

# Greater Springfield Farmers' Market

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I become a member of the Greater Springfield Farmers' Market?**

Currently, we accept new applicants each spring, in March. Check our [website](#) for an online application in February, 2012. Then look for our spring meeting dates where you can set up an interview to be approved as a vendor.

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### **What does it cost to become a member?**

Our current membership fee is \$125 per year. Additionally, new members are required to submit \$50 up front for inspection fees. New members will be inspected at least twice (once before you come to Market, and once after you begin coming to Market).

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### **What is the process for reserving a booth location at the Market?**

There is currently no provision for selling at our Market other than becoming a full-time approved member. See "How do I become a member?" above.

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### **Do you allow temporary memberships or one-time event attendance?**

No, there is currently no provision for selling at our market other than becoming a full-time approved member. See "How do I become a member?" above.

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### **Why is Market membership limited?**

Requiring our members to adhere to requirements regarding the production and selling of their products helps ensure our customers have consistently high-quality, diverse, and locally grown or produced choices when they shop our Market.

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### **Are there any permits required to join the Market?**

No; however, if you wish to sell processed food or manufactured food items, those items must be produced and sold in compliance with the regulations of your county and with the Greene County Health Department regulations. Contact the Greene County Health Department at 417-864-1424 for further information. Also, see license requirements below.

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### **Once I'm a Market Member, what licenses are required to sell at the Greater Springfield Farmers' Market?**

*Information provided in answer to this question is intended to serve as a starting point and is not guaranteed to be all-inclusive or correct. Please complete your own research to ascertain compliance with all Federal, state and local laws and requirements.*

- Sellers of anything EXCEPT produce, meat or dairy items are required to purchase a City of Springfield Merchant's Retail License (\$10 per season).
  - For more information:  
City of Springfield  
Licensing Division  
Busch Municipal Building, First Floor  
840 Boonville Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65802  
(417) 864-1617
  
- Sellers of plants, trees, nursery stock, cuttings, bulbs, etc. are required to register with the state of Missouri. The annual fee is \$20.
  - For more information:  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Plant Industries Division  
Nursery Inspection Program  
P.O. Box 630  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
(573) 751-5505  
[\[website\]](#)
  
- Egg sellers are required to obtain a Retailer's License from the state of Missouri. The annual fee is \$5.
  - For more information:  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Weights & Measures Division  
(573) 751-431  
[\[website\]](#)

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- Sellers of dairy products are required to obtain a Milk Distributor's License. The annual fee is \$25.
    - For more Information:  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Weights and Measures Division  
Device and Commodity Program  
(573) 751-5639  
[\[website\]](#)
  
  - Meat sellers are required to obtain a free permit from the Greene County Health Department. Contact (417) 864-1424 for more information.
  
  - All Market Members are required to comply with State of Missouri rules regarding scales and labeling of products.
    - For more information:  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Weights and Measures Division  
Device and Commodity Program  
(573)751-5639  
Visit their [scales](#) and [labeling](#) sites  
[Requirements for Sales Farmers' Markets](#) (pdf)
  
  - Each Market Member is responsible for complying with applicable tax regulations.
    - Sales tax information:  
Missouri Department of Revenue  
P.O. Box 840  
Jefferson City, MO 65105-0840  
(573) 751-2836  
[\[website\]](#)
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### **May I sell canned or pickled items at the Market?**

Yes, if you can meet the health department regulations of the county where you pickle or can. If you are in Greene County, you will need to attend an approved Better Processing School and obtain a certificate. All of your recipes must be approved by a Process Authority and the FDA. All products must be manufactured or processed in an approved kitchen.

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### **What is an approved kitchen?**

Kitchens are approved by the health department of the county where you will be processing or baking. Requirements are similar to those a restaurant must meet to make and prepare food. Contact the health department in your county for additional information.

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### **Do you allow charity organizations to set up a booth at your Market?**

Yes, but they must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors. Please contact our Market Manager, Brad Gray, at 417-708-1909 or 417-840-1571, who will submit your request for Board approval.

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### **Am I allowed to hand out information about my organization or solicit at the Market?**

No, we do not allow individuals to hand out flyers, political information or in any other way contact or solicit the Market's customers. Additionally, the Battlefield Mall prohibits solicitation on its property, both inside the mall and on the parking lot.

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### **Do you allow services, franchises, independent consultants for beauty products, candles, makeup etc. to sell at the Market?**

No, we are a "producers only" market which means everything sold at our Market is produced or grown by those manning the market booths. No resales are allowed.

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### **Are pets allowed at the Market?**

Yes, our current policy allows pets. The Springfield municipal code prohibits dogs in public places from "running at large". This means your dog must be on a leash. [[Springfield Municipal Code](#)]

Pet owners are responsible for any damages or injuries that occur at the Market. If your pet is not comfortable around other animals or strangers, we suggest you leave it at home, as it may cause a problem for you.

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### **Am I allowed to take photos, shoot video or do interviews at the Market?**

Yes, you may take photos, shoot video or talk with our producers for your own personal edification.

Television and radio stations wanting to tape or broadcast must have permission to do so in advance from the Battlefield Mall. Additionally, the Battlefield Mall requires pre-approval for any item originating on its property, which will be published in a magazine or newspaper or used in any promotion.

Interview availability is determined by the individual producers.

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