



# M.A.R.S.S. Farmers' Market

## 2024 Rules of Operation

### INTRODUCTION

The M.A.R.S.S. Farmers Market is located along Highway 20 in front of Stockton Travel Center in Stockton, Illinois at 601 East North Avenue. The 2024 Market will take place each Saturday from June 1st through September 21st from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This is a total of 17 market dates.

### ELIGIBLE VENDORS

Eligible vendors who sell at the M.A.R.S.S. Farmers Market must meet all of the following requirements:

- Offer for sale only:
  - Edible goods such as fruit, vegetables, edible grains, nuts and berries, apiary products, maple sugars, or syrups, and/or
  - Non-edible plants, such as cut or potted flowers, and/or
  - Products or services produced by their own work, or the work of their employees or families.
- Offer only products or services listed on their application and approved.
- Hold and display prominently during each Market a valid Illinois sales tax license and, if applicable, a valid Jo Daviess County food service permit.
- Have paid all applicable fees due for their participation in the Market.

Manufactured items are not allowed however, manufactured items that feature the artwork, creative design, music or logo of the vendor are permitted. For example, a t-shirt or mug displaying the vendor's artwork is permitted, but a t-shirt displaying the artwork of Claude Monet is not permitted. Books written and/or illustrated by the vendor are permitted, but a book written by Jane Austen is not permitted. A CD of music written and/or performed by the vendor is permitted, but a CD of music written and/or performed by Taylor Swift is not permitted.

Any vendor found ineligible at any time during the Market is subject to discharge without a refund of any fees paid.

### RENTAL FEE

The 2024 fees are:

- Season Pass: \$100 for the 2024 Season if Application is received by May 21, 2024
- Season Pass: \$130 for the 2024 Season if Application is received after May 22, 2024
- Weekly Fee: \$10 per Saturday for any Saturdays in the 2024 Season. Once a Weekly Fee vendor has submitted an application and has been approved, he/she is eligible to sell at any of the 2024 market dates.

The application and fee should be mailed to Michelle Bartch at 220 W Benton Ave, Stockton, IL 61085. Checks should be made payable to M.A.R.S.S.



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No refund shall be provided to a vendor who fails to attend or who is discharged for failure to obey Market rules.

### PARKING

We ask that vendors drop off their goods to set up and then move their vehicles behind the building to leave the parking area for patrons.

### DISPLAYING AND SELLING GOODS

Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and other display items. All items must be clearly marked displaying prices in full view of customers. Organically grown produce must be certified by a USDA sanctioned organization with a copy provided to the Farmers Market Committee.

### LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

As stated on the application, vendors must agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Music, Arts and Recreational Society of Stockton (M.A.R.S.S.) and the Stockton Park District as a condition of participation. Additionally, M.A.R.S.S. will not be responsible for theft or damage of property or equipment.

### GENERAL REGULATIONS for agents, employees and volunteers

Vendors shall:

- Be present at the Market no later than 7:45 a.m.
- Conduct themselves in a pleasant and courteous manner.
- Maintain their rental space and any of their equipment within the Market grounds so as to be safe, clean, presentable, and in good working condition.
- Not create any loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise that disrupts the Market.
- Avoid loud, vulgar, or profane language.
- Prohibit any agent, employee or volunteer from attending the Market who is feeling ill or who should quarantine or isolate under CDC COVID-19 guidelines.
- Obey the directions of the Market Manager.
- Sell apiary products, maple sugars or syrup, or processed food with proper labels in accordance with the applicable State of Illinois standards.
- Sell any article according to weight in accordance with applicable State of Illinois standards.

Vendors shall not:

- Engage in disputes or altercations on the Market lot.
- Attract attention to their goods by hawking or crying out.
- Sell or offer any unwholesome or spoiled articles.



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- Transport or display foods without adequate protection against contamination. Delivery trucks and other equipment used for transportation and display shall be kept clean at all times.
- Allow any waste to remain in or near their space after the closing hour of the Market. The vendor is responsible for the removal of all waste from the Market grounds.

Market participants must at all times conform to Market rules. The Market Manager has full authority to enforce all rules. Any Market participant failing to comply will lose their space at the discretion of the Farmers Market Committee. The Market rules supplement Village of Stockton ordinances and other provisions.

In the event other persons, other than a vendor, agent, employee or volunteer, cause or promote an altercation or dispute with a vendor, the vendor shall seek the advice and assistance of the Market Manager.