



Angus Farmers Market 2017 Rules and Regulations

Name: The market will be known as the Angus Farmers' Market. The Angus Farmers' Market is an initiative brought on by Edible Essa. The Angus Farmers' Market logo may only be used with written permission directly from the Committee.

Location: 8505 County Road 10, Angus, ON (in front of library, beside arena)

Purpose: The purpose of the market is to provide a service to the community in the following ways:

1. Provide a venue for promotion and sale of locally grown/produced food;
2. Provide the customer with a central source for high quality, locally produced, grown and value added food products as well as a venue to connect with local artisan and crafts people;
3. Provide a centre of activity and education for visitors and families of our community where they may become familiar with, recognize and value the wide variety of resources to be found locally;
4. Increase the awareness and promotion of existing agri-tourism offerings.

Products:

- Vendors must grow or produce 70% of what they sell in season and be defined as "local" as set out under the vendor eligibility criteria.
- Hand crafted items must be original in nature and locally produced in whole by the seller. No crafts shall be permitted that are derived from kits.
- Exceptions to the above regulations may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Committee.

While the market does not offer exclusive rights to any one vendor to sell any one product, the Committee may exercise their right to limit the number of vendors to avoid excessive duplications.

Vendor Eligibility: All vendors must reside or do business within the Township of Essa or the County of Simcoe although consideration will be given to vendors outside of these areas at the discretion of the Committee.

Vendors Responsibilities: ***ALL vendors are responsible for the following.***

- Compliance with all conditions laid out in these Rules and Regulations and the Vendor Conflict Resolution Process and Code of Conduct;
- Knowledge and compliance with health and safety regulations;
- Obtaining all appropriate permits, licenses and/or certificates with respect to the sale of goods offered;
- Arranging for site visits as requested by the Committee for grower/producers;
- Display of an attractive, easily read sign with their farm or business name and location;
- Post prices for all items – prices should be fair market value! Cooperation, not competition is encouraged in pricing;
- Vendors agree not to practice distress selling;
- Vendors must provide their own canopy, tables, chairs, tablecloths, displays, signs, bags, waste disposal, sanitation supplies and all other necessary items for their booth; weights and/or both as securing of canopies are mandatory;
- Maintain a tidy area throughout the market day – leaving the area clean at the end of the day;
- For the safety of the vendors and patrons, booths must be set up 30 minutes prior to the start of the business session; If you fail to show 30 minutes before the Market Event, the Committee reserves the right to reassign your space;
- Booths must be up and open for business during the entire duration of the market event and be taken down IMMEDIATELY after the event is over. This responsibility is **entirely** the vendors. ***No assistance from Committee is promised.*** Taking down your booth prior to the end of the event is prohibited;
- Sales will not be permitted prior to the start of the Market Event, unless approved by the Committee. These transactions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

All vendors are expected to be at the market for every event or your specified events. The success of the Market depends entirely on vendors upholding their commitment. Please give a courteous amount of time to advise the Committee should you not be able to attend an event so that other vendors may be given your booth space on a first come basis. Consequences for not attending a date you've committed to will be decided by the Committee as they arise.

The Committee is responsible for all space assignments.

Insurance: Vendors are responsible to carry their own insurance for their booth and product.

Non-Compliance with Market Rules; Conflict Resolution and Code of Conduct

Any vendor who fails to abide by the market rules and regulations is subject to the cancellation of their participation in the market without refund at the discretion of the Committee. If a conflict arises and a review is necessary, a detailed description of the incident or issue must be given in writing within 10 days of it occurring (this may be dropped off to the Essa Public Library or submitted electronically via the Markets email – angusfarmersmarketevent@gmail.com). All issues escalating to this point will be brought before the Angus Farmers' Market Committee at their next meeting.

FEES – 2017 Events:

\$15 per event; or
\$60 for all 5 events.

Payment must be paid in full and received no later than May 25, 2017, to secure your space. No exceptions. No post-dated cheques beyond this date will be accepted.

Not for profit organizations will not be charged for a booth; however, a vendor application is still required.

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Angus Farmers' Market and I accept responsibility for my staff staff/volunteers on site.

Name of Owner/Operator

Signature

Date