

# Okanogan Valley Farmers' Market

## Policy on Acceptable Vendors

As a member market of the Washington State Farmers Market Association (WSFMA), the Okanogan Valley Farmers Market (OVFM) operates within their established policies and guidelines.

The WSFMA states that *nonprofits that can table at a Farmers' Market are limited to primarily agricultural and food related organizations and must be local*, with a presence in the neighborhood, and not national or state-wide groups.

**The WSFMA Roots Guidelines specify who is allowed to sell at WSFMA member markets.** There are five categories of vendors allowed to sell at WSFMA member markets: farmers, processors, resellers, prepared food vendors and artisan/crafters.

### 1. Producers

- a. Farmers – one who raises produce, plants or botanicals or animals on land they own, lease or rent in the State of Washington
- b. Processors – one who sells foods that they have personally prepared or processed on property that they own, lease or rent in the State of Washington
- c. Resellers – are expected to be the only stop between the grower and the consumer. Products they buy must not come from shippers, warehouses, jobbers or wholesale distribution.

### 2. Other Vendors:

- a. Prepared Food Vendors – offer freshly made foods, available for sale and immediate consumption on-site at WSFMA member markets, using ingredients produced in Washington State as much as possible
- b. Artisans / Crafters – one who creates with their own hands the products they offer for sale at WSFMA member markets, incorporating materials grown or produced in Washington State as much as possible and created in the State of Washington

### What is not allowed at WSFMA Markets?

1. **No commercial or imported items**
2. **No second-hand items**
3. **No franchises**
4. **No non-owner operated businesses** (only those businesses that are operated and controlled by their Washington State-based owners are permitted at WSFMA member markets)
5. **No out of state processing**

Any exception to these vendor rules must be voted on by the Board of Directors and must not in any way go against WSFMA policies. Any approved non-profit organization wanting a booth at the market must not discriminate based upon race, religion, age, creed, income, handicap, politics or religion. **Any products or services offered must be available to any customer of the market or member of the community without discrimination.**