

2026 Piqua Community Farmers Market Rules & Guidelines

The Piqua Community Farmers Market was created by Mainstreet Piqua to sell locally grown produce and products directly to consumers. The following rules have been established to create a market that offers local produce and products to the consumer directly from the producer. Read the Rules & Guidelines and keep a copy for your records. **Failure to observe these rules may result in the termination of your market assignment and forfeiture of paid booth fees.** If you have any questions regarding these rules or joining the market, please contact Mainstreet Piqua at (937) 773-9355 or email info@mainstreetpiqua.com.

2026 Market Information:

1. Location: High Street in front of the Piqua Public Library
2. Days: Thursdays
3. Dates: May 28 – October 8, 2026
4. Time: 3:00-6:00 pm
5. Cost: \$10/week for the standard 10x10 space.
6. Full season reservation: (\$100 for the standard 10x10 space) must be paid by May 28, 2026
7. The standard booth size is 10' x 10'. Larger booth space is available and will be charged accordingly. Contact Mainstreet Piqua for larger booth space pricing.

Rules & Regulations:

1. Only regional farmers, family members, partners, and employees may sell at the market.
2. All vendors must be registered with the Piqua Community Farmers Market. You will not be allowed to set up at the market until your registration has been approved. Submitting your application does not automatically mean you are approved for the market. You will receive notification of acceptance from Mainstreet Piqua after **April 1, 2026**.
3. The market will continue to accept incentive programs offered by the state and federal agencies (WIC, SNAP/EBT, Produce Perks & Senior Farmers Market Coupons). Your eligibility to participate in these programs is set by those agencies.
4. Market sales will start at 3:00pm and end at 6:00pm. The vendors may arrive as early as 1:15pm to set up and must be ready to sell by 3:00pm.
5. In 2025 we saw many early shoppers. You may sell your products before 3:00 pm but the information booth where the SNAP/EBT, SFMNP, and credit card transactions are completed will not open until 3:00 pm.
6. For the safety of all vendors and patrons, please carefully enter the market space if you arrive after 2:00 pm and you may NOT enter the market area after 3:00 pm.
7. Please have your booth cleaned up by 6:30pm to adhere to the re-opening of the street.
8. Markets are open rain or shine.
9. Market prices for all items must be clearly posted.
10. The standard booth size is 10' x 10'. Larger booth space is available and will be charged accordingly. Contact Mainstreet Piqua for larger booth space pricing.
11. Weekly booth rental payments will be collected on market day by the market manager or their designee.

12. Space assignments will be based on available market space, the need for specific products, and your booth size requirements. Priority is given to full-season PRODUCE vendors.
13. All product and booth signage must be contained within your paid booth space.
14. Vendors are asked to contact the market manager as soon as possible if they are not attending a market date. The preferred contact method is email, so this information is in writing.
15. Once your vehicle is parked in place, the motor must be turned off and kept off.
16. Operate your stand in a safe, sanitary, and neat manner. Keep sales area (including the ground) clear of garbage. Remove all of your garbage from the area when you leave each Thursday. If you are offering samples and handing out napkins, plates, cups, etc., please provide a trash can for your customers.
17. Please remember that craft items must be homemade or home-produced and we reserve the right to limit the number of crafters approved for the market.
18. Produce/products sold must be grown/produced by the principal farmer/producer. The market reserves the right to inspect and to spot visit any farm or establishment throughout the season.
19. You may supplement your produce by no more than 25% with produce from additional producers. All produce that is supplemental must be labeled with the name and address of the person who grew it (or made it) and displayed on the vendor's table.
20. Farmers are prohibited from purchasing produce from an auction or a wholesaler for resale at the market.
21. Produce that is not in-season in Ohio may be brought to the market until such an item is readily available in the region. (For example, single producer tomatoes may be sold at the market until approximately July 1 – at which time that item is in-season in the Piqua, Ohio region.)
22. Products and produce labeled organic must be certified according to the U.S.D.A.
23. The following non-edible items may be sold at the market: flowers, plants, dried flowers, dried plant arrangements, gourds, beeswax, beeswax products, wool fiber, wool fiber products, and soap/lotions. All materials must be found, grown, foraged and/or produced by the producer on their farm or land OR clearly labeled with the producer's name, address, etc. Other items will be considered at the discretion of the market manager and approval given prior to the market day.
24. Individual producers will be responsible for adhering to product labeling regulations, registering scales, and conforming to applicable city, state, and federal laws including the securing of any licenses required for the operation or your market space.
25. If you plan on leaving the market early, you must park your vehicle outside of the market area and remove your product and equipment by hand or wagon from the market area.
26. The market manager is responsible for the space assignments, public safety, and enforcement of the market rules.
27. Vendors must comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, State of Ohio, Miami County, Ohio and Piqua, Ohio.

The Piqua Community Farmers Market reserves the right to admit or reject any vendor for any reason not prohibited by law.

Mainstreet Piqua, Inc. does not enforce the United States Department of Agriculture requirements. In case of U.S.D.A. inspection, the vendor is held responsible for compliance.

Farmers Market Information from the Miami County Health Department:

The Piqua Community Farmers Market is under the jurisdiction of the Miami County Health Department. If you have any questions about the products you are bringing to the market, please check with the Miami County Health Department prior to attending the market. They can be found in the Hobart Center for Community Government, 510 W. Water Street, Troy, Ohio 45373. The Miami County Health Department phone number is (937) 573-3500. Please prepare for occasional site checks from the Miami County Health Department.

Below is a summary of foods that may be sold **without a food service license** under the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Farmers Market Guidelines (Ohio Revised Code 3717.22(B)(2)):

Foods permitted without a license at Farmers Market:

- Fresh, unprocessed fruits and vegetables
- Approved Cottage Food items
- Tree syrup, sorghum, honey, apple syrup, or apple butter from qualifying producers
- Wine sold under the appropriate license
- Commercially prepackaged, non-potentially hazardous foods displayed in quantities of less than 100 cubic feet

Please note that **foods requiring refrigeration** or foods that do not meet the criteria above **must be properly licensed**.

Examples of items that **cannot be sold without appropriate licensing** include:

- Eggs
- Yogurt or other dairy products
- Elderberry products
- Frozen meats
- Pizza dough
- Salsa
- Improperly labeled Cottage Food items

For additional guidance, the Ohio Department of Agriculture offers the following helpful resources:

- Farmers Markets – ODA: <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/food-safety/resources/farmers-market-registration>
- Cottage Foods – ODA: : <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>
- ODA Food Safety Resources Home Page: <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/home>
- ODA farmers market specific questions: 614-728-6250; foodsafety@agri.ohio.gov

If you have food specific questions, ODA can also be reached at **614-728-6250** or foodsafety@agri.ohio.gov.

Please see the attached Cottage Food Production information sheet.