

2008 Farm Market Rules

1. All vendors **MUST** be registered with the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce.
2. Vendors as far out as a 20 mile radius of Alma may apply for space.
3. Items permitted for sale at the market are limited to produce, fruit, flowers, **HOMEMADE** crafts and plants. **NO** flea-market type items are allowed. Questionable items must be approved by the Farm Market committee prior to sale. All items are subject to inspection and approval, including weights and measured, by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. **Meat, milk, cheese, butter products are specifically prohibited.** Baked goods will be accepted, provided they come from a licensed kitchen (and show proof of that). Vendors will be required to show proof of it.
4. No food may be offered by way of sample except on a one-to-one basis. No foods are to be prepared for consumption in the Farm Market area or premises. All edibles must be kept **OFF** ground.
5. Market will start Saturday, May 31, 2008. No selling will be permitted except during market hours, being 7 a.m. to early afternoon.
6. Selling areas (spaces) are available only on a fee basis and **MUST** be pre-registered and prepaid by the vendor at the Chamber Office, located at 110 W. Superior Street in Alma, (989) 463-5525. **The Farm Market committee may waive/negotiate fees in the case of civic/non-profit groups and/or church related vendors.**
7. Selling spaces are the dimensions of the marked parking spaces with no more than 1 foot extension on length. Multiple stalls may be purchased on an 'as available' basis with payment of the appropriate fee. A representative of the Farm Market committee will collect daily fees on the premises.
8. **NO** vendor will be permitted to sell outside of his or her assigned space.
9. Fees are \$80.00 per space, per the entire season; daily rates are \$12.00 per space, per day. Fees must be paid by July 1.
10. No vendor will be allowed to display or sell spoiled or decayed produce or fruit. No fruit or produce is to be displayed directly on the ground. All non-Michigan products MUST be labeled (i.e. California strawberries, etc.). Each person selling at the market should present a clean appearance at all times. Each vendor will be responsible for keeping his/her assigned area neat and clean.
11. Selling will be limited to retail customers only. The Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce will **NOT** be liable or responsible for transactions made between the buyer and seller. The Chamber is **NOT** responsible for theft or accidents.
12. Other rules and regulations may be instituted at any time, as deemed necessary by the Farm Market committee, and the Chamber reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone who upsets the quiet enjoyment or tries to persuade the public from the support of the Farm Market operation.
13. In the event you are unable to attend market day you are responsible for calling the chamber by noon the day before market day. If your space is not filled by 8 a.m. it may be filled with another vendor.
14. No subleasing of seasonal lot(s).