

Mount Hood Farmers Market

2024 Vendor Handbook



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Sandy, Oregon 97055

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38600 Proctor Boulevard
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<http://antfarmyouthservices.com>

I. Mount Hood Farmers Market information summary

Market season

The market opens on May 17, 2024 and runs until October 18, 2024. The market opens each Friday at 2:00 p.m. and closes at 7:00 pm.

Market location

The Mount Hood Farmer's Market will be held at the AntFarm Outdoor Building, 38600 Proctor Boulevard, Sandy, Oregon (located between Dairy Queen and the Big Apple). There are entrances from both Proctor and Pioneer Boulevards.

Market products

We are excited to be reaching into our local community of farmers, artists, food vendors, and entertainers. There is a great mix of fresh produce and farm products, foods, artisan products, and entertainment! All products are handmade and grown/produced locally.

Market fees

Weekly fees are \$25 unless you are a part of Sustaining the Seasons, which lowers the booth fee to \$30 a month. Please note: The Sustaining the Seasons Program is a year long commitment. Payments are due the day of the market before 3pm at the AntFarm info booth. Cash, card or checks payable to AntFarm are accepted.

II. AntFarm Sponsorship

Mount Hood Farmers Market is sponsored by AntFarm Youth Services. AntFarm's vision is to see all people healthy, live with purpose, and contribute to community wellbeing. Our mission is to provide life-changing learning experiences for young people which create and connect a healthy, purposeful, and compassionate community

III. Market Vendors

Community intention

The Mount Hood Farmers Market is designed to create a positive community environment supporting local farmers, artisans, entertainers, and community members. We support local vendors who grow, make, and produce their products.

Products

Products allowed to be sold at the Market are agricultural products such as: fruits, vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, seafood, meat, poultry, honey, fungi, cheese, processed foods, chickens, eggs, rabbits, goats, plants, trees, ready to eat foods and beverages, hard goods (homemade crafts) and selected services. The Mount Hood Farmer's Market is a place for a wide variety of choices!

Products must be grown, raised, produced or foraged in Oregon or Washington.

100% of all meat products must be from animals raised from weaning by the farmer/producer. Animals must be butchered or processed in compliance with all health ordinances and regulations. Meat sellers' license required.

Eggs can only be sold by the owner of the chickens who lay them as per ODA rules and must be fresh, contained in clean, labeled containers, and kept in coolers.

Live animals must be in cages or completely contained by fencing and kept at least 20 feet from food. A tarp or ground covering should be placed on under the animal pen or cage to collect droppings. If public is to have contact with any animals, then a hand-washing station is required. Please check with manager for additional guidelines on animals.

Nursery products and plants must be propagated by the vendor from plugs, seeds, cuttings, bulbs or plant divisions and sold in standard, non-decorative nursery containers. When non-traditional containers are appropriate such as Bonsai dishes, succulent dishes, baskets or planter boxes, the value of the container may not exceed the value of the plant material.

Bakery products must be made locally, from scratch, from quality ingredients. Preference is given to vendors who source ingredients locally. All products must be safe to consume and held at appropriate temperatures at all times. ODA License required.

Prepared food should be made from local products where and when available and made under the direction of the owner. The owner is not required to raise any of the raw ingredients. However, priority is given to prepared foods that contain locally grown ingredients. ODA License required.

Valued added products are processed food products whose main ingredients are grown by the Vendor and come under the new ODA (2012 Direct Marketing) rules or grown by vendor and/or bought from local farmers or growers, in which case an ODA Certified Home Kitchen License is required.

Artisan products and crafts includes items that are non-food, non-nursery, or non-produce in nature such as items created by an artisan using materials such as fiber, clay, metal or wood, in which creative, manual or artistic skills are a major part of the product. Craft items must be handmade in nature (photography excluded) and must not be mass produced.

Hot foods and drinks are important for a successful market! The Market Board reserves the right to limit the number of food concessions at the market at any given time. Preference will be given to food vendors selling healthy foods and drinks made using local ingredients. Vendors must submit a menu with their application.

Sampling is allowed of products provided that sample size is very small and strict sanitary guidelines are followed. Boards, knives to be kept clean, and wiped frequently with bleach water. Handwashing station must be provided, and samples should be bite-sized. If cooking equipment is used vendors need to have a fire-extinguisher in the booth at all times.

Products grown or processed using genetically modified seeds may not be sold. Vendors must submit a complete list of products that they wish to sell at the time they apply to the market. All products must be approved by the market coordinator prior to being sold. If an accepted vendor wants to sell an item not previously listed on original application, the Vendor must submit item for approval in writing and get pre-authorization before the new item may be sold.

It is preferred for vendors to grow/raise 100% of their product on land owned/leased by said farmer/grower. All Vendors must have, and prominently display, proper signage that identifies the farm/vendor name and growing location of any product sold. (i.e.: Our Farm, Sandy Oregon)

All products shall be of good quality, and must comply with any applicable regulations pertaining to their production and sale. All products must be on site for sale – subscription sales will be allowed only with pre-approval by the Market Coordinator. CSA's must identify their status when applying to sell at the market.

All scales used for weighing customer goods must be certified by the ODA Measurement Standards Division annually and a copy of certificate provided to market.

It is important for the Mount Hood Farmers Market to follow all health, safety, and insurance requirements. For a full list of licensed and insurance requirements please contact the market manager.

Vendor application

For consideration in the upcoming market season, all vendors must complete an application that can be found at: <http://mounthoodfarmersmarket.org>

Vendors will not be allowed to participate unless all these requirements have been met.

IV. Community Education and Incentives

The Mount Hood Farmers Market has sought out activities, events, and programs to increase the community buying power and support local farmers in sales. These include:

1. Power of Produce – This is an educational activity for children (up thru 12 years old) focusing on fruits and vegetables. The children earn \$4 market tokens to buy produce from vendors.
2. SNAP Benefits - These are benefits that allow Oregon Trail Card holders to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits with their EBT card.
3. Double Up Food Bucks - For community members shopping with Oregon Trail EBT (SNAP), the Mount Hood Farmers Market obtained a grant to double purchase of vegetables and fruits up to \$10 for each \$10 of SNAP spent.
4. WIC Coupons - For mothers and young children working with this program, produce vouchers are provided by the USDA and honored by the Mount Hood Farmers Market.
5. Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SNFMP) - For local senior citizens supported through this program, the Mount Hood Farmers Market honors USDA vouchers to purchase fruits and vegetables
6. Music and performances– The goal for 2024 is acquiring a musician to perform at each market. We encourage vendors to assist with music search and planning.
7. Youth internships – We will be encouraging local youth to work with vendors this year as a method of learning. Would you be interested in having an intern?

V. Market Operations

Market Manager

The market manager is responsible for the daily operations of the Mount Hood Farmer's Market. All decisions will include consideration of vendor's information, customer and vendor comments, needs, safety, and fairness within the market.

Market Dollars

- **EBT Oregon Trail Cards (SNAP)** Mount Hood Farmers Market is a part of a debit and EBT token program that benefits vendors and customers alike. If approved through the USDA and you are accepted into our market, then you are required to honor the markets currency. \$1 EBT market dollar is for customers who receive the Oregon Trail Electronic Benefits Transfer Card (SNAP Benefits) There is no charge for this service.

EBT tokens can ONLY be used to buy certain food items:

- Items permitted: Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Fish, Poultry, Dairy Products, Seeds, Baked Goods to be taken home and Plants for food growing.
- Items **NOT** permitted: non-food items, ready-to-eat foods, hot foods and flowers.

By law no change can be given for \$1 EBT market dollar. Vendors must increase or decrease product amount to match dollar amount. Misuse of the \$1 EBT Market dollar compromises the market's eligibility to have this program. Please follow guidelines and help us keep this program.

At the end of each market day, the vendor will turn the tokens in to the market manager for reimbursement the following week. Please be sure to give the market manager the name that the checks should be written to.

- **Power of Produce (POP)** These are tokens that can be spent on produce and vegetable starts. At the end of each market day, the vendor will turn the tokens in to the market manager for reimbursement the following week. Please be sure to give the market manager the name that the checks should be written to.

Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP) Checks

The Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program gives checks to low-income, nutritionally at-risk women, children and infants and to low income seniors and people with disabilities. These funds are distributed as tan colored WIC (Women Infants and Children) checks for young families or green checks for seniors or disabled people.

To accept this form of payment you must be a grower registered with the ODA and display a sign. The market strongly suggests all farmers register. For information call ODA at 503-872-6600.

Booth size and upkeep

Standard booth size is 10ft x 10ft but may vary based on location in the market and availability of space. Vendors must sell within the boundaries of the assigned space. All vendors are responsible for keeping their booth areas clean during market hours, and leaving their space clean, free of debris, and disposing of trash before they leave each Friday. Produce vendors must remove produce waste off site. Vendors whose product sales generate waste must provide receptacles for litter at their stalls.

Booth assignment

Booth space requirements are specified in the initial application and are assigned according to seniority, type of product, power requirements, and market layout. It is the market's intent to assign regular stall spaces, although situations may occur in which it is not possible to guarantee stall assignments. Permanent booth assignment will occur for vendors committed to attending every market.

Commitment to sustainability

The Mount Hood Farmers Market is committed to sustainability practices. We have set goals to reduce waste, reuse when possible, and recycle. We ask our vendors to assist the Market Coordinator to develop, monitor, and reach sustainability goals. Specific areas of focus include: utilizing paper packaging instead of plastic whenever possible, reducing sample waste, and our vendors active participation in communicating sustainability goals to customers.

Set up and take down

Vendors are expected to set up by 1:45 pm and be prepared to be open at 2pm.

ALL CARS MUST BE OFF THE FIELD BY 1:30PM. Unless previously discussed with the market manager, showing up after 2pm is not allowed and you will be asked to come back next week. Vendors agree to not take down their booth until the market closes at 7:00pm, even if you sell out of products. This would be a good time to provide pamphlets or information about your company. Vendors understand that their booth needs to be broken down and must wait until at least 7:15 to drive back onto the lot.

Securing equipment and canopies

Vendors are responsible for setting up and securing their equipment properly. Securing canopies and equipment is required to protect and prevent injury to other vendors and sites. Each cover must be flame retardant (required by Fire Marshall) and secured at each corner with enough weight to prevent it from moving. A minimum of 20 lbs. of weight per corner are required for a 10 x 10 foot canopy. Any alternative means of securing a canopy must be approved by the market manager.

Vehicles and parking

Vendors may drive into the market area to unload set up and products. All vendor vehicles must have vehicles moved out of market area by 1:30pm and booths set up by 1:45pm. Vendors arriving after this time will need to connect with the market manager for booth assignment. All vendors must stay at the market until 7:00 pm; this includes vendors who sell out prior to closing hours.

Vendors are not to take up customer parking, including the spots along Proctor & Pioneer Blvd. and to utilize public parking more than one block away from the market site. This allows for on street parking on Pioneer and Proctor for customers. A major reason people do not stop to visit the market is a lack of parking available.

Vendors are not to enter the general market area with their vehicles until 7:15 pm, and only if their site is broken down to the point of being ready to load.

Vendor attendance

Vendors that need to make changes to when they will be attending the market need to contact the market manager as soon as possible. A prior notice of 72 hours is needed if a vendor will not be attending a market. This prior notice allows the market manager to try to fill the booth space for the market a vendor will be missing. Adverse weather and emergencies will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please make sure to let the market manager know if you are unable to attend your scheduled market date. After two no call no shows you will be required to prepay before the date of your next market.

Dogs

We aim to maintain a family friendly space where safety and a calm environment is important. Our four-legged friends (dogs) are welcome at the market as long as they are on leashes and well behaved. Signage instructing dog owners about guidelines will be provided at the market.

Smoking

The market is a No Smoking area. Those wishing to smoke need to do so well outside market perimeter so no smell can be detected in the market.

Trash

Vendors are responsible for removing their own refuse and unsold product from the market site. The trash and recycling cans at the market are for the use of the public only. Vendors must provide their own broom and leave their space swept and clean.

Music

The market arranges for 2 hours of live music each week. Playing of individual radios or CD'S inside the market is not allowed, however if you have music that you would like to share with the market please contact the manager.

Vendor conduct

While vendors occupy the premises of the market, they are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Vendors may not publicly disparage or place other vendors, products, staff, volunteers or customers at risk of harm or in fear of harm. The market manager will request an immediate stop to such conduct. Failure to immediately comply with this request will result in an order to leave the market.

Complaints and disputes will be handled professionally and in a respectful manner. All complaints will be addressed by the market manager.

All AntFarm programs offer a safe space for all people, so no political party booths, signage, brochures or networking is allowed. T-shirts, hats or pins are OK.

Market insurance and licenses

Mount Hood Farmers Market maintains a liability insurance policy covering the market in general, as required by the City of Sandy. Produce and food vendors (ready to eat, processed, and prepared foods) are required to provide proof of liability insurance which releases, indemnifies, and holds harmless MHFM, its Board Members, and the City of Sandy, and names them as additional insured. Based on vendor type, licenses are required as regulated by the State of Oregon.

Vendors are to bring any safety issues to the immediate attention of the market manager.

Licenses and certification for approval

Vendors must assure that all products offered for sale at the market comply with all state and city regulations governing weight, packaging, display and labeling. Oregon State Regulations are extensive. It is the responsibility of the market participant to seek out information on all applicable product and production regulations, and to remain in compliance with all licenses and declared certification.

The market manager will review vendor applications and provide an approval based on satisfactory completion and submission of copies of all applicable licenses, certifications, and other such documents. This process may include inspection of the applicant's operations, confirmation of compliance with regulatory agencies and on-farm visits throughout the year.

Vendors must present documentation of all certifications, including Organic and Oregon Tilth, and state and federal licenses and permits required for regulatory compliance, at the time of application to the market.

Mount Hood Farmers Market has determined the following resources may be helpful to vendors in meeting all licenses, certifications, and insurance needs.

Government agencies:

Clackamas County Public Health Administration

2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 742-5300
(503)655-8430

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

635 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
www.oregon.gov/ODA
(503)986-4550

ODA Food Safety Division

(503)986-4720

ODA License Database

Various ODA divisions

ODA Measurement Standards Division

(503)986-4767

ODA Plant Division

(503)986-4636

Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDMP)

Oregon Dept. of Human Services &
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Women, infants & children coupon program
(WIC)
and coupon reimbursements
For FDMP application packet call
(503)872-6600

FDMP - Senior Eligibility & Coupon Distribution

Department of Seniors & People with
Disabilities
1-866-299-3562

Senior Farm Stand Participation

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Farm Stand List: www.oda.state.us
(503)872-6600

Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS)

500 Summer Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

(503)945-5944
dhs.info@state.or.us

Certification Organizations:

Food Alliance

1829 NE Alberta, Suite 5
Portland, OR 97211
(503)493-1066
www.foodalliance.org

Oregon Tilth

470 Lancaster Drive NE
Salem, OR 97301
(503)378-0690
organic@tilth.org
www.tilth.org

Salmon-Safe Inc.

805 SE 32nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97214
(503)232-3750
www.salmonsafe.org

National Organic Program

www.ams.usda.gov/NOP/indexIE.htm
(202)720-3252

Liability Insurance:

Pacific Insurance Partners

2328 Pacific Avenue
Forest Grove, OR 97116
(503)357-7111
www.PacificInsPartners.com

What kind of license do I need?

Vendors are responsible for complying with local, state, and federal requirements governing the sale and production of their products, and for acquiring the necessary permits and licenses. The following is a list of common permits and licenses required; however, it is not exhaustive. For more information contact the issuing agency.

Produce

License

Issuing Agency

Scales (Each scale used)

ODA Scales Certification

ODA Measurement Standards Division

Plant & Nursery Growers (for annual sales over \$250)	OG Certification Nursery License	ODA Plant Division ODA Plant Division
Organic Growers	OG Certification	Varies
Processed Foods (See ODA Farmers Market Guidelines for details)	ODA Certified Kitchen Processors License	ODA Food Safety ODA Food Safety
On-premise prepared foods (See above)	ODA Certified Kitchen Temporary Restaurant License Food Handlers Permit	ODA Food Safety Clackamas County Public Health Dept. Clackamas County Public Health Dept.
Cheese/Dairy	Dairy Processor's License	ODA Food Safety
Meat	Meat Seller's License Processor's License	ODA Food Safety ODA Food Safety
Seafood	Food Processor's License Retail Food Establishment License	ODA Food Safety ODA Food Safety
Oysters	Shellfish Shipper's License	ODA Food Safety
Eggs	Eggs can only be sold by the owner of the chickens who lay them per ODA rules and must be fresh, contained in clean, labeled containers, and kept in coolers.	
Native American Vendors	The treaty rights of Native American vendors allow them to sell product without licensing. The vendor's tribal identification card will need to be submitted with the application to confirm Native American status.	

New ODA Farm Direct Rules: Farmers/growers are now allowed by ODA (since Jan. 1st 2012) to direct market high-acid preserved fruits, nuts and vegetables that they grow themselves as per the new Farm Direct rule. Items include: syrups, jams, preserves,

jellies and canned fruit. Other products that may be produced and sold under the exemption include: pickles, chutneys, relishes, sauerkraut, and some salsas. The foods above must be producer-processed, acidic and labeled with the statements, "This product is homemade and is not prepared in an inspected food establishment," and "Not for Resale."

Please visit the ODA web site:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/FSD/faq_2336.shtml#Attachments_A_B

Vendors must use safe, science-based recipes from the National Centre of Food Preservation or equivalent. <http://nchfp.uga.edu/> and supply the market with a copy or link to recipe.

Product liability insurance

All vendors selling bakery, prepared food or value-added food as well as all produce, meat, cheese, and fish must present to the market all relevant licenses plus a copy of \$1,000,000 Product Liability Insurance naming the AntFarm as Additional Insured before being allowed to sell at the market. Food, Business, and Culinary Insurance (FLIP) is a reasonable and knowledgeable insurance vendor that works specifically with farms and farmers markets.

Organic regulations

All produce and farmers enrolled in an organic certification program produce plants labeled 'organic'. Evidence of Organic Certification must be supplied in order to be considered and to sell as an 'Organic' vendor.

Health code regulations

A certified kitchen license is required for any product that is cooked, baked, heated, mixed, ground, churned, separated, extracted, cut, frozen, canned or packaged. Processed food vendors must be approved by the market manager as well as any new product a vendor adds.

Food/Produce Safety Check

1. Hand washing stations present and ready to use.
2. Employee present in the booth with a food handler's card (if applicable)
3. All food at least six (6) inches off the ground or in plastic tubs.
4. Samples are being handled in according with ODA Farmers' Market, and Clackamas County Health Department Guidelines.

Market Coordinator support for meeting regulations

The Market coordinator will periodically review with vendor's appropriate health and safety regulations. The checks are a quick assessment of the vendor's compliance with food safety, health and general rules that the market considers of importance.

Other general rules

1. All applicable licenses and certificates are up-to-date.
2. Each canopy leg is secured with weights 20lbs or greater, to hold canopy regardless of weather.
3. Booth is set up with regard for public safety. All components of the booth are contained within the boundaries of the booth.
4. Proper signage indicating the name and location of grower.
5. Organic, WIC, and Senior Voucher ID certificates properly posted.
6. Prices of product clearly and accurately posted.
7. Fire extinguishers present (if applicable)
8. Vendor's booth free of boxes, garbage, etc.
9. Proper use of scale with current certification.
10. Vendors must remove refuse and/or unsold product from market premises. The market trash cans are for public use only.
11. Vendors must pick up litter and clean booth area at end of day.
12. All products for sale are listed on application and approved by the market.
13. Vendor and employees must be parked in spaces designated for vendors.
14. Vendor vehicles must be moved out of market 30 mins before opening.
15. Vendor vehicles must not return to market site until 15 mins after closing.