

2019 Byron Center Farmer's Market Guidelines

(1) The Byron Community Wellness Foundation is dedicated to promoting health and wellness by bringing high quality, locally-grown food and products to the community. (2) We wish to assist and support local farmers of all types and sizes. (3) We want to help create a sense of community for people to meet new friends, and share unique positive experiences. (4) We hope to assist local non-profit organizations by providing a venue for them to do fundraising. (5) We want the market to be a way of outreach to share new ideas and perspectives. (6) We want to provide fun and educational activities to the community with an emphasis towards children. (7) We hope to find and bring to the market unique items not found in other places.

The Market seeks to offer locally-grown farm fresh products to area residents. We accept new and unique products, pending approval of compliance with terms. Please review the following and contact the Market Manager with any questions.

1. The Byron Center Farmer's Market is a **smoke free** market. All vendors are expected to act and dress in an appropriate and respectful manner.
2. To encourage growing and selling of local farm products, **produce vendors must grow what they sell**. To add diversity to the market, exceptions may be allowed for unique Michigan products with the approval of the Market Manager. Any other valid reason to do reselling in any other capacity, must be discussed with and approved by the Market Committee/Manager.
3. As we support the health and wellness of future generations organic vendors and those growing with sustainable permaculture based practices will have seniority. Vendors who wish to switch growing practices or become certified may contact the Market Manager for support and information.
4. Some **crafts** may be sold in the market. To encourage a healthy community lifestyle and support local businesses, we ask that all products be **made in Michigan, and free from artificial dyes and sweeteners**.
5. **Meat and animal product** vendors please **submit photos** of treatment, feeding and housing of animals along with your request for registration.
6. The Committee/Manager reserves the right to decline any vendor whose products are not deemed appropriate or in agreement with our standards.
7. **Free stalls** are made available to various community groups (scouts, churches, schools, etc.) for use as a fundraising venue. Non-profits may sell or resell any products pre-approved by the Committee/Manager.
8. Confirmation of vendor acceptance will be given via choice of e-mail, phone call and/or text message.
9. **Payment must be received before stall can be assigned**, no exceptions.
10. Vendors are solely responsible for their sales at the event, and orders taken will be paid for at the time of delivery.
11. Each vendor must supply their own **tents, tables and chairs**. The Market may have tables and/or tents available for rent, see the Market Manager if you are interested. Rental fees are non-refundable.
12. Each vendor must bring a **tablecloth** to cover their table and display a sign with **farm/business name and address clearly visible**. Products not from your farm must be indicated. We may also request basic information be provided for public knowledge. This provides a pleasing/safe presentation for our customers/supporters.
13. Vendors must have posted prices on all merchandise by the start of the market day. The BCF Market does not intend to set vendor prices; Please establish a **fair retail price**. Also, it is not appropriate to pressure or suggest to other vendors prices they should use.
14. Products not produced by the seller must be clearly indicated with the **farm of origin and price**.
15. Every vendor must comply with all licensing and sanitary regulations, including the State & Federal Food Rules for the government programs of SNAP, Project Fresh and Senior Fresh.
16. The **BCF Market assumes no liability** for vendor product or for injuries or damages incurred by vendors or shoppers arising out of the conduct of the market vendors. All vendors are liable for what may occur on or in each of their assigned stall areas and for their product.
17. Seasonal stalls will be assigned as payment is received or by seniority if payments are received at the same time. Assignment of daily stalls shall be made by the Market Manager. Stall renters may not move to another space without permission of the Market Manager.
18. Vendors may park trucks, trailers, or other vehicles behind their rented stall(s) or in designated parking areas and may **vend ONLY from their rented stall(s)**. Ask the Market Manager for appropriate parking locations.
19. Each vendor must **clean up all debris** around their stall at the end of each market day and **dispose of trash**. Failure to comply will result in a \$50 clean-up fee, which must be paid before attendance on another day.
20. The directions of the Market Manager must be complied with in all matters pertaining to the operation of the market. Complaints or appeals concerning the actions of the Market Manager or agent may be made in writing to the Byron Community Wellness Foundation which has ultimate responsibility.
21. Any seller (daily or seasonal) in violation of these rules is subject to suspension as determined by the BCF Market Committee/Manager. Violators shall forfeit rental of stall(s).
22. **Contact info:** Market Master: Jordan VanWyk, cell: 616-308-8756, e-mail: vanwykjordan37@gmail.com
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