



RANDOLPH FARMERS MARKET

RULES, REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION

2009

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Mission Statement

Randolph Farmers Market is a voluntary public service group of Randolph Township Residents that are under the direction and work in cooperation with the Randolph Township Trustees. Our primary mission is to encourage, support, and promote the entrepreneurial efforts of local, independent, and small-scale farmers, bakers and crafters seeking to sell their products directly to the consumer. Inherent in this mission is serving the community and the consumer who benefit from the availability of these farmers' products. Secondary goals are to educate the consumer about the many benefits to the individual, the community, and the environment of buying fresh, locally produced food, to provide a venue for other local organizations and local artists and to enhance and enrich the community and culture of Randolph Township and surrounding Communities.

The Market Season will be:

Every Saturday starting the third Saturday in June through the last Saturday in September, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Market may be extended until the third Saturday in October pending vendor participation.

The location of Randolph Farmers Market:

The market is located at 1776 State Route 44 in Randolph, Ohio. (At the Randolph School Park)

What Can Be Sold:

Food products made at the vendor's home; or produce grown on land owned or controlled by the vendor; i.e. Vegetables grown from seeds, sets, or seedlings on land owned or leased by the seller. Fruit, nuts, or berries grown on land owned or leased by the seller.

Plants grown by the seller from seed, bulbs, transplants, or cuttings on land owned or leased by seller.

Bulbs propagated by the seller.

Cut or dried flowers, herbs or seeds, raised by the seller on land owned or leased by the seller.

Honey and bee products from the sellers' bees.

Eggs from poultry owned by the seller. *

Meats from animals raised on land owned or leased by the seller. *

Cheese or dairy made from animals raised on land owned or leased by the seller. *

Preserves, jams, vinegars, infused oils made by hand of the seller. **

Baked goods, candy, snack food made by the hand of the seller**

Handcrafted items are allowed at the market organizer's discretion and may be juried prior to acceptance. Consideration will be given to the mission and spirit of the market, the market appearance and atmosphere, a limited number of craft items may be approved for sale.

***All Portage County Health Department regulations (temperature control, air contact etc.) pertaining to the sale and transport of *any fresh food (raw meat, eggs, dairy, etc.) sold at the Randolph Farmers Market must be observed.**

**** Prepared food products must be made at the vendor's home or on the farm. The vendor must produce the primary ingredient(s) for food products made at another site. Vendors of home produced goods are considered Cottage Food Production Operations and must follow the guidelines of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The ODA website: <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/foodsafety/> A web video highlights recent changes to the Cottage Foods Industry Laws and can be found at: http://www.eisc.org/news/news_50.php. Contact the Randolph Farmers Market Committee for more information.**

Sellers must make or produce in **Portage County or in Counties within 30 miles** of The Market site Located at 1776 St Rt 44, Randolph, OH. the products they intend to sell. The market committee must approve any other items.

A limited number of "non profit groups" selling items is allowed on a market day. The market committee must approve sale of items by non profit groups. Consideration will be given to the mission and spirit of the market, the market appearance and atmosphere.

Tables and stands used to display and sell their goods are to be provided by the vender. Vendors also must provide their own raingear and be prepared for inclement weather.

The cost of a vendor booth will be \$5 per week. The fee will be waved for Randolph Residents. The Market Committee reserves the right to wave fees for those providing demonstration, education and other services to the Market Committee and Patrons.

The booth size will be approximately 12' X 12'. Merchandise must be contained inside designated booth confines. All tables are to be covered with a table covering that extends below the edge of the table. No food items are to be displayed or stored on the ground surface.

Vendors must be set up and in place no later than 15 minutes before the market opens.

Vendors must have signage for their booth, identifying their farm or business. These signs must not protrude outside of the booth confines. Vendors are to set their own prices and prices must be displayed.

No radios or shouting of prices. No pets permitted at the market without prior board approval.

No vehicles are allowed in the grassy areas of the market. Vendors are to clean their areas; remove all produce, containers, signs, and any mess or trash at the end of market before they leave.

Vendors will be subject to farm inspection at the discretion of the Randolph Farmers Market.

Organic Vendors must have a certification on file with the Randolph Farmers Market and display the certification at their booth to sell as such.

Randolph Township Trustees and the Randolph Farmers Market will not be liable for any accidents at the Farmers' Market location, nor from any claims from consumers in regards to items purchased at the market. All vendors are encouraged to have LIABILITY INSURANCE to cover their risks at the market.

No live or dressed animals may be sold. There will be no sales of raw milk, home canned/frozen items, (without an Ohio Department of Agriculture license) meat (unless state inspected) as specified by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Food Safety Division's rules governing farmers markets. Items that are deemed to be of poor quality may be disapproved for sale. The Randolph Farmers Market reserves the right to approve or disapprove all items even if proper licenses are held.

It is the vendors responsibility to obtain all the licenses and permits, and to pay the fees required by Local and State Governments. This includes vendor's license for goods sold for which a sales tax must be collected. Scales used at the Randolph Farmers Market have to be certified by the Portage County Weights and Measures Department. To get your scales certified in Portage County, call the Portage County Auditors weights and measures office (330) 297-3581.

You must notify the market manager by 8 am the day of the market, of your intentions not to participate that day. Part time vendors please notify market manager 1 week in advance of your intentions to participate that day.

Vendors and their helpers are not permitted to smoke in areas around or between the vendor displays, the market is a public area.

Randolph Township Trustees and the Randolph Farmers Market reserves the right to revoke participation for any vendor not following any and all rules.

INDEMNITY

Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless Randolph Township Trustees and Randolph Farmers Market and its directors, officers, employees, shareholders, owners, subsidiaries, agents and Volunteers from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages (including taxes) and all related costs and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and disbursements and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment, interest and penalties (collectively, "Losses"), and threatened Losses directly or indirectly, due to, arising from or relating to action or inaction by, or on behalf of, Contractor or its directors, officers, employees, shareholders, owners, subsidiaries, subcontractors or agents.

