

Veneta's Downtown Farmers' Market

Rules and Regulations 2022



Mission & Vision

The VDFM hopes to support local Farmers & Artisans by promoting and creating community support for Local food to Local residents. Farmers cultivate much more than food, and we want to share this bounty with local consumers. **The mission is simple and to the point: Local food, to Local residents, with a focus on community involvement.** By supporting the local food network we see the potential for our community members to:

- Decrease the environmental impact for growers & consumers
- Increase community consumption of locally produced fresh food & associated products
- Educate children & families regarding the nutritional and community benefits of local, whole foods and agricultural products
- Create & sustain relationships with local Farmers and Artisans
- Create a consistent community venue to build relationships with community members
- Support and partner with local Service and Non-profit organization for the benefit of All

Booth Fees

1. **A non-refundable annual membership fee for food producers (\$25) and for artisans and non-profits (\$10) is due at the time of application approval.**
2. **Weekly booth fees are \$15.00 per Saturday with an additional 3% of gross sales over \$150.00.**
3. **Vendors who pay up front (before April 30th) for a minimum of 15 markets receive a 30% discount. No refunds will be issued in regards to this prepayment discount.**
4. Vendors may register by sending PDF files of their complete application to venetadfm@gmail.com
5. **Management will be available to answer any vendor questions, on site & online: venetadfm@gmail.com or through messaging on our facebook page.**
6. Incomplete application and information may delay a vendor's ability to participate in the market. Vendors are responsible for keeping their application information current.

Market Rules & Regulations

Vendors must bring their own tables, canopies, and weights. **All canopies or other booth covers are required to have weights (12 to 15 pounds) sufficient to keep the coverings in place during windy conditions, even if it is not windy during set-up. This is for the safety of ourselves & our customers.**

Vendors must abide by all Oregon Farmer's Market Association guidelines for COVID safety. These will be communicated with you and provisions and accommodations made on a case by case basis.

Vendors arriving late may lose their regular space for that day. And be placed in available spaces.

To minimize congestion before and after markets, unloading vendors should unload and move vehicles before focusing on set-up. Likewise, breakdown should be accomplished before vehicles return. All vehicles must be in place or removed from the market site 10 minutes before the start of market.

Vendors must pack all trash out.

Vendor smoking is prohibited at the market. See smoking areas for the general public.

Vendor pets may be allowed at the market. With the pre-approval of the Management.

Vendors may not sublet their space. Shared presentations will be approved with application based on product information. All vending parties must fill out separate vendor applications and provide contact info.

Vendors must maintain a high level of decorum and conduct while at the market. This is a family friendly event.

Product Classifications and Guidelines

All products sold at VDFM will primarily consist of locally grown agricultural products. This may consist of products grown or raised by vendors, or grown and processed by vendors. All food products must be grown or raised by the vendor, with the exception of prepared and ready to eat foods that have been processed by local vendors with proper licensure and approved by consensus by the Market Board. Food vendors must be located within a 50 mile radius of the market site to vend at VDFM. Non-food Value added farm products and artisan goods are eligible to be sold if they have been made within a 30 mile radius of Veneta. A vendor outside these radiuses with a product not currently represented at the market may apply and be approved by the board with the understanding that if the product becomes available at equal quality within the 50 mile radius, they will be able to finish the season but may not be approved for the next year. All vendors must be reviewed in the annual re-application process and approved by the board, even those in good standing from previous seasons.

Vendors are responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits and certifications, which shall be available upon request. Vendors are encouraged to obtain general liability insurance and are required to do so if potentially hazardous foods, as defined in OAR 603- 25-010(22), are sold. **Eggs are included in this definition. All processed food vendors are required to carry such insurance. All products offered for sale at VDFM sites will comply with state and federal standards governing weight, packaging, and display and labeling.** Vendors shall learn and follow Farmers' Market Guidelines issued by the food safety division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. **The Oregon Department of Agriculture has developed Farmers' Market food safety guidelines to assist in the sanitary operation of the state's markets.** These include information on processed product facilities licensing, hazardous food processed product facilities licensing, hazardous food handling & safe sampling information. To obtain a copy, go to http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/ADMD/farmers_markets.shtml

Grown or raised by vendors

Agricultural products intended as food may come from any location within 50 miles of the Market Site. A vendor with a product not currently represented at the market may apply and be approved by the board with the understanding that if the product becomes available at equal quality within the 50 mile radius, they will be able to finish the season but may not be approved for the next year. This includes produce, cut flowers, and bedding plants. They must be of quality and honestly represented. Agricultural food vendors are eligible to sell non-food value-added products as long as they do not constitute more than 20% of market display. Herbaceous and woody plants may be grown by the vendor from seed or vegetative material (cuttings, divisions, etc.). The vendor should tend any plant not started by the vendor for at least two months prior to sale at market and have a nursery license. **Vendors should include lists of all items you intend to sell at market and the location where it is grown when submitting your application. All midseason additions to a product line must be cleared with the Director and Market Board prior to sale if they represent a venture into a new product category (for example, adding prepared foods or crafts products to an agricultural food booth). The market reserves the right to refuse approval for additional product categories after the original application is approved. This does not negate product categories approved for the vendor in the original application.**

Wildcrafting and Foraging

Wild/collected plants may be sold, if collected legally by the Vendor. All applicable permits (ex: for collecting wild mushrooms on public lands) must be presented with application materials.

Eggs

Eggs may be sold at market without a license but only by the farm that produces the eggs. Eggs are required to be in a clean dated container showing the vendor name. Egg vendors are required to include a tracking date on the container. 1 Egg display is allowed; Egg Inventories should be in a cooler with a thermometer.

Meat and poultry

Products must be 100% from animals raised for 50% or more of the animal's life under direct supervision of the vendor on property owned or leased by the vendor. Poultry may be processed on farm for direct retail (producer to consumer) only in instances when a farm processes less than 1,000 chickens and sells them whole. All other meats must be processed in a USDA inspected facility in constant compliance with FSIS. Processing must comply with all state and federal regulations (<https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/FSlicensing/Pages/Meat.aspx>), and the farmer must supply documentation of compliance to the market management.

Processed Food

A processed item is one that is transformed from its natural state. Typical examples of processed foods include jams, jellies, baked goods, dried fruit, cider, sauces, pickles and salsa. **All foods not covered under the [Farm Direct Marketing Producer Processed](https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/shared/Documents/Publications/FoodSafety/FarmDirectMarketingProcessedProducers.pdf) (https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/shared/Documents/Publications/FoodSafety/FarmDirectMarketingProcessedProducers.pdf) exemptions, including all baked goods, must be made in a certified kitchen.** Vendors are obligated to provide contracts or licensure to prove use of a certified kitchen with original application materials or during the review process to add a product category midseason.

Grown and processed by vendor

This category refers to processed foods made primarily from products grown or raised by the vendor within Lane County. To be included in this category, milk must be from the farmer's own herd. **The farmer must make cheese and other dairy products in a certified facility with proper permitting.**

Processed by Local Vendors

Processed food made from scratch by vendors but not grown or raised by the vendor are subject to review by the Veneta's Downtown Farmers' Market. **And need to meet all applicable rules and regulations as required under local, state and federal law.** This section is not meant to cover samples provided by vendors to demonstrate its characteristics.

Baked goods should be wrapped or presented in a covered container. Acceptable methods to remove food from covered bulk containers include clean tongs or other utensils, single-use gloves, and wax paper sheets.

Non-food, Value-added Farm Products

Vendors may sell non-food, value-added farm products alongside farm products if the ratio of farm to food products is 75% local farm food products to 25% non-farm food products. All items in this category need to meet all applicable rules and regulations as required under local, state and federal law. These items need to be included in the initial vendor application with notation on which are grown by the vendor and which are not.

Non-Profit Fundraiser

These are items that are sold by local 501 (c) (3) (non-profit) organizations for raising funds. It is possible these items may be of the non-food or non-value added categories. Local is defined as having a purpose that pertains to the residents of Veneta and its surrounding communities. All non-profit fundraising items should be cleared beforehand and respect the goals of the market to promote seasonal and regional food systems. Nonprofits wishing to participate in the market, must pay the annual membership fee (\$10) but will not be charged daily booth fees.

Vendor Duplication Policy

In order to provide a diverse and engaging market atmosphere, the board reserves the right to refuse market membership to prepared food vendors that are too similar to existing vendors in good standing. This ensures that the markets will offer many different experiences to market customers and will showcase the variety of products available in our area.

Selection Process: All vendor applications are reviewed by the Market Board and Market Director. Based on the merits of the products and the local benefit of the business, the board will vote to approve vendors with a simple majority. Vendors will be informed by the market director of their approval or denial within 7 business days of their application submission. All vendors must be approved every year, to ensure the quality of the market and make sure that the market has the most up to date information on the business and products of the vendor.

Disputes: The market director has all onsite authority. If there is a problem, identified by the Market Director, or brought to their attention through a complaint, management will issue a verbal warning, followed by a written warning and at that point if there is an unresolved complaint a report will be made to the Market Board Chair and a board vote will decide the matter. The market director and the Veneta Downtown Farmers Market have the right to remove a vendor from participation in the market due to disruptive conduct or failure to abide by the rules and regulations laid out in this document. VDFM has the right to modify these guidelines at any time to clarify issues or circumstances that may not have been addressed directly in these guidelines.

The VDFM, City of Veneta, and FR CAN act as managers of the general operations of the market and take no responsibility for the actions of vendors. The VDFM, City of Veneta, and FR CAN will not be responsible for any loss incurred by the vendor.