



Logan County Farmers Market RULES AND REGULATIONS

2017



- 1) All appropriate state, county and city regulations must be observed by participants of the Market. The Logan County Farmers Market is responsible for the Vendor's Permit for the event of the Saturday morning Farmers Market. It is the Vendor's responsibility to obtain all other licenses, permits, or fees that are required by local and state governments. This includes the Vendor's license for products upon which a sales tax is collected and any licensing that may be required for processed foods.
- 2) Sellers must be a producer of agricultural, horticultural, baked goods, body products, and/or animal husbandry products and a vendor of these products. All products must be grown and/or produced within a 30-mile radius of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Vendors are to sell only what they produce. Any questions of eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.
 - Flowers, Plants, and Trees: Must be from the farmer's own farm or greenhouse. Producers must start bedding, potted plants or flowers from seed, cell pack, bulbs, cutting, or plugs. Producers must plant or repot all plant material, as re-sale of flowers, plants, and trees is prohibited.
 - Soaps & Herbal Products: Must be derived from all-natural ingredients whenever possible. Preference will be made for producers who incorporate natural and locally-grown ingredients into their products. Artisanal producers in this category will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 - Wool & Pelts: Must be from the farmer's own animals, but may be processed off-farm.
 - Baked Goods: Must be fresh and baked from scratch using local seasonal ingredients as much as possible. Preference is given to bakers using ingredients sourced from Ohio growers. No commercial mixes, crusts, or commercially-flavored fillings may be used. Vegetables, fruits, grain berries, and various flours can be frozen, canned, or dehydrated before baking.
- 3) Solicitation is not permitted at Market. LCFM exists for the purpose of promoting food-based businesses. Generally, vendors selling for the sole purpose of raising money for a non-food/non-agricultural business or non-profit will not be permitted. If a vendor chooses to support a non-food business or non-profit with proceeds from sales, the business's mission may be noted at the vendor's booth but not be the sole purpose of the booth.
- 4) The Market will open the first Saturday in May and close the last week in September. The Market will be open on Saturdays from **8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**
- 5) Sellers will set their own selling price. Prices must be displayed clearly at each Vendor location. No end of day mark-downs.
- 6) Produce sold by weight must be weighed on certified scales.
- 7) Sellers take the responsibility to file their own appropriate tax forms.
- 8) Stall Assignment Considerations: Stalls are assigned with respect to balance/variety of products at market, number of days producer requests to be at market, and timing of participation during the season. Assignments for the season and each week are made at the discretion of the Market to maximize space, promote diversity of product in the Market, and assure safety. The same location each week is not guaranteed. Returning producers may request the same space as prior year, but same stall assignments are not guaranteed.
- 9) Excessive absences (or failure to notify market manager of absence), as determined by the discretion of the Market, may lead to loss of designated space or expulsion from the market without refund. Producers unable to be at market as planned must give the market manager 24-hours notice.



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- 10) Produce must not be in direct contact with the ground and must be on tables, truck beds, cartons, or on the tailgates of vehicles or in containers. Items with hard rinds such as melons, pumpkins, or winter squash may be the exception.
- 11) Each seller and buyer must conduct themselves and their equipment or vehicles in a safe manner. ***Canopies must be anchored at each corner from set-up to take-down. This can include attaching to vehicle and/or weights at each corner, but every corner must be secured. Weight per corner should be at least 25 lbs.***
- 12) To increase producer sales and provide access to LCFM for those with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (Ohio Direction Card or EBT), we require producers with eligible product to participate in our token programs. Reimbursement checks of any token or incentive program must be cashed within 6 months of the issue date. After 6 months, LCFM reserves the right to cancel the check.
- 13) Members are prohibited from selling elsewhere under the name of the Logan County Farmers Market unless permission has been granted by the Board of Directors.
- 14) Each person utilizing a space is expected to maintain it in an attractive manner and to remove all waste at the close of the Market. Those not in compliance will be assessed a minimum \$5.00 service fee.
- 15) The Board of Directors retains the right to ask a Vendor not to return if they are in violation of the Rules & Regulations. The Vendor may take this dispute to the Board of Directors for resolution. Other grievances or problems are to be directed to the Market Manager or the Board of Directors for resolution.
- 16) The selling of pets or live animals is prohibited.
- 17) The Board of Directors reserves the right to inspect your farm should a question arise about where your products originated.
- 18) Members will be assessed a \$110 fee per space and shall have one guaranteed space all season. Non-members may receive a one-day space rent at \$25. Space for non-members will be given on a first come, first serve basis.
- 19) The Association shall not be liable for any claims from consumers in regards to items purchased at the Market. Proof of a minimum of \$1,000,000 product liability insurance is required to be a vendor at the market. While LCFM works to create a safe environment for all, we are not responsible for any accidents that may occur at the Market. With acceptance into the Market, every producer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Market, and any individuals associated with the operation of the Market, from any and all claims.