

2019 La Porte Farmers Market Rules & Regulations

ELIGIBILITY TO SELL

A vendor is any person offering for sale articles of human consumption, such as fruits or their juices, vegetables, edible grains, nuts and berries and apiary products or non-edible articles such as cut or potted flowers, articles which have been raised, prepared or manufactured by the vendor, members of his/her family or by persons in his/her employ. The Market Manager must approve regional/seasonal products other than those grown by the producer.

SELLING REGULATIONS

1. Fresh produce may be sold by the piece, or by weight on a scale that is legal for trade and bears a current seal. The face of the scale must be visible to the buyer. Scales used in prepackaging are not subject to state testing; however, produce so packed is subject to inspection to verify the accuracy of the claimed weight. Most produce is sold in volume containers or by the count. When produce is precut and wrapped, a label must be applied to the package to clearly indicated the complete business name and address of the packer or distributor. The label on prepackaged produce sold by weight must also show the commodity name, net weight, price per pound, total price, and, if packed other than on the premises, the business name and address.
 - A. All fresh berries, cherries, currants, and other small fruit may be sold, if in the bulk, or in standard-sized containers such as quarts, pints, standard dry measure, etc. The fruit must be uniform in size or sold by the numerical count.
 - B. Melons may be sold by the count.
 - C. Corn may be sold by the half dozen or in multiples.
 - D. Root crops may be sold by the piece or by the bunch.
2. The source for all bulk products such as dried fruits, edible grains, dried herbs, nuts, and seeds must be identified and displayed.
3. Any perishable items such as fresh fruit juice, cider, meat, etc., must be kept at a temperature of 40°F or below.
4. Product “dumping” below fair market value is prohibited except when product is identified to purchaser as being of inferior quality.
5. No unwholesome or spoiled articles may be offered for sale such as cracked melons, overripe tomatoes, worm infested corn, etc.
6. Certified organic growers must display certification.
7. A general listing of products and specialty items must be submitted to the Market Manager prior to market for his/her review. The Market Manager may individually determine whether certain “questionable” items may be sold at market.

8. All baked goods and on site prepared food vendors must have acquired all necessary licenses, permits, etc. prior to market season and furnish copies to the Market Manager before entrance to the market as a vendor. All vendors must be in compliance with all local Health Department rules.
9. The collection of Indiana State sales tax is the responsibility of the seller.
10. The sale of fish, eggs, or dairy products shall be permitted as long as the vendor is in compliance with all state laws and/or local Health Department rules and regulation covering such product sold at the market.
11. Purchased products for resale must be acknowledged, and vendor selling purchased item(s) must product or make more that 90% of sale items. Signage required to be displayed at all times for purchased produce i.e. Indiana melons, Michigan peaches.
12. Vendor space(s) are not transferable. All vendors will be assigned a market space prior to the season opening. Vendor relocation may be approved at the discretion of the Market Manager.

GROWER DISPLAY ARRANGEMENTS

1. Sellers must furnish their own tables, chairs, drop-cloths, display arrangements, and rain protection as they will not be supplied by the Market. The Market is open-air, no shelter is provided. All canopies, tents, umbrellas, etc., must always be securely anchored. Failure to do so is cause for expulsion.
2. Each seller must display a sign with name and hometown. Signage is also required for vendors accepting WIC/Senior Citizen coupons.
3. Delivery trucks and all other equipment used for transportation and display shall be kept clean at all times with adequate protection against contamination to products.
4. No seller shall attract attention to his goods by hawking or "crying out".

CLEAN-UP REGULATIONS

Sellers must remove all waste and refuse from their spaces and Market areas before leaving for the day. It would be useful to have a basket or bucket for trimmings/waste. Seller's sales and display area must be kept free and clear of unsightly and dangerous debris. Sellers who fail to clean up will face possible suspension or eviction from the Market.

TIMES & HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturdays from May 18, 2019 thru October 12, 2019, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm local time. All vendors are expected to stay through the duration unless they are sold out of product. No vendor will be allowed to enter the Market after opening of the Market. Vendors must be set up and ready to sell when the Market opens.

ENFORCEMENT OF MARKET RULES

The Market Manager has full authority to enforce all the rules with assistance from other appropriated City departments. Written warning will be provided for the first violation with Market expulsion upon additional violations.

Occupants of spaces at this Market must at all times conform to the Market Rules.

The Market Manager reserves the right to adjust the Market Rules and Regulation as needed in order to better serve the buying public and maintain fair competition among vendors. All sellers will be promptly notified of any such changes.

All of which is agreed to this _____ day of _____, 2019.

(Vendor's Signature)