

ST. CLOUD AREA FARMERS MARKET

Guest Vendor Market Standards

I. LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION

1. The St. Cloud Area Farmers Market meets from the first Saturday in May until the last Saturday in October in the Lady Slipper Parking Lot in downtown St. Cloud, 6th Ave S & Hwy 23, from 8:00 AM until noon.

II. RULES OF OPERATION

1. Market Master may use discretion in determining space in a full market.
2. Upon arrival of each market day, guest vendors are to check-in with the Market Master for stall assignment. (Harold Walz, Golden Bee Acres)
3. All absences need to be reported at least 1 week in advance of the market day. No refund of stall fees will be reimbursed. 2 no-shows with no notice given to the Market Master will result in the forfeit of the remainder of your approved dates.
4. Stall space may be assigned to another guest vendor upon notification of absence.
5. All guest vendors must stay for the duration of the St. Cloud Area Farmers Market, and not leave before noon, without the explicit permission of the Market Master.
6. Guest Vendors are responsible for cleaning their area at the end of each market.
7. The SCAFM does not have a "No Dogs Allowed" policy for their customers.
8. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner with customers, other market members and the officers to contribute to a positive and friendly market image and environment. Disruptive, harassing or antagonistic behavior will not be tolerated.
9. No solicitations/promotion for customers or vendors, verbal or written, of any other Farmer's Market (multiple vendor venue) within a 10-mile radius and operating on the SAME DAY as a current SCAFM will be allowed on-site during the operation hours of any St. Cloud Area Farmer's Market event, or during the setup or teardown period immediately prior to and after each event.

III. DUES AND FEE STRUCTURE

1. Guest Vendor spots are 10 linear feet (\$20/Saturday).
2. Guest vendor fee for sharing stall space with a Seasonal Member is \$50/season fee.
3. Stall fees must be paid in full prior to the first day at the market.
4. Stall Fees are non-refundable.

IV. GUEST VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Guest vendors are restricted in selling products that are approved by the officers. No advertising or promotion of other products is allowed.
2. Proper refrigeration is required for foods that need to be held at a certain temperature based on MN Food Safety guidelines.
3. Refrigeration equipment that is noisy, loud, expel exhaust gases, or caused disruption to the market are not allowed.

4. Proper licensing, inspection, and certification are the responsibility of each vendor to obtain, and a copy of all such requirements must be submitted with all other application materials:
 - Seller of shrubs, trees and perennials must have proper license
 - Meat products must meet State or USDA processing and inspection guidelines
 - Vendors of home-processed/canned foods must follow State guidelines for processed foods.
 - Home-processed/canned food items with an equilibrium pH of 4.6 or greater cannot be sold at a Farmers Market.
 - Some processed foods/products must be prepared in a licensed kitchen.
- 4, Guest Vendors are encouraged to provide a copy of liability insurance rider showing **Farmers Market** coverage prior to the first day at the market.
5. Guest Vendors must grow/produce the products they sell. Purchasing items for resale is not allowed.
6. Guest Vendors must provide driving directions to their production/farm location/s. Elected officers or their representatives reserve the right to inspect a producer's operation.
7. Guest Vendors must complete and return a Minnesota Operator Certificate of Compliance (ST19).
8. Sellers of non-food items must have a Sales Tax ID number.
9. Guest Vendors must sign and abide by this list of Guest Vendor Standards.

V. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. Complaints pertaining to violation of Guest Vendor Standards will be investigated by the elected officers.
2. First violation of Guest Vendor Standards will result in a verbal/written warning; second violation will result in termination of this agreement, permanently expelled from the market, and no refund of fees paid

(Guest Vendor Signature and Date)

By signing and dating the above, you are indicating that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the Guest Vendor Market Standards