

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 FAIR CONVENTION!

January 11 - 14, 2024

COUNTY FAIRS: AN AMERICAN TRADITION

The 2023 fair season has been a GREAT representation of the classic AMERICAN TRADITION and shown what an important role county fairs play in who we are!

We loved getting together in January of 2023 and we are looking forward to seeing everyone this coming January! Once again, the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, the Midwest Showmen's Association and the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs are excited to welcome you to convention!

If you have attended conventions in the past we THANK YOU for partnering with us to make Minnesota's county fairs a tradition to be proud of! If you haven't attended, we invite you to come and be a part of the 2024 convention and take advantage of the many great opportunities for education, collaboration and networking!

Here's a checklist of what you need to do next!

❖ Make your Hotel Reservations:

- The hotel block opens on MONDAY NOVEMBER the 20th at 9 am. If you call before this time, you will be told that no rooms are available. Hotel information is enclosed.

❖ Complete your convention registration:

- The deadline for early bird registration is December 10. Convention registration forms are enclosed.
- **Cancellations will be refunded only if requested by January 1, 2024.** If someone is unable to attend, remember that you are able to transfer registrations to other individuals before the convention and at the registration desk.

❖ Submit your dues:

- Submit payment for your MFCF Membership dues (\$300.00) either online or by check. If you would like to pay via credit card, you can submit payment using PayPal.
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❖ Check your emails for a docuSign and COMPLETE YOUR CREDENTIALS FORMS:

- Once again we would like to thank the staff at the Minnesota State Fair, as your MFCF credentials are included in the DocuSign you will receive to complete your Minnesota State Agricultural Society delegates. Complete the DocuSign and you will have the credentials completed for BOTH organizations.

Don't Forget.....

Fair Person of the Year

Nominate someone from your fair to be a FAIR PERSON OF THE YEAR!

The nomination form can be found on the MFCF website: www.mfcf.com under CONVENTION. Deadline is November 27.

Communications Contest

Bring pictures and material from your 2023 county fair to submit in the communications contest! Find more information on the MFCF website: www.mfcf.com under CONVENTION.

Memorial Recognition

Submit the names of the fair friends who have passed away to be included in the memorial recognition at convention. Find more information on the MFCF website: www.mfcf.com under CONVENTION.

Items to pack...

Copies of your Premium lists * Advertising Items * Other fun items your fair is proud of that you would like to share with others at the “**GREAT EXCHANGE**”!

Silent Auction Items! - All proceeds from the auction offset convention costs.

Mark Your Calendar.... Come on THURSDAY!

Convention will begin on Friday morning, but you are encouraged to come kick off the weekend on THURSDAY EVENING at the 2024 Midwest Showmen's OPEN HOUSE!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

6:00-9:00 pm



Midwest Showmen's Association

DoubleTree By Hilton, Bloomington - Minneapolis South

Minnesota Federation of County Fairs 2024 Annual Convention - January 11-14, 2024

Room Reservations will become available on:
Monday, November 20, 2023 at 9:00 am CST.

- Please plan to make your room reservations as soon as possible when the block becomes open, the block will be closed on December 28, 2023 and the block has in the past sold out.
- The DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington-Minneapolis South accepts all major credit cards by phone or online only. Credit cards will not be accepted by mail.
- Phone Reservation: 1-866-271-8967 - When contacting for reservations by phone, please request the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs room rate to reserve your guest room or to make changes or cancel existing reservations. You can also reference code MCC when calling to get the group rate.
- Online reservations: You are welcome to visit the following website to book your guest room directly: **LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!**

Note: the Hotel no longer accepts reservation forms via the mail.

- Cancellations and Early Departures: To cancel a reservation, please do so before 5:00pm on December 28, 2023 or you WILL be charged for a full nights stay plus tax. Reservations canceled within 48 hours of arrival will be assessed two nights room and tax. Please be aware that there is a \$50.00 early departure fee for checking out early without notifying the hotel prior to check in.

2024 Room Rates

Single: \$121.00	\$138.58 (with tax)	Double: \$121.00	\$138.58 (with tax)
Triple: \$131.00	\$150.03 (with tax)	Quad: \$141.00	\$161.48 (with tax)

All rates above reflect 14.525% sleeping room tax. Please note that all rooms are non-smoking