

ORGANIZATIONAL POLICIES
of the GRAVENHURST FARMERS' MARKET CO-OPERATIVE INC. (as amended May 1, 2024)

1. The following Ontario grown or produced products are considered to be eligible for selling at the Market, subject to any Federal, Provincial or local regulations which may apply. Others not listed, may be acceptable subject to the discretion of the Board.

Vegetables
Flowers, Plants & Shrubs
Handmade Crafts or works of Art
Cheese
Firewood

Fruit & Berries
Home Baking & Preserves
Meat, Fish, Poultry
Honey, Maple Syrup
Soil & Fertilizer

2. Only produce grown in Muskoka may be sold as "Muskoka Produce" and advertised as such.
3. Only produce grown in Ontario may be sold at the market.
4. Where applicable, Vendors must adhere to and pay all costs associated with all legal requirements (licenses, permits, etc.), determined by the various Ministries or other Government agencies (Health, Agriculture, the Town of Gravenhurst, etc.).
5. Where applicable, (i.e., home baking, preserves, etc.), proof of inspection and compliance from the Vendor's local Health Unit must be obtained prior to selling such items at the market. Compliance with our local Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in Gravenhurst is also mandatory.
6. The Co-op will retain the services of a Market Manager whose responsibilities and payment will be outlined in a Business Services Agreement.
7. Vendors must comply with the Market Manager on market days. Vendors may appeal in writing to the Board if in dispute with the Market Manager's directive.
8. The Market manager may not act as a Vendor on market days.
9. The promotion of religious and/or political material by vendors is not acceptable at the Farmers' Market.
10. Applications for Membership in the Co-op will only be considered from persons or businesses wishing to become a Vendor at the Gravenhurst Farmers' Market who have fulfilled regular attendance at the Market for a period of three years and qualifies for the Co-op as per bylaw 2.03.
11. Vendors may apply to the Board of Directors for a one-year sabbatical from the Farmers' Market. If approved, a \$10 administrative fee is required and full payment of fees may be required at the discretion of the Board in order to maintain status as Member at the market. This deposit will be applied to the following year's application.
12. Guest vendors will be required to submit payment at the request of the Treasurer or Registrar prior to the opening of the market. Daily guest vendors will be required to make payment on the day of their attendance at the market.
13. No two people from the same family/household or business may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time (added Nov 27, 2006).
14. All contact with the media concerning market affairs and policies is to be dealt with by the President or designated representative. This is intended to co-ordinate the release of information to ensure accuracy, continuity and proper protocol.
15. By-laws and Policies will be made available on our website. Hard copies will be available, if necessary.