



LEWIS COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS
DBA: CENTRALIA FARMER'S MARKET

2017 POLICY

- A. Only products grown or made by the vendor in Lewis County or an adjacent county shall be accepted for sale at the market. Out of the area products will not compete with regular local vendors. (EXCEPTION: AUTHORIZED RESELLER, see Item I)
- B. Market hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The market area will be open for vendor setup at 9:00a.m. Selling will begin at 10:00 a.m. The management realizes that there can be a customer on the way to work, doctor's appointment, etc. The same reasoning applies to selling after the market closes. Please ask management before selling to that customer.
- C. The market manager will assign space daily. Seniority with the market is a valid reason for consideration in assigning permanent positions to vendors. The manager's decision shall be final. An appeal process is defined in the corporation bylaws. If you arrive at the market before setup time, please wait for the market manager before setting up your display. Stall space may be limited due to the number of vendors on any given day during the season. In the event you cannot attend, notify the market manager as soon as possible. Your space at the market cannot be saved for you after 9:30 am.
- D. All vehicles not approved to be in the market area **MUST BE REMOVED NO LATER THAN 9:45 am**. Vehicles are not allowed in the market area after closing, 4:00pm, until all customers have vacated. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** At the market manager's request, vendors will park vehicles out of the immediate market and customer parking areas. Vendors must have all items removed from the market area by 5:00pm.
- E. The market's liability insurance does not cover any vendor's pets or livestock in the market area or in the customer parking area. Pets must be under control at all times. **THE MARKET WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENT REGARDING VENDOR PETS.**
- F. Centralia Farmer's Market provides space and management. Booth area is 10' X 10'. Vendors will bring their own equipment. All displays will be kept clean and neat at all times. Vendors are responsible for keeping the market area clean and neat. Vendors should be aware of safety and liability of the market, and correct any obvious problems (example: tie-downs for any awnings, tables and umbrellas, tripping hazards, etc.) Bring any issues to the Market Manager's attention!
- G. Washington State Farmer's Market Association requires that all canopies have a minimum of 24 pounds on each leg. **If you do not have the weights, you will not be allowed to erect your canopy.** WSFMA requires the following statement to be included in all policies:
"All vendors who wish to erect canopies (including umbrellas) on the Farmers Market site during a normal period of market operations, including the set up and break down period, are required to have their canopies sufficiently and safely anchored to the ground"

from the time their canopy is put up to the time it is taken down. Any vendor who fails to properly anchor his or her canopy will not be allowed to sell at the Farmers Market on that market day, unless that vendor chooses to take down and stow their canopy and sell without it. Each canopy leg must have no less than 24# (pounds) anchoring each leg, and market umbrellas, 50#. Alternatively, canopies may be secured on grass or unpacked soil by steel auger anchors or spiral tent stakes of at least ½” thickness and 12 – 15” length, properly installed and secured. Non-spiraled, straight tent stakes are not an acceptable canopy anchoring system. Holding capacity of auger anchor systems is dependent on soil conditions and density and may not be adequate in rocky soils.”

- H. Display and pricing of products is the choice of each vendor. “Price cutting or undercutting” is not a good policy for the well being of the complete market. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not block or hinder access to others.
- I. The market will contract with a vendor (Reseller) to bring produce from outside the market area. This produce will be grown in Washington. Signage must clearly state which farm products originated from. Anyone wishing to assume this contract shall contact the market manager. The produce sold by the reseller will not compete with locally grown produce, provided the local vendors notify the market manager one week before the market date that they will have a particular produce item for sale at the next market. All items must be grown or made locally by the vendor, or by a family member or partner of the vendor, unless the market manager grants an exception.
- J. The market is not a forum for political or religious activities. Applications will not be approved from persons or organizations wishing to campaign or proselytize.
- K. Vendors must have valid Lewis County Health Department permits or WSDA permits for the sale of items which require them. The market manager will keep a copy of the permit on file.
- L. Vendors must have a current Washington State Organic Grower Certificate to advertise or represent produce as “organically grown”. The market manager will keep a copy of the permit on file.
- M. Vendors will conduct themselves courteously. No loud hawking of goods will be permitted. No smoking in the market. It is the market’s intent to win friends and benefit both the customers and the vendors.
- N. Market staff is available to assist with any questions you may have and will directly intervene only if a violation of policy affects the market. The market manager and board members present will make final decisions.