Applications to be a Featured Garlic Grower (a garlic bulb vendor) open February 12th and close June 30th, 2022.
(The application period for vendors not selling garlic bulbs remains open until all spaces are filled.)

This policy is subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 conditions.

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://sfamn.z2systems.com/np/clients/sfamn/membershipJoin.jsp

2) Complete a Vendor Application, clearly stating that you intend to sell garlic bulbs. (http://www.sfa-mn.org/garlicfest/vendor-application/)

3) For fresh bulb garlic (as opposed to processed garlic foods), 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. (http://www.sfa-mn.org/garlicfest/vendor-application/) 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) 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 2022, in this order:

1) Preference will be given to approved garlic vendors from 2018 and 2019.

2) Preference will be given to growers on the Waiting List in 2019.

3) Preference will be given to growers in Minnesota, and then to Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

4) Preference will be given to in the order that we received the application.

Once the 15 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 by June 30th, 2022. 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 2022, there will be 15 garlic bulb vendors at the festival. Our policy is that for every increase in attendance of 500, we will add another garlic vendor slot.

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.mngarlicfest.com/garlicgrowing-contest

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