

Vendor's Inquiries

Mankato Area Growers Association (MAGA) is the parent organization of the Mankato Farmers' Market (MFM).

- Growers/producers wishing to sell their products at the MFM must apply for association membership and, upon acceptance, pay a \$50 annual membership fee.

- Artisans must apply to the association and have their products juried for acceptance by the MAGA board. Artisans are not required to pay the membership fee.

- Both types of vendors must also pay an annual stall fee of \$300.

- Producers and artisans may instead choose to apply to be "daily" vendors; however, daily vendors are not guaranteed a stall and may be turned away on peak season days to make room for annual members.

- Daily vendor fees are \$25 per day and are capped at \$300 per season for members and \$350 for non-members.

January - April

Are the times to apply for membership or inquiries. Space is limited and not all applicants are guaranteed membership. Board Members make the ultimate decision on admittance of vendors



Vendor's Checklist

All Forms on Vendor Page of
www.mankatofarmersmarket.com

(Product must be produced within 40 mile radius of Mankato Farmers' Market)

Grower/Producer/Farmer

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Membership Dues \$50
- ✓ ST-19
- ✓ Liability Insurance - 65\$
- ✓ * Annual Stall Fee \$300
- * Dailies (\$25 due on date of attendance up to 300\$)

Artisan/Craft

- ✓ Application - Pictures of products
- ✓ ST-19
- ✓ Liability Insurance - \$140
- ✓ *Annual Stall Fee \$350
- * Dailies (\$25 due on date of attendance up to \$350)



Everything local within 40 miles!!!

May - Oct

Sat: 8am - Noon

Tue & Thu

3:30-6 pm

Your Farmers' Market

- ✓ Builds healthy communities
- ✓ Supports our local economy
- ✓ Good for family farmers and artisans
- ✓ Builds healthy families
- ✓ Good for the environment

- ✓ Volunteers are welcome
- ✓ Internships available for MSU students
- ✓ Non-profit support space available
- ✓ Space available for entertainers (musicians, artists, actors, writers, and poets)
- ✓ Farmers' market vouchers are available at county services and food banks for seniors, families, and children who need support
- ✓ Senior/Specialty Market on Tuesdays to provide assistance and support to shoppers
- ✓ Family/Kids Market on Thursdays to provide assistance and support to shoppers

Tel: 507-420-8711



Why Shop at the Market?

Shopping at and supporting the farmers' market circulates money within our community, helping to keep it strong.

Local farmers and artisans at the market continue to help our community thrive by recirculating your wisely spent dollars.

Vendors at our market are required to make or produce their goods wholly or substantially from within 40 miles of Mankato. This stipulation keeps food miles, waste, and resource use to a minimum. They believe in healthy soils, foods, and families, practices that positively affect our community.

Raising heirloom variety plants and heritage breed animals supports vendors' ideals of promoting biodiversity and strengthening our local food security.

Many buzzwords are the backbone of our market...organic, free range, naturally-grown, sustainably-raised, pesticide- or herbicide-free, and more. Get to know your vendor and learn where and how your food is produced.

Benefits of Market Nutrition

How far your food travels before you eat it, when it was picked, and how it was processed have a significant impact on the nutritional value and the levels of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants it contains. The less distance and processing from picking to plate, the greater the health and life-supporting nutrients that are bio-available.

Studies also support the increased nutritional quality of eggs produced from free range chickens with access to natural diets. Their eggs are higher in Omegas and lower in cholesterol. Animals naturally raised, humanely treated, and with access to pasture have better ratios of fats and reduced hormone accumulation.

All of these factors help you reduce the amount and concentrations of toxins your body must eliminate. Some pesticides, herbicides, and other compounds are fat soluble and if not eliminated can be stored in our bodies. Pair this with our environmental exposures and you can see the benefits of searching for healthy grains, fruits, vegetables, and meats to support cellular health and natural metabolism. You are what you eat, as our forebears used to say.

Cents vs. Sense

Pay now for good health, or pay later for poor health. The nutritionally superior food available at your local farmers' market will support health, taste great, and impact you positively inside and out.



Everything Local Within 40 miles!!!

- Tue is our **Senior & Specialty Market**
(Let us know if you need assistance with shopping or priority parking)
- Thu is our **Family & Kids Market**
(Let us know if you need assistance with shopping or priority parking)
- Need financial assistance with groceries?
- Programs are available to provide fruit and vegetable vouchers to seniors, children, and low income families.
- Call (507) 993-9187 or (507) 304-4148 to learn about two separate support programs.
- Visit our website at mankatofarmersmarket.com and follow us on Facebook and Twitter

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