

Voluntown Farmers' Market Rules & Regulations

1. Produce grown in Connecticut: All agricultural produce offered for sale must be Connecticut grown. In the case of value added agricultural products, the main ingredients should be produced by the vendor and the product processed by the vendor.
2. Per the Connecticut Grown Law that took effect on October 1, 2015, all products sold at farmers' markets as Connecticut Grown must be accompanied by a sign identifies the name and address of the farm or business where the product was grown or made.
3. Baked goods and preserves: Ingredients may be purchased and should be Connecticut grown whenever possible. Vendor must mix, bake or prepare the goods. Baked goods require a Connecticut Bakery License.
4. Prepared foods: Whenever, possible, major ingredients should be sourced from a Connecticut farm or dairy and foods should be prepared from scratch by the vendor. Purchasing processed foods and reselling them is prohibited.
5. Meats, dairy, fish: All products must come from vendor's herd. Grazing animals must have regular access to pasture and freedom to move around. Hormones may not be fed to animals. Fish and shellfish must be caught or raised locally. All meat and processed poultry must be USDA inspected and labeled. A "certified organic" farm shall display their certificate
6. Jams, jellies and maple syrup are exempt from a sanitation inspection of the processing facility; however, strict rules regarding labeling apply. Labels must be prepared in 10 point type, including common or unusual name, ingredient listing in descending order, name of vendor, net weight or volume in English units and content statement if any additional ingredient has been added. They must also bear the statement "Not prepared in a government inspected kitchen". Additional information may be obtained in the Farmers' Market Guide at www.ctgrown.gov
7. Artisans: While preference is given to agriculture related products, a portion of available space will be offered to artisans. All items offered for sale must be made by the vendor.
8. It is expected that all items offered for sale will be fresh and of the highest quality. Vendors shall be courteous and honest with all customers. Smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the premises. Profanity, shouting and disruption to the market will not be tolerated. Cell phone usage by vendors should be kept to a minimum as it presents an image of non concern toward customers.
9. Selling before the 10:00 AM opening is not SUGGESTED, with the exception of the 15 minute period between 9:45 and 10:00 when vendors who are already set up may buy from each other as there is little opportunity for them to do so after the market opens. Vendors must remain in place until 1:00PM closing, even if merchandise is sold out. Setup may begin no earlier than 9:00 AM and vendors must vacate their space by 2:00 PM. After 10:00 AM vendors will not be allowed to set up in their space.
10. Vendors are free to set their own pricing.

11. Vendor space will be assigned by the Market Master and will be a minimum of 10' x 10'. One vehicle per space is allowed in the market area to the rear of the vendor space. Each vendor is responsible for leaving the site in the same condition as it was upon arrival.

12. Vendors are to maintain consistent weekly attendance throughout their entire market season. In case of an anticipated or necessary absence, please phone the Market Master at 860-608-1147 or 860-376-3963.

13. Each vendor's space shall be identified with the farm or business name and all prices marked clearly .

14. Vendors who are WIC/SENIOR FMNP certified shall prominently display their certificate at all times.

15. Proper insurance is required of each vendor. A minimum **\$1,000,000 of liability insurance** is required and a certificate listing the **Voluntown Board of Education, 195 Main Street, Voluntown, CT 06384** must be submitted to the Voluntown Farmers' Market prior to participating in the market. The Town of Voluntown will assume no vendor produce liability. Vendor product liability insurance is strongly encouraged.

16. Farmers' Market health and safety regulations are mandated by the State of Connecticut and administered by the Uncas Health Department. It is the responsibility of each vendor offering samples to obtain the proper permits. Regulations and forms are available from the Uncas Health Department.

17. No dogs are allowed, unless identified as certified service dog.

18. Non-compliance with these regulations is grounds for eviction from the market.

By initialing "YES, I AGREE" below I agree to abide by the Voluntown Farmers' Market Rules and Regulations and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Voluntown from and against any and all liabilities, claims, suits and causes of action of whatever nature or type, and all attorney fees, costs and expenses incidental thereto which may arise or in any way be connected directly or indirectly with my participation in the Voluntown Farmers' Market

"YES I AGREE" _____(your initials).

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