Chester, IL, Farmers Market 2020 Vendor Policies

Chester’s Farmers Market is a producer-only, farmer’s market located at the Chester Welcome Center parking lot. This outdoor event will be held from 7:30 am-12 pm (or until sold out) every Saturday from mid-May to the end of September.

**MARKET PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the Farmers Market is to provide a place where residents can deal directly with the farmers who grow their food products and to increase their knowledge and appreciation for the quality and benefits of locally grown and produced agricultural products. Supporting goals include the following:

* Provide growers and producers of Illinois agricultural commodities and other farm-related products with alternative marketing opportunities.
* Promote the sale of local farm and garden products.
* Improve the variety, freshness, taste and nutritional value of produce available to consumers in our area.

**MARKET MANAGEMENT**

The market is governed by the City of Chester and is directed by the Recreation Director. The City of Chester is responsible for market operations, including registration, approval of applicants, space assignments, inspections, vendor disputes, educational programming and other processes involving vendors. Please contact Patti Carter at [chesterrecreation@chesterill.com](mailto:chesterrecreation@chesterill.com) with questions or call 618-826-1430 or 618-826-2326 ext. 229.

VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

**PRODUCER-ONLY REQUIREMENT**

All items sold at the market must be directly and personally grown, raised or produced by the person selling the product at the market. Examples of approved items included produce, flowers/plants, meat, dairy, baked goods, prepared foods, and art. Sale of items not grown or created by the vendor is strictly prohibited.

**CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS OF VENDORS**

A vendor is someone who is approved to sell at the Chester Farmers Market.

* **Farmers:** Fruits, vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, bedding plants, potted plants, meats, eggs, dairy products, and other agricultural products may be sold at the market. Value-added food products(e.g. baked goods, honey, jams, salsas, syrups, etc.) will be admitted:

1. If you have a Cottage Food License from the Health Department.
2. You use ingredients from your farm in the prepared good items.

* **Artists:** Quality arts may be sold if the vendor actively participated in their creation. This venue is for artist-produced products only. Buy-sell, mass produced or kit products are not allowed. An artist may sell a reproduction of their own original artwork.
* **Prepared Goods:** The market will admit a small number of vendors selling value-added foods or non-edible products that they process or prepared themselves.

1. Prepared food vendors must obtain a Cottage food License in the county in which their kitchen is located or must be certified by the local Health Department.
2. Pet food prepared goods vendors must meet the Illinois Department of Agriculture requirements.
3. Skin care items, including lotions and soaps, must be labeled with their ingredients.
4. NO CBD, HEMP, OR CANNABIS CAN BE IN FOOD PRODUCTS OR SOLD AT THE CHESTER FARMERS MARKET.

* **Non-Profit Bake Sale: and Community Information booth:**  While the mission of the Chester Farmers Market is the promotion and support of local growers and artisans, we will also allow booths for non-profit community groups during regular market hours as a service to the community. Groups must submit an application and pay applicable fees, if any. To be eligible for these spots you must either be a non-profit, charitable, educational, or government organization.

1. **Non-Profit Bake Sale:** Community organizations can raise funds for their groups by selling homemade baked goods.
2. **Community Information Booth**: Community groups can spread the word about their organization at this booth. No selling of items is allowed.

* **Crafts:** Hand-assembled, handcrafted and hand-altered items are acceptable if the item is 80% crafted by the crafter and not mass produced.

**FARMER VENDOR REQUIREMENTS**

The following criteria for determining whether a prospective farmer vendor is qualified to sell at the market. These criteria will be used to determining whether a vendor is in compliance with this requirement. Decisions of the Market Director will be based on their best judgement are considered final.

* The vendor must produce any and all products sold at the market.

1. Crops must be planted, maintained, and harvested by the vendor. In the case of perennial crops (e.g. trees, vines, bushes, etc.) the requirement is to maintain and harvest only.
2. Vendors selling floral items or potted plants must maintain any purchased plants on their premises for at least 30 days before selling as potted or cut products.
3. Farmers are responsible for ensuring they are in compliance with the requirements set forth in the food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

**ARTIST VENDOR REQUIREMENTS**

Art must be original artwork of the exhibitor. Items made from kits, buy/sell items and castings from commercial molds are not allowed. The Farmers Market reserves the right to exclude any work it deems unsuitable, or which it judges not to have been accurately represented. Printed products featuring the artist’s original work are permitted and include posters, photographic prints, Giclee prints, note cards, etc. A booth space is to be a representation from a single artist.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Market Director will register vendors, collect certifications, assign spaces, promote and oversee the market. All vendors must complete an application each year. All vendors are required to include a product registry and to update it as necessary during the season. Only items listed and approved on the registry may be sold.

**CERTIFICATES/LICENSES/PERMITS**

All vendors and products must comply with local, state and/or federal health ordinances and all vendors must supply documentation of such compliance to the City of Chester Farmers Market. An application is not considered complete without the inclusion of all applicable permits for listed products. All permits and licenses must be submitted with the application and must be kept current during the entire market season. Copies of all certificates/licenses/permits will be kept on file at city hall.

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR APPLICATIONS**

The Market Director will accept individual vendors based on the vendor’s application. Priority for acceptance will take into account:

* Vendor type
* Use of sustainable practices
* Quality of uniqueness of products
* Good conduct, compliance, customer service and history of attendance

All vendors will receive an e-mail notification if they are approved or declined. Approved vendors will receive assignment information in a follow up e-mail. Postal notification can be arranged. All final decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the Farmers Market Director.

**NONCOMPLIANCE**

The Market reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any vendor or product that is not in accordance with the rules or quality standards of the market and to terminate the participation of a vendor who does not comply with these requirements. Fess will not be refunded to vendors who are terminated for noncompliance.

The Market Director has the final authority to make decisions in compliance disputes, based on their discretion and best judgement.

**PROHIBITED**

The following products are prohibited from sale or distribution at Chester Farmers Market:

* Raw milk or any dairy products made with raw milk
* Home butchered meat, poultry, or wild game animals

MARKET POLICIES

**OUTDOOR MARKET**

Sales will not be permitted before the market opens at 7:30 am and tear down must be complete by 1 pm. To allow adequate preparation time, all vendors are required to respect opening time and refrain from early sales, except to other vendors, who may purchase items from each other before the market opens. Vendors should not arrive before 6:30 am and no later than 7 am to set up.

This is an outdoor market and weather is a factor. NO REFUNDS will be given for inclement weather.

**DRIVING RESTRICTIONS**

For the safety of vendors and customers, no vehicles may be driven through the market area between 7:15 am and 1 pm. If a vendor needs to leave early, they will need to “cart” their products and equipment to their vehicle.

**BOOTH SPACE**

Standard size of a booth space is approximately 10 x 10. Vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area. There will be a few spaces that will accommodate both a booth space and vehicle space available. Booths will be assigned at the beginning of the season. However, the market is unable to guarantee that booth assignments will remain the same every week, unless you sign up for the entire season. All set up items (tent, chairs, tables, display boards, etc.) are the responsibility of the vendor. GAS GENERATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

**PERSONS ALLOWED TO SELL AT THE MARKET**

Persons selling at the market must be 16 years old or older, members of the vendor’s family or a paid employee. Persons selling must be able to accurately answer questions about the products, where grown, how harvested or, in the case of artists and prepared goods, how they were prepared/processed and/or created.

**ATTENDANCE**

As part of the application process, vendors will select dates they are going to attend. If a vendor is unable to fulfill the selected schedule, they should notify the Market Director at least one week in advance. NO REFUNDS will be made for dates the vendor is unable to attend.

Vendors who are absent without providing at least a week’s notice may be reassigned to a different booth space for the remainder of the season. Anyone missing two or more weeks without providing notification will be subject to forfeiture of their booth space and vendor fees for the remainder of the season. Exemptions may be made in emergency situations and at the discretion of the Market Director.

Vendors missing more than 3 weeks will be reassigned as a “Drop-In” vendor and will be required to follow “Drop-In” procedures: including the additional fee of $10 per week for the remainder of the season. Exceptions may be given for emergencies and will be given for inclement weather. The Market Director has final authority approve requests for exceptions.

**DROP-IN SPACES**

“Drop-In spaces are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis each Saturday.

**VENDOR SPACE ASSIGNMENTS**

Booth space is valid only for the vendor who submitted the original application and may not be assigned or sub-let to another party. All prospective vendors must go through the application and approval process to receive their space assignment.

**LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

Vendors should familiarize themselves with local and state laws related to their products and are responsible for compliance, including but not limited to the laws related to health regulations, weights and measures (Illinois Department of Agriculture), sales taxes and insurance. Government officials may visit the market to assure compliance with their agency’s regulations.

**REQUIRED SIGNAGE**

The State of Illinois requires vendors to display signage with their name (or business name), farm location and product origin. Signs identifying the vendors name and location must be posted before sales begin and should be located near the check-out area. This is also a requirement for farmers under the Food Safety Modernization Act. <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma/full-text-food-safety-modernization-act-fsma>

Signs, boards, tags, or labels listing prices of all products for sale must be posted prior to the beginning of sales.

**SALES PRACTICES**

No “hawking”, crying out, or other aggressive sales techniques are allowed. Vendors are prohibited from circulating through the market handing out free items and/or selling items.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

Vendor behavior, personal appearance, appearance and maintenance of their sales area should reflect positively on the markets overall appearance, quality, and reputation. Vendors are expected to:

* Maintain safe, clean conditions in and around the sales area
* Maintain a professional and tidy appearance
* Maintain cordial relations with customers, vendors, market staff, and volunteers
* Maintain clear access for pedestrians to shop
* No smoking in and around the sales area

**SAMPLING**

Samples are allowed and encouraged. However, be sure that you abide by any and all Illinois Department of Public Health regulations regarding food sampling. Vendors must maintain their own temporary handwashing station if they plan to slice, cut or prepare food onsite (as required by IDPH). You should call the Randolph County Health Department at 618-826-5007 for details on sampling and handwashing station regulations. Learn more at www. <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/food-safety/farmers-markets>

**CLEAN UP**

Vendors are responsible for cleaning all trash and waste in and around their space. Tear-down should be completed and the lot cleared by 1 pm.

FEES

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| **TYPE** | **FULL SEASON** | **SINGLE DAY** | **DROP-IN** |
| SINGLE BOOTH | $25.00 | $3.00 EACH (MINIMUM OF 5) | $5.00 EACH |
| DOUBLE BOOTH | $45.00 | $5.00 EACH (MINIMUM OF 5) |  |
| SINGLE W/PARKING | $40.00 | N/A | N/A |

*DISCOUNT: If the FULL SEASON fee is paid by April 30, 2020 you will receive $5.00 off.*

**ALL FULL SEASON VENDOR FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2020, UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE MARKET DIRECTOR. ALL “DROP-IN” OR SINGLE DAY VENDORS MUST PAY FOR THE BOOTH BEFORE THEY SET UP AT THE MARKET.**

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

All vendors participating in the Farmers Market shall be individually and severally responsible for any loss, bodily or personal injury, death, and/or property damage that may occur as a result of the vendor’s negligence or that of its servants, agents, and employees.

Please read this information carefully and be aware that in signing the form and participating in the Chester Farmers Market, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss, bodily or personal injury, death, and/or property damage which you might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this event.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this event and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I may have (or to accrue to me) as a result of participating in this event against the City of Chester, including their officials, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors.

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Chester Farmers Market, City of Chester, including their officials, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that I may have, or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this event.

 No insurance is provided by Chester Farmers Market or the City of Chester, IL for the benefit of the participants in the Farmers Market.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to the Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk Form.

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**2020 ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE**

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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **SELECT** | **DATE** | **SELECT** | **DATE** | **SELECT** | **DATE** | **SELECT** | **DATE** | **SLEECT** |
| MAY | 16 |  | 23 |  | 30 |  | X |  | X |  |
| JUNE | 6 |  | 13 |  | 20 |  | 27 |  | X |  |
| JULY | 4 |  | 11 |  | 18 |  | 25 |  | X |  |
| AUGUST | 1 |  | 8 |  | 15 |  | 22 |  | 29 |  |
| SEPTEMBER | 5 |  | 12 |  | 19 |  | X |  | X |  |
| FULL SEASON | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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| ATTACH A LIST OF ITEMS TO BE SOLD. |

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| DO YOU MAKE THE PRODUCT(S)/ITEM(S) TO BE SOLD? | YES NO | |
| DO YOU GROW THE PRODUCT(S)/ITEM(S) TO BE SOLD? | YES NO | IF NO, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING |
| IF NO, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. |  | |

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| ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE RANDOLPH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT? | YES NO | IF SO, ATTACH |
| DO YOU HAVE A COTTAGE FOOD LICENSE? | YES NO | IF SO, ATTACH |
| DO YOU HAVE FOOD PRODUCT SAMPLING HANDLER CERTIFICATE? | YES NO | IF SO, ATTACH |
| DO YOU HAVE AN ILLINOIS FOOD SERVICE SANITAQTION CERTIFICATE? | YES NO | IF SO, ATTACH |
| DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ILLINOIS CERTIFICATION OR LICENSES? | YES NO | IF SO, ATTACH |
| DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER RANDOLPH COUNTY CERTIFICATION OR LICENSES? | YES NO | IF SO, ATTACH |

**------------------------------------------DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-----------------------------------------**

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| **TYPE** | **RATE** | **AMOUNT** |
| FULL SEASON SINGLE BOOTH | $25.00 |  |
| FULL SEASON DOUBLE BOOTH | $45.00 |  |
| FULL SEASON SINGLE BOOTH W/PARKING | $40.00 |  |
| SINGLE DAY (5 DAY MINIMUM) {$3.00 X 5} | $15.00 |  |
| SINGLE DAY DOUBLE BOOTH (5 DAY MINIMUM) {$5.00 x 5} | $25.00 |  |
| DROP-IN | $5.00 |  |
| TOTAL DUE | --------- |  |

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| CASH |  | CHECK # |  | AMOUNT |  | DATE RECEIVED |  | BY |  |

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2. All prepared food must be made by the vendor and comply with the Cottage Food Operation regulations (technical information bulletin / food #44). It is the responsibility of the vendor to comply with the regulations.
3. Baked foods which require refrigeration are not allowed. That includes, but is not limited to, soft or cream or meringue topped pies, custards, cream and custard filled bakery goods. Any other baked goods must be made within 24 hours of the sale date.
4. Market is from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm or sell out whichever is earlier. **There will be no selling to the public before 7:30 am.**
5. Vendors must set up in their assigned spot and take no more than the allowed 10ftx10ft area. Tents, canopies and tables are permitted.
6. Vendors are allowed to set up tables no sooner than 6:30 am.
7. Vendor pets are not allowed in the market area.
8. **Vendors will leave their spaces clean at the end of the Market Day and take trash home.**
9. Vendors will be responsible for their own sales tax. Each participating vendor assumes all risks of liability for their employees, agents, and customers.
10. Eggs may be sold if state licensed and kept on ice in a cooler at 45 degrees or lower.
11. Live animals are not allowed to be sold.
12. Do not claim organic unless product has been CERTIFIED ORGANIC.
13. No flea market or yard sale type items.

I have read and understand the Chester Farmers Markets Rules.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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KEEP THIS COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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