

Pulaski County Farmers' Market

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Who operates the Pulaski County Farmers' Market?

- a. The market is overseen by a board of directors. The Pulaski County Community Development Commission is currently providing staff and limited financial support. Pulaski Memorial Hospital has also been a crucial partner in the development of the Farmers' Market.

2) Is the Pulaski County Farmers' Market a non-profit?

- a. Pulaski County Farmers' Market has recently received approval of our Articles of Incorporation from the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. As of now, the Pulaski County Farmers' Market, Inc., is a legal entity. We are currently in the process of filing a variety of forms with the IRS in hopes of obtaining formal recognition as a 501(c)3. Our goal is not to make a profit, but to provide the residents of Pulaski County with fresh, locally grown food, cultural inclusiveness, and education regarding health and nutrition.

3) Where is the Pulaski County Farmers' Market located?

- a. We are located at the corner of Main and Logan Streets in downtown Winamac.

4) If this is a Pulaski County Farmers' Market, why is it only located in Winamac?

- a. It is our goal to see a market in each community in Pulaski County that is interested. We have to start somewhere, however, so we chose our largest community, Winamac. Once the Winamac site has become sustainable, we will move on to working with other communities to establish more markets.

5) When is the Market open?

- a. We are open every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, from June through October, from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Vendors are able to start setting up at 7:00am and must have their area cleaned and vacated by 1:00pm.

6) What about inclement weather?

- a. The Farmers' Market operates rain or shine. Only in severe weather conditions does the market close to ensure safety. Some of our vendors may not come out in the rain, but the market will be open.

7) Do you accept credit cards and WIC or SNAP benefits?

- a. The decision to accept credit cards and SNAP benefits is up to each vendor. Our goal is to have the majority of vendors accept all three, but we understand that will take some time. As of now, it is best to bring cash.

8) How much does it cost to become a vendor?

- a. The fees for the entire 2016 season is \$50 (or \$100 for trailer spaces) or \$5 per week (\$10 for weekly trailer spaces).

9) What if I don't know if I'll have any produce available?

- a. That's ok! If you end up having a bumper crop and want to sell on just one Saturday during the season, contact us and we'll make sure you get a space. We understand that sometimes farmers and gardeners simply do not know what they'll have available and when.

10) What are the requirements to sell baked goods?

- a. There is no permit required to sell homemade baked goods at the farmers' market. We only ask that you don't sell goods that contain raw eggs, etc. (cream pies, for example), for safety reasons. We also strongly encourage including an ingredient list, for those consumers with allergies.

11) Can I sell eggs?

- a. Eggs can be sold, but must be labeled "for hatching only."

12) Can I sell meat?

- a. Yes. The requirements for selling meat at the farmers' market are easier than you think and can be found here: http://www.in.gov/boah/files/FarmerMkt_Sale_of_Meat-Poultry-Rabbit_2015.pdf

13) Who sets the produce prices and how are prices set?

- a. Prices are set entirely by the vendors, at their discretion.