \$35.00 for space area in the exhibit building.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Major events that will be taking place at this year's fair include a 150-mile Enduro car race, self-propelled combine demo derby, rock show and dance, auto racing and an auto demolition derby.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

This is the only county fair with a queen contest in the state.

ATTENDANCE

1984	15,000
1983	15,000
1982	12,000
1981	16,000
1980	13,000

SOUTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: South St. Louis County Fair

ADDRESS: James Whitte, Secretary
So. St. Louis Co. Fair Assn.
3912 Maple Grove Rd
Duluth, MN 55810

CONTACTS:

Secretary: James Whitte 218-729-7080
President: Chauncey Wargin 218-729-8512
Vice President: Don Carlson

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 1-4
Previous Years: first week in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booths are available from the secretary, & the deadline for submission is up to the fair dates if space is available.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for booths at the fair. The approximate cost of booth space in the industrial building & grounds is \$50.00 to \$60.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) horse & saddle club shows in the Duluth arena 2) demo derby 3) bomber class car racing 4) stock car racing 5) free entertainment. Events that will take place on the fair grounds are Studebaker swap club meet, saddle shows, hockey tourneys, N.E. jr. livestock show, and 4-H clinics & events.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	27,500
1983	27,000
1982	25,000
1981	24,000
1980	24,000

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: St. Louis County Fair

ADDRESS: St. Louis County Fair
515 E. 23rd St.
Hibbing, MN 55746

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Sulo Ojakangas 218-263-9758
President: Gene Gaghe 218-744-1255
Treasurer: Irma Lokken 218-254-5290

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 30 - Aug 4
Previous Years: same as above, but vary with calendar

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are licensed requirements only on concessions serving food. Applications available by writing:
Loretta Seppi, Sup't Commercial Exhibit
Box 465
Buhl, MN 55713
Deadline for submission of applications is July 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Booths are located in the Industrial Bldg & Exhibit Hall. Costs for midway are \$150.00-\$200.00. Under the grandstand is leased to American Legion for beer sales. Back of truck/van is \$150.00. There is also a lot for larger displays.

THEME: This year will be the 100th fair. The theme may be "100 years of progress."

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Auto Races 2) Truck & Tractor Pull 3) Country Western Show 4) Miss Minnesota Country Talent Show 5) Fireworks & Aerial Circus Acts 6) Horse Show 7) Country Talent Contest 8) Sanctioned Milk Goat Show for entire state.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Largest carnival north of the Twin Cities. Best attendance north of the cities. More commercial exhibits than any fair north of the cities.

ATTENDANCE

1984	110,000
1983	100,000
1982	95,000
1981	100,000
1980	110,000

STEARNS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Stearns County Fair

ADDRESS: Victor Schwinghamer
214 Ash St.
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Victor Schwinghamer 612-352-6817

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 25-28
Previous Years: last week in July

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Licensed requirements include liability coverage. County forms for booth application can be obtained from the fair secretary. Deadline for submission is fair time.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The cost of booth space varies according to the size of the booth space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Includes: 1) State Holstein Show 2) Northern Arabian Horse Show 3) Tractor Pull 4) Demo Derby

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984 30,000

STEELE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Steele County Free Fair

ADDRESS: Steele Co. Free Fair
P.O. Box 650
Owatonna, MN 55060

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Dr. L.H. Allgeyer 507-451-5305
President: Charles Hammel 507-451-7035
Treasurer: Richard Reinhardt

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 18-23
Previous Years: the third week in August

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements, no restrictions for application availability & the deadline for submission is July 1st.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The cost of booth space may vary considerably depending on size & location.

THEME: The Fair with Flair

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Southern Minn Championship Demo Derby 2) First Annual Auto Race 3) 2 Days of Harness Racing (Tri-State Circuit) 4) Championship 4-Wheel Pick Up Pull 5) Championship Modified Stock Car Auto Races 6) Country Western show starring "The Cannons"

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Free antique & classic auto show; over 40 free shows on stage in fair square park - free kids day grandstand shows; two 5-hour ride-a-thons; a seven hour ride-a-thon; Saturday spectacular; old fashioned carnival night & can-o-rama. Large Beer Garden with music every night.

ATTENDANCE

1984 161,234

STEVENS COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Stevens County Fair

ADDRESS: Stevens County Fair
PO Box 622
Morris, MN 56207

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Rod Lindquist 612-589-3087
President: Raymond Starck 612-795-2438
Treasurer: Ron Staples 612-324-2650

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 8-11
Previous Years: These dates are the same each year.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available by contacting the secretary or treasurer. Deadline for application submission is July 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. The approximate costs for midway booth space are \$100.00-\$150.00. The grandstand booth space costs \$6.00 per foot for 8'x10' booth space.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include Donny and Marie Osmond on August 9 and Charly Mclain and Exile on August 11.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	15,000
1983	15,000
1982	12,000
1981	10,000
1980	8,000

SWIFT COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Swift County Fair

ADDRESS: 140 E. Thielke
Appleton, MN 56208

CONTACTS:

Secretary: F.W. Schroeder 612-289-1874
President: Richard Evans 612-289-1038
Treasurer: R.H. Pederson 612-289-1765

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: August 15-18
Previous Years: Dates for the fair are within this same week every year.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available from the secretary. Deadline for submission is July 15.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. There is one building available for booths which costs \$6.00 per foot. All are eight feet deep and you pay for the width.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Swift County has the biggest and best 4-H participation; Senior citizen day is on Friday. This is a free gate fair.

ATTENDANCE

1984	1150	per day
1983	1200	per day
1982	1100	per day
1981	1250	per day
1980	1200	per day

TODD COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Todd County Fair

ADDRESS: 714 Second Ave. S.E.
Long Prairie, MN 56347

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Dick Brand 612-732-3148
President: Glenn Kotval 218-756-2362
Treasurer: Roger Weske 612-594-2284

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 28-31
Previous Years: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
depending on calendar; usually last week of July or first
week of August, or combination.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

License requirements include a food stand state license.
Availability of applications are by contract only. Deadline
for submission is July 15th. Contract forms are available
from the secretary-manager.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

The approximate costs of booth space for under the
grandstand are \$70.00-\$80.00. Booths on the grounds cost
\$50.00-\$60.00. Costs for the commercial exhibit building
are \$60.00 and costs in the Ag-Hort building are \$50.00.

THEME: This year's theme is the 1985 Harvest Expo

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include: District dairy animal shows,
regional fiddlers contest and county talent contest.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Largest 4-H and open class dairy animal shows in Central and
Northern Minnesota.

ATTENDANCE

1984	18,500
1983	17,500
1982	16,000
1981	15,000
1980	15,000

TRAVERSE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Traverse County Fair

ADDRESS: c/o Allen Weick
1608 Broadway
Wheaton, MN 56296

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Allen Weick 612-563-4616
President: Linton Hartwig 612-563-4680
Other Officer: Delbert Sand 612-563-8513

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Sept 5-8
Previous Years: Always Thur-Sunday following Labor Day

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements for booth applications. Deadline for submission is any time before fair as space permits.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Cost of booth space differs depending on where the booth is located. Outside space is \$3.00 per front foot.
Inside booth is \$5.00 per front foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Horse racing - Sat&Sun 2) Mickey Gilley & Boxcar Willie Concert - Sun 3) Free Entertainment on Midway 4) Kids Armband Day - Sat 5) Wildlife, Commercial, 4-H & livestock exhibits

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

One of the few remaining fairs in Minn. to have horse racing

ATTENDANCE

1984	30,255
1983	34,000
1982	35,000
1981	35,055
1980	33,271

WABASHA COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Wabasha County Fair

ADDRESS: Wabasha County Ag Soc
RR2 Box 149A
Wabasha, MN 55981

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Deb Smith 612-565-4859
President: Lorraine Rabe 507-783-2547
Other Officer: Ed Graner 507-534-3471

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 11-14
Previous Years: usually takes place the second week in July. The dates are set each winter depending on the availability of carnivals, etc.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

None Listed

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

None Listed

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Events that will be taking place this year are the Johnny Holmes Traveling Show and the Ambush Band.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

None Listed

WADENA COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Wadena County Fair

ADDRESS: 619 4th NW
Wadena, MN 56482

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Don Brown 218-631-2953
President: Robert Sliter 218-631-3748

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 18-21
Previous Years: Dates are the same each year.

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications are available by mail request. Deadline for submission is June 1st.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are certain designated areas for booths at this fair. Cost of midway space is \$3.50 per front foot. The back of a truck or van is \$3.50 per ft wide and the machinery lot is \$3.50 per frontal ft.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	16,000
1982	15,600

WASHINGTON COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Washington County Fair

ADDRESS: Box F
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Raymond Swanson 777-7493
President: Glen Brown
Other Officer: Jim Sheldon

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: Aug 1-4
Previous Years:

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications for booths are available by contacting the secretary. Deadline for submission are the opening dates of the fair.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Outside lots for booths cost between \$50.00 and \$125.00.
Booths in the exhibit building cost \$125.00.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Listed

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	85,000
1983	83,000
1982	80,000
1981	81,000
1980	80,000

WATONWAN COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Watonwan County Fair

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 53
St. James, MN 56081

CONTACTS:

Secretary: Tom Denney 507-375-5737
President: Dale Lange 507-375-4966
Treasurer: Lawrence Janzen 507-877-5870

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 18-21
Previous Years: Same each year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

License requirements are only the ones required by the state. Applications are available by contacting Gerold Knaak
RR 2
St. James, MN
56081

Deadline for submission is on a first come first serve basis.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

Commercial building with outside exhibits are available for booths at this fair. For an eight foot frontage booth it costs \$35.00, and for a 16 foot frontage it costs \$50.00. The cost of a truck/van is price per foot.

THEME: None Listed

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special events include a three wheel race, the Johnny Holm band, demo derby, and an open class horse show.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

A puppet group is coming from Minneapolis.

ATTENDANCE

1984 10,000
1983 15,000

WRIGHT COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Wright County Fair

ADDRESS: Howard E. Morris, Secretary
Rte 1 Box 231
Cakato, MN 55321

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Howard E. Morris 612-286-2840
President: Alan E. Halstead 612-675-3458
Other Officer: Elroy Homuth 612-274-5275

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 31 - Aug 4
Previous Years: usually dates which include the first full weekend in August

BOOTH APPLICATIONS PROCEDURE:

Food stands get their own license, but no other license is required. Applications are available from Secretary for new applications. Former exhibitors are sent a contract. Deadline for submission for former contracts is June 1. New applicants are asked to be sent back by return mail.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

\$50.00 for a 10x12 space under the grandstand
\$1.50 per square ft for the back of a truck/van
General exhibits & Octg Bldg - \$86.00 per spot

THEME: Not set for this year

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) Recognition of outstanding senior man & lady from Wright Co. 2) State Fair trip winners in 4-H 3) State Fair entry to the Talent Show, decided at our talent contest 4) Sweepstakes winners, who can enter state fair competition in Quilts.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

None Listed

ATTENDANCE

1984	28,000
1983	25,000
1982	25,000
1981	26,000
1980	25,000

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

NAME OF FAIR: Yellow Medicine County Fair Association

ADDRESS: 503 Haarfager N.
Canby, MN 56220

CONTACTS:

Manager & Secretary: Harold M. Pearson 507-223-5156
President: Darold Snortum 507-223-7769

DATES OF FAIR:

This Year: July 22-24
Previous Years: same every year

BOOTH APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

There are no license requirements. Applications are available by phone and by writing. There is a deadline for submission of applications.

COST OF BOOTH SPACE:

There are designated areas for booths at this fair. In the exhibit building it costs \$25.00-\$40.00 depending on the size.

THEME: Free parking & admission

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1) 4-H & FFA exhibit & judging 2) 0 pen class judging
3) Kids Animal Show 4) Car racing, tractor pull
5) Musical-grandstand show, "Memories"

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FAIR:

Free gate

ATTENDANCE

1984	10,000
1983	10,500
1982	10,500
1981	11,000
1980	10,500