# 2026 FARMERS MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS

## DEFINITION OF A MARKET

The Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market is a market where producers, growers, makers, artists, and artisans may sell directly to the public in accordance with State and County regulations.
Location: Bedford, PA

## CRITERIA USED IN APPROVING PRODUCER APPLICATIONS

First consideration will be given to agricultural producers in Bedford County and surrounding counties. Preference will be given to producers judged to have an adequate volume of produce to sell at the market and to producers judged to be capable of participating consistently over the length of the market season. Preference will be given to producers offering items for sale that will add to the market's overall variety of agricultural products.

If the applicant has previously sold products at the market, additional criteria considered will include attendance record, quality and appearance of produce, and ability to provide produce throughout the designated hours of each market day.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Items for sale at the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market will be agricultural products that have been approved by the Farmers' Market Manager. 90% of products must have been raised and prepared by the producer intending to sell the products. Vendors offering value added/baked goods and arts/artesian/craft items will be approved on a limited basis at the discretion of the manager of the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market.

Any products which are grown or produced locally, but not grown or produced by the vendor must be labeled as such and approved by the Downtown Bedford, Inc. Farmer's Market manager.

## PRODUCT PRICING

Producers are asked to refrain from price undercutting. Producers may sell by the piece or by volume. Producers may sell by weight only if they use scales with a current inspection sticker form the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture.

## DISPLAYING AND SELLING GOODS

Producers must furnish their own table, chairs, and other display needs including rain protection. Producers are responsible for the cleanliness in and around their assigned space. At the close of the day, all trash and waste is to be removed by the producer.

Producers are expected to conduct business in a courteous manner. Attracting attention to goods by hawking or crying out is prohibited. Argument, harassment of purchasers, and profane language will not be tolerated.

Vendors must be set up by 8:55 AM and are not to tear down until the close of the market at 1PM

## SPACE ALLOCATION

Spaces will be assigned to the approved producers by the manager of the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market. A map will be sent out each week of where each producer will set up. Once a space is assigned to a producer, the manager will try to keep that space for the producer each week, however, spaces may change due to attendance. If a producer is absent, his or her allocated space may be reassigned at the discretion of the manager of the Downtown Bedford's Farmer's Market.

## SPACE FEES

The space fee for the producers at the Downtown Bedford's Farmer's market is $10.00 per market day. The $10.00 fee will be collected each market day. A special yearly rate of $180.00 for the entire season will be offered and must be paid in full before the start of the market. The entire season has 24 market days, by prepaying will save $60.

DBI Members ONLY – Information booths are free for DBI members – space is limited. Informational booths may only set up at three market days unless approved by Farmers Market Manager.

DBI Members (non-informational booths) Season Special of $150 for all 24 market dates ($90 savings). Membership and market dues will need paid prior to May 20, 2026 to be eligible.

## INSURANCE

Market vendors are **required** to submit **proof of a valid product liability insurance policy and PA Sales Tax Certificate prior to the start of the market.** This product liability insurance should be a minimum of one million dollars of liability insurance for each vendor. Vendors without valid up-to-date insurance and tax certificate will **not** be permitted to set up at the market.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Producers are not permitted to bring pets to the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market. Produces/vendors choosing to bring children under 12 years of age must accompany his/her child at all times. Children within the producer/vendor space should not disrupt the flow of business.

## FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market will result in the removal of the offending producer from the market for that day of the offense is identified and may result in the banning of the producer for any period of time deemed appropriate by the manager of the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market, including permanent banning.

## Manager OF THE DOWNTOWN BEDFORD'S FARMERS' MARKET

The manager will review and approve/deny all producer submitted applications.

The manager will assign market space.

The manager will collect market space fees.

The manager will enforce the rules and regulations of the market.

The manager will enforce the verification of locally grown products.

The manager may revise the rule and regulations of the Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market as needed to maintain and improve the market.

Complaints should be in handwritten form, presented to the Farmers Market manager, and will be handled as deemed appropriate.

The Downtown Bedford's Farmers' Market is held in cooperation with Downtown Bedford, Inc. and the town of Bedford.

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Rules: _____