

County Fairs: An American Tradition

The 2022 fair season brought fairs back in a GREAT BIG way, proving that county fairs are an important part of who we are!

We loved getting together in January 2022 after a year apart; the tradition of getting together with our fair friends was back, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone this 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 the convention!

If you have been to the convention before, thank you SO much for partnering with us to make Minnesota's county fairs a tradition to be proud of! If you haven't attended before, we invite you to come and be a part of the 2023 convention!

Here's a checklist of what you need to do to get ready:

✓ **Make your hotel reservations**

The hotel block opens on [MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 at 9:00 a.m. sharp](#). If you call before the block opens, you will be told that no rooms are available. Add a reminder to call the hotel that day at 9:00 a.m. sharp, because rooms go fast. Hotel information is enclosed.

IF YOU HAVE A SUITE OR CABANA, read the enclosed informational sheet, as those rooms can be reserved early... between now and [FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2](#). Retaining your suite/cabana cannot be guaranteed after that date.

✓ **Complete the "Associate Member Information Form"**

This form will take you step by step through the registration process. Cancellations will be refunded only if requested by January 1, 2023.

✓ **MFCF Associate Membership**

Your 2023 MFCF membership is part of the "Associate Member Information Form". Paying this \$100.00 will make you part of our vendor list which is accessible to all fairs for 2023.

✓ **Consider a contribution toward MFCF's lobbying efforts**

The MFCF contracts for lobbying services. Through these efforts, county fairs receive over \$15,000 in grants each year. In many cases, this funding is used to bring associate members to our fairs. If you would like to see these grants maintained and would like to contribute toward the cost of the lobbyist contract, fill in an amount on your "Associate Member Information Form." Thank you for your consideration.

For more information, contact:

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**PLEASE
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NOTE!**

The convention will start right away on Friday morning! Come on Thursday night and join the fun, as the Midwest Showmen's Association kicks off the weekend with their ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!