

APPLICATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE POTATO BOOTH AT THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR, SPACE #1, LOCATED IN THE HORTICULTURE BUILDING

Addendum 1 - Questions & Answers *Issued: March 24, 2026*

**Please note that the questions that follow are taken verbatim from the emails received by the Department without editing.*

1. Equipment: Is the previous operator interested in selling any equipment? Could I speak with the previous owner regarding the equipment they are selling?

Answer: The previous operator, Tadros Pastries, can be reached by phone at 310-256-9507, or email at tadrosstatefair@gmail.com

2. Taste of NY: Is there a direct contact available to speak with from Taste NY? Is there a contact I can speak to regarding Taste of NY? I would like to understand their vision and explore how we might work together.

Answer: Please see Taste NY/NYS Grown and Certified co-branding requirements in the application.

3. Renovations: Will The Department provided assistance to renovate the space? For the stand's appearance, I envision new paint, countertops, lighting, and a thorough cleaning throughout. Is this something the state would assist with?

Answer: No. The Licensed Space is provided in “as is” condition. Please see Exhibit 1 for a diagram of the Licensed Space, Exhibit 2 for photographs of the Licensed Space, and Exhibit 3 for a list of equipment and supplies that are included in the Licensed Space. The Department will clean the Licensed Space prior to the opening day of the 2026 State Fair.

4. Space Usage: Will Other Vendors have permission to use the space moving forward during non-Fair events? Will Bosco have permission to use the space moving forward?

Answer: The selected Applicant will only be permitted to use the Licensed Space during the 13 days of the 2026 State Fair (August 26, 2026 through September 7, 2026).

5. Stipend: Will there be a stipend for payroll included with this space rental?

Has there been any discussion regarding the state providing a stipend for running the booth? Given that labor is a significant factor, I believe this would help vendors manage payroll and insurance.

Answer: No stipend will be provided.