

RICE AREA FARMERS MARKET 2020

LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION

The Rice Area Farmers Market will be held every Tuesday from June 23th through September 22th from 4:00-6:00pm at the City Park located at the intersection of Division Street and Main Street. The market will be held rain or shine, with the exception of severe weather.

ORGANIZERS

The Rice Women of Today is responsible for the organization of this Farmers Market event.

RULES OF THE MARKET

Vendors must apply for and be approved to sell at the farmers market by the organizers. Applications will be approved based on products offered and an applicant's conformance to the rules of the market.

Vendors must comply with all State and local regulations for licensing, inspection and certification.

Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting all applicable sales tax.

Vendors must comply with Minnesota Department of Agriculture Operational Guidelines for Farmer's Market Vendors (www.mda.state.mn.us).

Vendors are expected to carry their own liability insurance. Rice Women of Today will carry event insurance in accordance with the City of Rice requirements.

Vendors will have a sign identifying themselves and stand with name and location where produce was grown/made.

Vendors are responsible for providing their own tables, canopies and materials for their stands. Vendors are expected to cleaning up their area at the end of each market.

Vendors cannot offer products samples unless they comply with the MN Farmers Market guidelines, including an approved water supply, hand washing equipment, produce washing equipment and restroom facilities.

Vendors shall follow the MN Dept of Ag guidelines for property labeling all items sold at market.

The cost to participate for the year 2020 shall be \$35. A check for this amount is due at the time of application. If an application is denied, the check shall be returned to applicant.

The cost to participate as a guest vendor for the year 2020 shall be \$5 per week with a \$35 maximum per season.

Vendors must live and produce goods within a 60 mile radius of Rice MN.

Vendors must arrive by 3:45 pm for setup, or make alternate arrangements with organizers.

Vendors must call by noon on Tuesday if they will not be in attendance for the week.

VIOLATION OF RULES

Organizers shall deliver, in writing, notice to any vendor who is not complying with Farmers Market rules and guidelines.

Vendors shall have one-week opportunity to take corrective action to delivered notice. If vendor still fails to comply with rules, the Organizers may suspend a vendor's participation without refunding vendor's application or participation fees for the year.

APPROVED PRODUCTS FOR SALE AT RICE FARMERS MARKET

Fruits and vegetables grown by the vendor

Meat and meat products (and 100% of ingredients) grown by vendor. All meat sales must conform with the MN Dept of Ag guidelines, federal and state laws, and federal and state inspection policies.

Plants and floral, including annuals, perennials, cut flowers and potted plants grown by vendor (value of plants must be greater than value of pot or container)

Baked goods: cookies, candies, breads, rolls, pies (excluding pumpkin and custard pies). Baked goods must comply with MN Dept of Ag guidelines. Bakes goods must be made from scratch, not from mixes.

Honey and honey products, produced and packaged by vendor.

Maple syrup and maple sugar produced and processed by vendor.

Jams, jellies and syrup produced and processed by vendor.

Grains grown by vendor.

Pickles, pickled/canned produce. Produce must be raised by vendor and final product must have a pH of 4.6 or less to comply with the MN 'Pickle Bill'. All jars must be labeled to comply with the MN 'Pickle Bill'.

Dried herbs and spices, and beans

Eggs produced by vendors fowl. Eggs must be candled and graded, be labeled and refrigerated in accordance with the MN Dept of Ag guidelines.

Items not listed may be approved by Organizers at Organizer's discretion.

COVID 19

All vendors will comply with current Local and State mandates pertaining to COVID 19 and social distancing. Vendors understand that Rice Area Farmers Market Organizers may reserve the right to make changes to the current market guidelines as necessary to comply with directives from Local and State Authorities. Organizers of the Rice Area Farmers Market will do their best to communicate and discuss all changes and potential changes as early as possible with vendors before enforcing them. Vendors understand that the process may be ongoing for the duration of the 2020 season.