



Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District  
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Steubenville, OH 43952  
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**RE: 2026 Farmers' Market**

Dear Local Producer/Grower,

It will soon be time to start the 2026 farmers' market season!

The market will again be held in the front parking lot of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, located at: 852 Main Street, Wintersville, OH 43953, every Wednesday evening beginning June 3rd.

The market selling hours are from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with set-up no earlier than 3:45 p.m. **No sales to customers are permitted until 4:30 PM.**

The market is a venue for local sellers growing, raising, or making their own products. Eighty (80) percent of the seller's total saleable products must be their own, grown or raised agricultural products or articles for human consumption. Eligible saleable items include:

- a. Articles for human consumption such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, berries, honey, cider and fruit juices, baked goods, jams and jellies, herbs, spices, meats, butter, cheese and eggs.
- b. Agricultural products not for human consumption such as house and bedding plants, cut flowers, gourds, cornstalks, etc.

Crafts and flea market items are not permitted. A limited number of 'artisan item' only vendors (hand-made soaps, pottery, etc.) will also be accepted at the discretion of the Farmers' Market planning committee.

Vendors wishing to sell may participate at any time during the market season. See attached 2026 Farmers' Market Rules and Seller's Agreement for space rental information.

Please note that all sellers are acting as independent dealers and are responsible for following all regulations pertaining to the sale of their product(s). Insurance is the responsibility of each vendor and the vendor agrees to assume any and all liability for their products.

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***"Promoting Conservation of Our Lands and Waters"***

**If you have questions or need information on the appropriate licensing of your product and your business address is located in Jefferson County, please contact:**

Jefferson County Health Department  
500 Market St.  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
(740) 283-8530

**If your business address is located in another county or neighboring state:**  
Please contact your local health department for licensing information.

**If you are a vendor selling home-produced baked goods that do not need refrigeration, please see the enclosed 'Cottage Foods' information and labeling instructions.**

If you wish to participate in the 2026 market, please review the **'2026 Farmers' Market Rules and Seller's Agreement'** and sign and **return the final page of the document**, indicating that you have read it and agree to the information contained therein. **Also, please return the completed Application.** If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District office at (740)264-9790.

We appreciate your willingness to participate and look forward to working with you this market season!

Sincerely,  
Farmers' Market Committee

# 2026 Farmers' Market Rules and Seller's Agreement

**The market is a venue for sellers raising or making their own products.** Eighty (80) percent of the seller's total saleable products must be their own, locally produced agricultural products or articles for human consumption.

A seller is any person or organization offering for sale:

- a. Articles for human consumption such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, berries, honey, cider and fruit juices, baked goods, jams and jellies, herbs, spices, meats, butter, cheese and eggs.
- b. Agricultural products not for human consumption such as house and bedding plants, cut flowers, gourds, cornstalks, etc.
- c. Crafts and flea market items are **not permitted**. Artisan items such as handmade soaps, pottery, etc. are permitted **ONLY** if the seller's total saleable products include at least 80% of their own locally produced agricultural products or articles for human consumption. A limited number of 'artisan item' only vendors will also be accepted at the discretion of the Farmers' Market planning committee.

Sellers are acting as independent dealers. **Sellers are responsible for following all regulations, permitting, etc. pertaining to the sale of their product(s). Insurance is the responsibility of each seller and seller agrees to assume any and all liability for their products.**

## **Dates, Hours of Operation and Selling Rules:**

The market will operate in the **front** parking lot of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (852 Main Street, Wintersville, OH 43953) every Wednesday evening from **June 3rd** through the end of September.

- Hours of operation: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sellers cannot begin set up until 3:45 p.m.
- **No sales to customers are permitted until 4:30 PM.** If customers arrive early to the market and a seller is already set up, selling early or 'holding' items for those customers is not permitted (this does not apply to regular customers who have pre-ordered items from the vendor). The penalty for selling early or 'putting back' items prior to the market start time will be loss of space for one week. Persistent selling or 'putting back' items prior to the market start time will result in the seller no longer being able to participate in the market as a vendor.
- Sellers must stay until closing time unless they are sold out. On very slow market days or during bad weather, sellers may be permitted to leave early if necessary. The penalty for leaving early without approval from the market coordinator(s) will be loss of space for one week. Persistent early departure will result in the seller no longer being able to participate as a vendor.

## **Space and Rental Fees:**

- Rental for one space as designated by the market is **\$10.00 for each Wednesday.**
- Rent will be collected at the end of market each Wednesday.
- Rent may not be paid in advance.
- Payments are non-refundable.
- Priority space selection will be given to those vendors who have participated as regular weekly vendors in past market seasons. All other spaces on market day are rented seasonally on a first come, first served basis.
- No more than two sellers may occupy the same space.

- Sellers must provide all necessary items, including tent, table, chairs, etc.
- Sellers with perishable items may bring a refrigerator/freezer which must be removed each week. Please note: **no electric is available at the site.**

**Prices:**

Prices must clearly be marked on merchandise **before** the opening of the market and must remain posted and be held until the close of the market. Prices are set by the seller but will be monitored by the market coordinator(s) to prevent unfair competition.

**Source Labeling:**

Any seller offering **ANY** produce or goods not produced by the seller **must clearly identify the source of the items. 80 percent** of the seller’s total saleable products must be **their own** locally produced agricultural products or articles for human consumption. Vendors who do not have 80 percent of saleable items grown or produced by them are not eligible to participate in the market.

**Restrictions and Other Requirements:**

- First-time vendors to the market must provide a complete a market application to the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District at least one week in advance of the date they wish to set-up at the market. Vendors showing up to sell for the first time without advance notice will not be permitted to set-up that day.
- All potential vendors shall submit an application to determine if they will be permitted to sell at the market.
- The market is open to sellers only (see definition of a seller). **Campaigning and/or soliciting is not permitted.**
- Sellers are asked to respect the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church property and grounds. This means taking care not to cause damage to the lawn, paved areas or other areas.
- No anchors or stakes are permitted to be driven into paved areas.
- No seller shall permanently attach anything to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church property or grounds.
- Sellers shall remove any and all trash and other items from their designated space each week.
- No seller shall auction any items.
- All sellers are asked to help with set up and tear down of the market each week.
- Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and other market partners are not responsible for lost or stolen property or consequences of negligent actions of market sellers.

**Agreement:**

By signing and returning the form below, the seller agrees to abide by all market rules. Sellers who use unethical practices, violate the purpose of the market or its rules, or sell illegal or dangerous products may be refused rental space. Occupants failing to comply therewith may be refused further rental of market facilities.

# 2026 Farmers' gateway Market Rules and Seller's Agreement

Please complete and return this page.

Your signature indicates that you have read and will abide by the policies set forth in the Market Rules and Sellers Agreement.

Application packets without a signed agreement form will not be accepted.

Seller's and/or Business Name (please print):

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Signature:

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Date:

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**Please return this page to:**

**Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District  
500 Market Street, Mezzanine – Suite 4  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
Email: [wzadanski@jeffersoncountyoh.com](mailto:wzadanski@jeffersoncountyoh.com)**

## 2026 Farmers' gateway Market Seller's Application

Seller's and/or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website or Social Media Account Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide planned starting date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the products you plan to sell at any time during the 2026 market season:

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If this application is to sell artisan items only, please attach a picture of the items you wish to sell.

Please list any special space considerations needed for your product (for example, trailer attached to vehicle):

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Are any of your products being grown or produced by another business or person?

YES            NO

If YES, please specify the percentage of product and other business or person and explain below:

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