

Gorham Farm Market Rules

1. ELIGIBILITY: All farmers, gardeners, bakers and others who *produce* what they offer for sale are eligible for participation in the market. Because of space constraints Gorham Recreation will take reservations on a “first come, first served” basis, based on date of receipt of a complete application. If the market reaches capacity, a waiting list will be started, in order of receipt of application.

2. LOCATION AND TIMES: The Gorham Farm Market will be located near the Gazebo, on the Public Safety Building lawn, 270 Main Street, in Gorham, Maine. The Market will be held Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm to 8pm from June 24th to August 5th.

3. SETTING UP AT MARKET: All vendors will have signs that display their name and address. Vendors must have an application and copies of all appropriate licenses. All displays should be neat and tasteful. State Scale Inspector may visit the market during the season to check the accuracy of your scales. Individual farmers are responsible for obtaining approval to accept WIC and food stamps, if they choose. Each vendor is liable for the safety of his or her own products and is expected to maintain adequate liability insurance.

4. HANDICRAFTS: Handicrafts and nonfood items may be sold by members, provided that 1) the major portion (at least 75%) of the members display is product of their own growing, gathering, catching, or creation; 2) the handicraft or nonfood items are related to the vendor’s main product (ie wooden honey spoons for honey) and; 3) the source of nonfarm products are clearly labeled and identified.

5. PROCESSED FOODS: All processed items such as maple syrup, honey, jams, jellies, relishes, baked goods, and home canned goods must be produced by the vendor. No food items purchased for resale are allowed. All food vendors are required by Maine law to obtain the proper licenses from the Maine Department of Agriculture. A copy of all applicable licenses and insurance must be displayed at the vendor’s stand at all times, and photocopies shall be given to Gorham Recreation Department for reference.

6. PRODUCT PRICING & REPRESENTATION: Items offered for sale must be fresh and of high quality. Please take the time to know your production costs and set your prices at a fair market value. Any attempt to mislabel items for sale will be considered an attempt to defraud the public, and may result in barring from the market. Non-satisfactory items returned by consumers must be refunded or exchanged by the vendor.

7. PERSONAL CONDUCT & PRESENTATION: Members should present themselves in an appropriate manner, dress and state of cleanliness. Shirts must be worn. Members should behave in a cooperative manner. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by vendors at the market is prohibited. General cleanliness of the market area is everyone’s responsibility. This includes picking up your own area while selling and making certain the entire market area is clean before you leave.