



Wiscasset Farmers' Market Rules 2023

1. Apply with the Wiscasset Farmers' Market.
2. Location is the parking lot of the Wiscasset Town Office, 51 Old Bath Rd., Wiscasset, ME 04578
3. **2023 Season is from May 26, 2023 through October 6, 2023.**
4. Time and Day is Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
5. **Reside and Produce in Maine**
6. **Arrive at the market by 8:30** (earlier if your set-up is longer) to be ready at 9am when the market opens, participate in site set-up, breakdown, and clean up. **Stay until the market closes at 12 noon.**
7. **Open rain or shine.** At the discretion of the Market Manager, the market may close due to dangerous weather.
8. **Ethics and Business Conduct:** All vendors must practice the highest standards of business ethics and conduct. Vendors are expected to convey a positive and friendly attitude with all customers and other vendors.
9. **Display easily visible prices** for the products with you at the market. It must be clear to customers the specific products you are selling each market day and the prices for those products. Products you plan to have at a future market date should be clearly identified as not with you now but will be at a specific future date. Display a sign with your business/farm name and location.
10. **Buy-In Items** equaling no more than 25% of their total potential gross sales on any given day. All bought in items must be grown/ processed in Maine and purchased only from Maine Farms. Single ingredient products such as honey must be grown in Maine and the main ingredients in multi ingredient products must be sourced from Maine. Additionally all vendors who buy in must label their products with the farm name and location.
11. **Assigned spaces:** In order to reduce conflict between members and to avoid any disorientation of customers, each member will be assigned a parking space by the Market Manager at the beginning of the season. Members are expected to respect this arrangement and set up in their allocated space. If a member is not in attendance for a market day, adjacent vendors may move into the space to fill in the hole and maintain the continuity of the market. If a member's absence becomes routine, their space may be permanently reallocated so that continuity is maintained at the market.
12. **Attendance**
 - Please notify the Market Manager one week in advance if you will not be able to attend. This will allow us to try and fill the vendor market space. No more than three missed weeks without early notification, will be allowed.

13. Insurance and License Requirements

- Vendors must meet the entire State of Maine Department of Agriculture licensing requirement listed on the “Farm Stands and Farmers Markets Mobile Vendor Guidelines.” Each Vendor is liable for the safety of his or her own products and must maintain adequate liability insurance. Vendors must have an application and copies of all appropriate licenses at their Vendor space and on file with the Market Manager. A State Scale and Product Inspector may inspect your scale and check for safe food handling compliance and license at any time.
- State of Maine License Requirements at Farm Stands and Farmers’ Markets (Source: “Farm Stands & Farmers Markets Mobile Vendor Guidelines” , Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Division of Quality Assurance Regulations at www.getrealmaine.com)
- Farmers’ Market License Requirements: <http://www.maine farmers markets.org/market-managers/keeping-your-market-legal/farmers-market-reference-guide/>

Produce and Plants

- All produce, fruit, flowers, and plants must be grown or wild gathered in Maine by the Vendor.
- Post harvest handling should consider sanitation, cleanliness, and high quality. Produce that appears rotten, spoiled, moldy, improperly sprayed, or otherwise unfit for human consumption may not be brought to the market and offered for sale.
- Growers who apply pesticides must follow the labeled directions as to the target pest, crop, application rate, and post application harvest withdrawal period. Non-certified organic vendors must maintain the same records as certified organic vendors (as determined by MOFGA, the certifying agent of the Dept of Agriculture) and have these records available at the market.
- Plant growers and any vendor selling plants at the Market must have a copy of their Maine Nursery License on file with the Market.

Processed, Dairy, and Baked Goods

- All vendors selling processed baked goods must have their processing facility in Maine and be licensed by the Maine Department of Agriculture. Copies of all pertinent licenses must be on file with the Market.
- The vendor must process all dairy products in a Dairy compliant facility in Maine. They must be transported and displayed in accordance with Maine Agriculture Guidelines. All dairy licenses must be updated and on file with the Market.
- Jams and acidulated foods major ingredients must be processed in Maine. All fruits, vegetables, and herbs must be Maine grown.
- All baked goods must be made by scratch by the Vendor in Maine. All home-processed or baked products should use fresh product from the vendor or a local farmer in Maine. No commercially frozen, canned, or pre-mixed ingredients are allowed.

Meat

- Meats and eggs must be raised by the vendor in Maine.
- Meats and eggs must be packaged, transported, and displayed in accordance with Maine Agriculture Guidelines.
- Seafood must be caught by a fisherman or lobster whose residence and license is in Maine.
- All seafood must be packaged, transported, and displayed in accordance with Maine Agriculture Guidelines.

Wool, Fiber, and Wood Products

- All wool and fiber raw materials must be raised and produced by the vendor or purchased from a local farm. All wool, fiber, and wood products should be labeled with the source of the product.

Crafts

- All crafts must be hand crafted by the vendor in her/his own home or shop. Items must show originality and uniqueness. Natural materials should be used whenever possible. Workmanship, attention to detail and final presentation of the product must be of the highest standard. Products made from kits will not be considered.

Compliance

- Any vendor can be expelled from the Market for non-compliance of market rules. No refunds will be given. Their expulsion can be challenged in accordance to Wiscasset Farmers' Market and By-Laws.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____