

Sausage Pavilion

The Story of a Travelling Stall

Manufacturer: August Müller

Year of construction: 1948

Owner: Josef Müller, Bergisch-Gladbach

Until 1949, August Müller sold fruit and vegetables at weekly markets and in his grocery shop in Bergisch-Gladbach. In order to effectively make use of unsold goods, Müller got himself some pigs. Together with a friend who was a butcher, he developed the idea of turning his pigs into sausages. August Müller offered the first home-made grilled sausages at the fair in Leichlingen in 1949.

An ice cream stall set up during the Feast of Corpus Christi "Mülheimer Gottestracht" in Cologne gave Müller the idea for a sausage pavilion. The trained carpenter made his own stand and took it to fairs in the surrounding area.

To this day, the sausage pavilion has remained unchanged in its appearance and is run by Josef Müller in the third generation. The booth illustrates the simplicity and practicality of small travelling shops after the end of the Second World War.