

Edmore Farmers Market

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To all established and potential vendors,

It is the time of year to start planning for the 2019 farmers market. We look forward to a great year with the opportunity to improve on last year's success. We will operate on the same schedule as last year. Fridays will remain 9 am to 2 pm and Tuesdays will be from 2 pm to 6 pm. The market will also remain in the Edmore Marketplace parking lot. We will set up near the sidewalk near the front entrance of the building. In case of inclement weather we will move the market inside the building if the schedule allows. The first market of the year will be June 7th.

We are planning on renewing all our food assistance programs. WIC Project Fresh and Senior Project Fresh coupons will be accepted. We are hoping to have the Bridge Card machine up and running. All programs will be reimbursed by check monthly on the first Friday of each month. We hope to stay open until October 25th.

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for the summer. The fourth Friday of each month will be called a Fabulous Fourth Friday at the Farmers Market. Each month there will be a new theme. On these days there will be a craft/artisan show in the building along with the market. The schedule for these events are..

June 28th - Patriotic day. Prepare to celebrate our nation's independence

July 26th - Family Fun Day. Fun for the whole family.

August 23rd - Spice Up Edmore. Salsa and Tomato festival with canning demonstration

and

tachos. (tater tot nachos)

September 27th - Get healthy fair. Health and fitness for everyone

October 25th - Pumpkin fest. All things fall.

It should be a great year and we are excited to start the new season. Attached is the new application. Feel free to fill it out and mail it back, email it, fill it out online (www.edmore.org) or bring it with you. We hope to see you soon.

Aaron Hadley Market
Manager Edmore
Farmers Market

Vendor Guidelines for Edmore Farmers Market 2019

1. The market will be held every Friday beginning June 7th from 9 am until 2 pm and every Tuesday beginning June 11th from 2 pm to 6 pm weather permitting. The last market will be October 25th weather permitting.
2. Set up will begin at 8 am on Fridays and 1 pm on Tuesdays. Vendors may park their vehicles in the back of their spaces or the parking area.
3. The size of the spaces will be 10 X 10 ft. Any covering, tables, etc will be provided by the vendor. Any damage done to the vendor's equipment will be the responsibility of the vendor. The market is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen goods.
4. Vendors are encouraged to maintain clear signs identifying the products sold and clear prices for their products. Vendors are also encouraged to have a clear sign with their business name.
5. The following products are allowed to be sold at the Edmore Farmers Market
 - Fresh produce (Must be fresh, clean, and safe. Can be grown by seller or purchased and resold, produce grown out of state must be clearly marked)
 - Homemade food items (Vendor is responsible to follow all food safety laws by the MDARD and the Health Department. Vendor must obtain all applicable licenses from the appropriate issuing agency. The vendor is responsible to meet all labeling requirements)
 - Plants and flowers either potted or nursery stock (Vendor must obtain appropriate licenses from MDARD)
 - Artisan goods. (All artisan vendors are allowed only to sell goods that are handmade, no resale of pre-manufactured goods will be allowed)
 - The Vendor is responsible to have all items properly labeled and to obtain appropriate licenses. The Market nor the Market Manager is liable for any fines or citations received for improperly labeled items or items sold without the proper licensing.
6. The cost per space is \$2 each market. The money will be collected near the end of each market day. Fees may be paid in cash or check. A receipt will be provided upon request.
7. All items as well as weights and measures are subject to inspection by the MDARD. Vendors will allow any governing agency free access to inspections. The Market Manager reserves the right to unannounced garden inspections. Samples are permitted but must comply with MDARD guidelines.
8. Edmore Farmers Market encourages a team philosophy and cooperative spirit. Vendors are strongly advised to refrain from openly criticizing or challenging other vendor's products, displays, etc. Any questions regarding another vendor's participation must be directed solely to the Market Manager. Any concerns about the Market rules and procedures must also be directed solely to the Market Manger.
9. The Vendor is responsible to tear down and clean up their assigned space. The area must be returned to the condition it was when the vendor arrived.
10. Smoking is permitted outside of vendor booths. Vendors are encouraged to smoke in the vehicle parking area or in their vehicles. Pets are permitted outside of food booths. Owners are responsible for cleanup after their pets and for any damages by the pets.

11. All rules will be enforced by the Market Manager and are subject to change at anytime.

Edmore Farmers Market Vendor Application 2019

Business Name _____

Owners Name _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Business Website of Facebook _____

Type of Vendor

Produce

- Homegrown
- Resale
- Both

Food Items

- Cottage Food
- Pet Food
- Other (Specify) _____

Artisan

- Crafts
- Sewing
- Other (Specify) _____

Would you like to accept any of the following forms of payment?

- Bridge Card
- Double Up Food Bucks
- WIC Project Fresh
- Market Fresh

I understand and agree to abide by all rules in the vendor guidelines for the Edmore Farmers Market.

Signed _____ Date _____

Licensing guidelines for items sold at the Market

There is much confusion about what food items can be sold at Michigan farmers markets. Many items require licensing while others do not require a license but do require products to be labeled according to certain guidelines. The State of Michigan's website offers much information as to what products need licenses and how to obtain those licenses. As market manager I am not a representative of the State of Michigan, but I have sought to become educated concerning license issues that affect farmers markets. I have compiled a list of foods and other items that are allowed to be sold at the Market but have certain requirements.

Product License Required More Information

Cottage Foods: Jams, Jellies, Vinegars, Baked Goods, Candies, Dried fruits, herbs, and vegetables, Dip mixes, Roasted Coffee, Dried

No License but must meet Pasta, Popcorn, Soup mixes

labeling requirements www.michigan.gov/mdard No License but must meet Honey and Maple Syrup

labeling requirements www.michigan.gov/mdard Canned fruits, vegetables, pickles, salsas Food Establishment License

www.michigan.gov/mdard Pet Food and Treats Feed License

www.michigan.gov/mdard Annual plants and seedlings No License Required

www.michigan.gov/mdard Nursery plant grower or dealer Perennial plants, flowers, and seedlings

license www.michigan.gov/mdard Wine Wine maker license

www.michigan.gov/lara Cider, Fruit Juices Food Establishment License

www.michigan.gov/mdard Foods prepared on site Food Service License

www.michigan.gov/mdard Meats fresh or frozen Food Establishment License

www.michigan.gov/mdard Milk, Cheese, Yogurt made with milk from your own cows Manufacturing dairy farm license.

www.michigan.gov/mdard

This is not a comprehensive list. I will be glad to answer any questions you have about this list but my knowledge is limited. I encourage you to investigate the law on the MDARD website at michigan.gov/mdard. Follow the link to either the cottage food law or use the license tree link. You may also contact the local State of Michigan MDARD inspector. The MDARD customer service phone number is 1-800-292-3939.

The Edmore Farmers Market and the Market Manager are not responsible to enforce any licensing by the State of Michigan or Montcalm County. I will do my best to educate vendors. If you are inspected and found to have items improperly licensed or labeled the Market and the Market Manager are not liable. Any fines or penalties you receive will be your responsibility. The Market gladly welcomes any and all food items that are made, labeled, and sold following Michigan law.