

# MORRIS AREA FARMERS MARKET

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**OPENING DAY:** THURSDAY, JUNE 20

**LOCATION:** Morris Public Library Square, Oregon Avenue & 6th Street, Downtown Morris

**MARKET DAY AND HOURS:** 3 PM to 6 PM EVERY THURSDAY through September EXCEPT NO MARKET on Thursday, JULY 4, 2019

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**Market purpose and vision:** Morris Area Farmers Market (MAFM) exists for farmers, growers, producers and artisans to sell homegrown, homemade and high quality products directly to local citizens. MAFM maintains a product mix of at least 80% high quality, fresh and locally produced foods and no more than 20% locally produced non-food items.

**Returning Vendors: Thank you!** We would not be the growing and thriving market we are without you. Together we have developed the following Market Rules a set of common sense guidelines that we affirm annually at the pre-season meeting and revise as needed.

**New Vendors: Welcome! *Try out vending at the Morris Area Farmers Market free of charge on opening day, June 20, 2019 from 3-6 pm.***

We keep our fees low and our market humming through important and productive partnerships with the Morris Public Library, the University of Minnesota, Morris, University of Minnesota-Extension, and MN

Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). We hope you will like our Market so much that you continue vending with us all season!

### Market Rules

- Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited at the market.
- Vendors must be set up and ready to sell by 3 pm and stay until 6 pm unless they sell out of items.
- The market starts at 3 pm. No early sales are allowed. A designated time keeper rings a bell at exactly 3 pm to begin sales. Penalties for non-compliance may include a \$10 fine and/or loss of selling privileges. Customers who do not understand/agree with the “no early sales” rule may be referred to the Market Manager.
- Markets will occur in all weather--rain, sunshine, or snow.
- Each vendor has access to one stall space. Stall space cannot be shared by another vendor unless all vendors involved have paid dues to vend at the Morris Area Farmers Market.
- Displays must be neat, tasteful and composed primarily of food items.
- Vendors are responsible for providing tables, canopies and all items needed for their display.
- Containers used to transport food to and from the market must be clean and appropriate for food use. Vendors must not reuse containers that have been used for detergents, pesticides or other potentially hazardous compounds.
- Vendors represent the overall market. Shirts and shoes must be worn, and clean clothes give customers a perception of good sanitation. Vendors must keep their area neat and leave the area clean.
- Shirts and shoes must be worn. Vendors must abide by fair business practices.
- The Market is composed primarily of fresh, locally grown, high quality products that are priced appropriately. To assist you in pricing products, a price survey is available at the pre-season meeting, or you may request it from the Market Assistant. Consider seasonal price variations, but do not undercut other vendors or "dump" products at very low prices.
- Items sold must be grown and produced by the vendor within 100 miles of the Market.

Examples of approved products include:

- Fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs
- Farmstead and homemade products such as cheese, meats, poultry, eggs, baked goods, canned

goods, honey, maple syrup, and preserves, if prepared, packaged and sold in accordance with the rules established by the MN Dept. of Agriculture

- Bedding plants, hanging and potted plants, cut flowers, dried flowers and plants
- Vendor handmade/homemade crafts and products not listed above must receive approval from the MAFM Board and/or the Market Manager before sale, and vendors may not sell any items not shown in their market application until approved by the Market Manager or MAFM Board.
- A vendor's products must be sold by the vendor or by a designated representative of the vendor. The designated representative must be registered on the vendor's application form prior to selling, and be knowledgeable about market rules and be responsible to uphold them.
- All baked goods must be made by the vendor or the vendor's family from scratch with no prepared packaged products used (bread must not be made from frozen bread dough, etc). If you have a question about a product, please contact the Market Manager.
- Locally produced artisan and craft items are a smaller segment of the market mix, but may be included as determined by the MAFM Board.
- Products purchased for resale are not allowed to be sold at the Market.

### **Permits, Licenses, Taxes and Insurance**

- Producers of processed items (cheese, meats, jams, syrups, baked goods, pickled products, canned goods, etc.) must adhere to all state and local laws pertaining to the production and sale of such goods.
- Processed food items must be sold with the appropriate and valid licenses and comply with federal and state laws, including [Minnesota's Cottage Food Law](#)
- This [Checklist for Safe Food Handling at Farmers Markets](#) outlines the requirements of the [Safe Food Sampling law](#) (Minnesota Statute 28A.151) allows farmers' market vendors to offer samples. Although you don't need a food license to offer samples, you must follow Minnesota food code requirements for [Special Event Food Stands](#) (4626.1855, B-O and Q and R).
- All permits and licenses must be obtained prior to sales, and are the sole responsibility of the vendor.
- Any required sales tax collections and remittances are the sole responsibility of the vendor.
- Each vendor is responsible for their own general and product liability insurance. MAFM carries liability insurance through the Minnesota Farmers Market Association for the Market, but not for individual vendors.
- The MAFM, the Morris Public Library, and/or the city of Morris are NOT liable for any injury, theft or damage occurring prior to, during or after the Market. All Vendors agree to indemnify and hold

harmless the above mentioned entities for and against any claims for such injury, theft or damage.

Morris Area Farmers Market website [www.morrisareafarmersmarket.org](http://www.morrisareafarmersmarket.org)

Minnesota Department of Agriculture [MN Cottage Food Producer Registration and Training](#)

Minnesota Farmers Market Association [www.mfma.org](http://www.mfma.org)

Morris Healthy Eating <http://www.morris.umn.edu/health><http://www.morrisareafarmersmarket.org/healthyeating>