



ROCHESTER FARMERS MARKETS

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Hello,

Thanks for your inquiry about selling at Rochester Farmers Markets. Our new vendor application deadline was February 28, 2020. However, we are accepting late or "probationary" vendor applications at this time. Probationary vendors are defined as growers who apply after the annual vendor information meeting. Your seniority, if approved, will be based on the date that we receive your completed application.

Our main criteria for both outdoor and indoor Markets is that vendors are the growers of what they sell at Market, and that they reside and farm within 50 miles of Rochester, Minnesota. Baked goods are welcome if you either grow the primary ingredients (e.g. wheat, eggs, fruit, etc) or also other farm products that you grow or raise yourself.

The Board will review all new applications and we will contact you to let you know if you have been approved. Our *permanent* vendor membership is full, and our *temporary* and *probationary* vendors are placed on a per-Saturday basis, in unoccupied stalls, by seniority (date of first consecutive approved application). Applications for the indoor winter market go out in September to all current RFM vendors.

Fees for 2020 are as follows:

- Annual membership fee: \$25
- Probationary vendor stall fee: \$50 per Saturday, with a cap of \$600 for the season
- Probationary vendor administrative fee: \$15
- Extra stall rent: \$15 per market, when available, does not apply toward cap

For new vendors, a farm inspection must be completed prior to selling at Market; this is considered part of the application process.

I am available by phone or email to provide an overview of Market rules, fees, and operations, and to answer questions you might have. Thank you again for your interest!

Sincerely,

Jessica Joyce, Manager
Rochester Farmers Markets