

DEXTER LAKE FARMERS MARKET VENDOR GUIDELINES

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of Dexter Lake Farmers Market is to provide fresh, local, high quality produce, plants, prepared food items and hand-crafted goods to the community and to provide support and a venue for small, local entrepreneurs in order to foster resilience, prosperity and community well-being in the Dexter/Lowell area

The Market is located at Rolling Rock Park in Lowell, at 100 East North Shore Drive and operates from noon until 4 PM Sundays from June- September. Mailing address is PO Box 234 Dexter, OR 97431. Meetings are generally open to the public- contact (541) 554-7667 for information. DLFM is managed by a Board of Directors (the Board) chosen at annual elections.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Any person in the community can become a General Member of DLFM by paying an annual membership fee on a sliding scale from \$15-\$50. New members' booth fees are waived for their first two markets as vendors. Members are eligible to attend the annual Buy Nothing Day party on Black Friday, and for discounts with participating market vendors and at Hummingbird Wholesale.

General Members may become Voting Members eligible to vote in Board elections or run for election as a Director by volunteering one hour for each month the Market operates at tasks approved by the Board or by paying in lieu of volunteering \$5 during each month the Market operates, in person at the Market.

3.VENDORS

All vendors must be members of the market and submit required licenses and certifications and a vendor application for review and approval at least one week in advance. Successful applicants will be notified of their approval at the email address or phone number listed on their application. Preference will be given to vendors whose businesses are based in Dexter, Lowell and the surrounding areas. Only products grown, gathered or produced by DLFM members or their family are permitted. DLFM reserves the right to approve or reject any vendor from selling or product from being sold at the market.

Food

All products sold must be grown or prepared in compliance with regulations of the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon and Lane County Health Departments. Please see http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/ADMD/farmers_markets.shmtl for food safety regulations for farmers markets.

Any eggs, meats, dairy or processed foods not covered by the Oregon Farm Direct Marketing law must be licensed by ODA and be covered by liability insurance and be kept at proper temperature, with a thermometer present on site. For information contact ODA food safety inspector for the Eugene area Jeff Birdsall (541) 206-7059. SNAP (food stamps) are accepted for all food items and WIC and Farm Direct vouchers for many items by growers who apply and become eligible for the program. (Contact Market Marion @ (541) 937-3034 to learn how to be certified to accept Farm Direct or WIC coupons.) It is the responsibility of the vendor to understand and follow required regulations for prepared food, eggs and meat products. All processed or prepared foods must be prepared in appropriately licensed kitchens. Prepared food vendors must provide lined garbage disposal receptacles, potable water and covered wastewater disposal and have a hand washing station and current food handler card for all food sellers or handlers on site.

At least 70% of the food in each booth must be grown, baked or prepared by the vendor. Commercially prepared food items cannot be sold separately, but bottled beverages can be sold as part of a meal. If a vendor sells a product grown, baked or prepared by someone else, that person must be a DLFM vendor.

Crafts

Craft vendors shall list all products to be sold on their application and submit samples of their product for jurying and approval.

The vendor's craft product must be the original workmanship of the vendor and must demonstrate quality workmanship and be safe and durable for its intended use.

The vendor's work must predominate and the starting materials must be significantly altered and/or enhanced by the vendor.

Soap and body care products must follow federal labeling and ingredient contents requirements.

