

Miami County Farmers' Market

Guidelines 2025

Mission:

The mission of the Miami County Farmers' Market is to provide a venue for local farmers, gardeners, crafters, bakers, and artisans to offer a variety of fresh produce and related products to the residents of Miami County. Provide an educational forum for consumers to learn the uses and benefits of consuming quality locally grown and prepared food products. Provide an environment for community activity fostering social gathering and interaction.

Where and When:

The Market will operate on East 5th Street, between Broadway and Court Street. Times of operation will be 9:00 am to 1:00 pm starting the first Saturday of May (May 3) and running each Saturday through the last Saturday of September (Sept. 27). The Market will not operate on the Saturday of the circus parade (July 19).

Participation Information:

1. The cost to participate in the Miami County Farmer's Market is \$5.00 per Saturday. The Market Master will collect this money at the start of each market.
2. Vendors interested in setting up at the Miami County Farmer's Market will need to fill out the attached application and return it to the Miami County Chamber of Commerce or email to info@miamicochamber.com. Applications will be reviewed and approval is required before set-up is allowed.
3. The total number of active vendors will be capped at 24. Duplicate vendors will be capped at 2, with the exception of produce vendors. The Market Master will place applications over 24, and any duplicate vendors, on a waiting list to fill in for vendor vacancy. Application review will begin in February and accepted vendors will be notified as they are turned in.
4. Vendors are not required to participate every Saturday of the season, but are expected to communicate with the Market Master about their anticipated participation level each month. Vendors will need to notify the Market Master no later than the Wednesday before each market if they will be in attendance. This allows us to accurately publicize to the community, as well as fill in vacancies with wait-listed vendors.
5. Markets are held rain or shine.

Setup and Tear Down:

6. Vendors will be allowed a 12x12 foot space unless more is specified.
7. Vendors will setup in areas designated by the Market Master.
8. Setup will take place between 8:00am and 8:45am. Selling of products should begin at 9:00am. Tear down will begin at the close of the market at 1:00pm. Vendors should not tear down early. This is a safety issue and does not look good if vendors start packing up early. If

you pack up early and leave (unless it is an emergency), you will be asked to not participate in the market the rest of the season.

9. Each vendor will be responsible for policing their area of any trash.
10. Vendors will not be allowed to work from their vehicles. Vehicles will have to be unloaded by 8:45 and removed from the market area. The market master will suggest/designate parking if needed.
11. Vendors will provide their own tables, chairs, and canopies. No electricity will be provided.
12. In order to project a uniformed look, all vendors will be required to be under a canopy and tables should be covered with a tablecloth. (Weights are also suggested for canopies.)
13. It is recommended that each vendor display signage, business card, or placard displaying your name/business, address. Chalkboard signs, letter boards, tent signage/banners are a few examples.
14. Restroom facilities will be provided in the Miami County Museum.

Regulations:

15. Vendors will only sell what they have made, baked, grown, or processed themselves.
16. The Market Master has the right to refuse any vendor or item that is not in keeping with standards, quality, appropriateness, or licensing rules.
17. The Market Master has the right to inspect a vendor's product prior to being accepted as a qualified vendor.
18. The following are not permitted: pets, vendor smoking, alcohol, loud music, disruptive behavior, religious and political materials.
19. Produce vendors may sell excess produce from a non-vendor's garden. The non-vendor must reside in Miami County or a surrounding county. The Market Master reserves the right to inspect any non-vendor's production practices.
20. A vendor will notify the Market Master when their load contains non-vendor produce.
21. No flea market, yard sale, or items for resale will be sold. No live animals will be sold (chickens, pigs, rabbits, ferrets, birds, etc.). No dairy products will be sold (cheeses, raw milk, etc.).
22. Butchered frozen poultry or domestic rabbits can be sold in accordance to **IC 16-42-5.3-10. Please see below the requirements.**
23. Only processed foods packaged and complying with the attached information will be allowed.
24. A few commercial vendors may be allowed with Miami County food permits
25. Vendors who bring minors to the market will be responsible for their conduct and **stay at their designated booth area. Please do not play or hang on the railings or in the windows of the courthouse.**
26. Markets are held rain or shine. Weather will be monitored before and during the Market day. If weather poses a threat, vendors can move inside the Miami County Museum on a first serve basis. This information will be posted on our Facebook page.
27. Personal liability insurance is not required, but is strongly suggested. However; the Miami County Chamber of Commerce will procure liability insurance for the Market.

For additional information please email info@miamicochamber.com or call 765-327-1277.

IC 16-42-5.3-10 Sale of poultry and rabbits at a farmers' market or roadside stand; exemption from food establishment requirements

Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to the sale of poultry and rabbits by an individual vendor of a farmers' market or roadside stand.

(b) The following products are exempt from the requirements of this title that apply to food establishments:

(1) Poultry products produced under IC 15-17-5-11. Poultry products sold at a farmers' market or roadside stand must be frozen at the point of sale. Poultry products sold on the farm where the product is produced must be kept refrigerated at the point of sale and through delivery by the producer to the end consumer.

(2) Rabbits that are slaughtered and processed on a farm for the purpose of conducting limited sales on the farm, at a farmers' market, and at a roadside stand. Rabbit meat sold at a farmers' market or roadside stand must be frozen at the point of sale. Rabbit meat sold on the farm where the product is produced must be kept refrigerated at the point of sale and through delivery by the producer to the end consumer. An individual who sells rabbits under this subsection shall comply with the label requirements set forth in this chapter. (c) This section does not apply to the distribution of meat from a game animal.

As added by P.L.49-2022, SEC.4.

Recent Changes in Home-Based Vendors Regulations

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Home-based vendors (HBV) in Indiana must follow certain regulations to sell food products made in a non-inspected space, like a home kitchen. HBV regulations require vendors to obtain a food handler certificate and restrict where HBVs may sell their products. Until recently, whole, uncut produce was subject to HBV regulations and requirements. As of July 1, 2023, **whole, uncut produce is no longer covered under HBV laws in Indiana**. This means that vendors only selling whole, uncut produce no longer need to obtain a food handler certificate or meet other HBV regulations. This was the only product removed from the list of products subject to these rules. For more information about home-based vendor regulations, visit our [HBV webpage](#).

If produce growers are interested in food safety education, we recommend that growers take the Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training. This 8-hour course is geared specifically toward fruit and vegetable growers and focuses on Good Agricultural Practices to prevent the contamination of fresh produce. Trainers from Purdue Extension's Safe Produce Indiana team will cover topics including agricultural water quality, worker hygiene, soil amendments, postharvest sanitation, and more. Check out the [Safe Produce Indiana website](#),

IC 16-42-5.3 Chapter 5.3. Home Based Food Products

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IC 16-42-5.3-1 Definitions

Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "end consumer" means a person who is the last person to purchase any food product and who does not resell the food product.

(b) As used in this chapter, "roadside stand" means a structure, including a tent, stand, vehicle, or trailer that is:

(1) visible from a road; and

(2) located not more than one hundred (100) feet from the edge of the side of the road; where whole uncut produce, food products that are not potentially hazardous, poultry that is exempt under IC 15-17-5-11, rabbits, or eggs permitted for sale by the state egg board are sold to an end consumer.

As added by P.L. 49-2022, SEC. 4.

IC 16-42-5.3-2 Home based vendor

Sec. 2. A person may prepare and sell food products as a home based vendor if the person complies with the requirements of this chapter.

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IC 16-42-5.3-3 Exemption from food establishment requirements

Sec. 3. The production and sale of food products by a home based vendor in accordance with this chapter are exempt from the requirements of this title that apply to food establishments.

As added by P.L. 49-2022, SEC. 4.

IC 16-42-5.3-4 Requirements for the preparation and sale of a food product

Sec. 4. A home based vendor shall prepare and sell only a food product that is:

(1) made, grown, or raised by an individual at the individual's primary residence, including any permanent structure that is on the same property as the residence;

(2) not a potentially hazardous food product;

(3) prepared using proper sanitary procedures, including:

(A) proper hand washing;

(B) sanitizing the container or other packaging in which the food product is contained;

(C) storing the food product safely;

(D) producing the food product in a food preparation or packaging area in which animals are not present; and

(E) cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces that have contact with the food product;

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Vendor Application Form

Vendor Name and Business Name:

Names of additional vendors at the same space _____

Participation Level:

Check one: Full Time (all/most Saturdays)

Part Time (approximately 2 Saturdays per month) list dates

Seasonal (a few times per year or when produce is in season) list dates

Mailing address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Cell phone text capable? Yes No

Emergency phone numbers for additional vendors if different from primary vendor.

Email Address: _____

Your preferred method of communication? _____

Product(s) Vendor will be selling: _____

Where are products made/grown? _____

Website and/or Facebook: _____

Additional Information: _____

The vendors of the Miami County Farmers' Market should possess liability insurance, although not required to be a vendor. The market as a whole is covered under the Miami County Chamber of Commerce event insurance.

I have read and understand the Miami County Farmers' Market Guidelines.

Signature of Primary Vendor _____ Date _____