



Event Details for Nonprofits and Sponsors

Thursday, July 21, August 18, & September 29, 2022

9 AM to 2 PM

About the Markets:

The Michigan Farmers Market Association facilitates the Farmers Markets at the Capitol in order to achieve the mission of providing a thriving marketplace that **showcases Michigan food and agricultural products** in an effort to educate our state decision-makers on the importance of supporting farmers, ag-based businesses, and farmers markets. These markets exist to:

- Promote Michigan farmers markets, farmers, and ag-based businesses that market products grown, raised, and processed in Michigan
- Promote the diversity of Michigan farmers and ag-based business owners
- Promote consumer access to farmers markets and Michigan food and agricultural products
- Raise awareness about the rich and diverse agricultural areas in Michigan
- Provide a venue for MIFMA and partners to advocate for policies that support farmers, ag-based businesses, and farmers markets

Eligibility:

These markets have limited space for Bushel-level sponsors and nonprofits. MIFMA reviews and approves applications based on several factors. For full information on determining eligibility for and applying to the market, please review the full Market Policies for Nonprofits and Sponsors.

Market Hours and Location:

The market will be located on the east side of the [Michigan State Capitol](#) lawn, along Capitol Avenue between Allegan and Ottawa Streets. Market hours are **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, RAIN OR SHINE**. Participants are required to stay for the entire market, or risk being excluded from future markets. Failure to show up on time and stay for the entire market may result in a loss of privilege to participate in future markets.

A Note Regarding COVID-19:

The Farmers Markets at the Capitol will comply with all city, state, and federal regulations regarding business operations in response to COVID-19. MIFMA will incorporate [COVID-19 best practices and recommendations](#) into market operations for as long as applicable regulations

are in place, and participants are expected to do the same. MIFMA reserves the right to immediately dismiss any participant that is not complying with market regulations from the market without prior warning. A complete list of COVID-19-related expectations will be sent to all approved participants at least one week in advance of the market. If MIFMA must cancel the market for reasons related to COVID-19, all sponsorships will be refunded for the market and notice will be given as far in advance as possible (see “Cancellation and Refund Policy” below). For additional COVID-19 resources from MIFMA, visit mifma.org/covid-19-resources.

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Set-up and Tear-down:

Set-up is from 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM. Booth spaces may not be marked prior to 7:00 AM. Participants should arrive early enough to be ready to greet customers by 9:00 AM. Tear-down is from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Everything, including garbage and recycling, must be removed from the Capitol grounds by 4:00 PM. For further information on set-up and tear-down, please review the full Market Policies for Nonprofits and Sponsors.



Market Policies for Nonprofits and Sponsors

The following information is provided to help you decide whether the Farmers Market at the Capitol is a good venue for your outreach and marketing. **If your organization's mission aligns with the mission of these markets and you decide participating would be a good fit for you, please complete an online application for nonprofit participants and/or submit a sponsorship form. Please read the information completely and carefully before submitting an application to be a participant and/or a Bushel sponsor.**

Application Timeline (Nonprofits):

- May 13: Applications open at www.mifma.org
- May 13 - June 10: Preference will be given to applications submitted by current members of the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) and current partners. Nonprofits should be members at the Organizational Friend level or at a Farmers Market level. You can become a member at <https://mifma.org/become-a-member/>.
- June 10: All applications are due
- June 13 – 24: All applications will be responded to

Application Timeline (Sponsors):

- April 1: Sponsorship forms open at www.mifma.org.
- July 6: Last day to sponsor the July market and receive full sponsorship benefits
- August 3: Last day to sponsor the August market and receive full sponsorship benefits
- September 14: Last day to sponsor the September market and receive full sponsorship benefits

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Who Can Participate and What Can Be Sold:

This market has space for approximately 50 for-profit vendors who produce and sell Michigan food and farm products defined as products grown, raised, or gathered in Michigan or value-added products processed in Michigan that include ingredients grown, raised, or gathered in Michigan. **Any entity that intends to sell Michigan food and farm products at the market(s) must apply through the Vendor Application.**

There are also spaces reserved for Bushel-level **sponsors** of the market(s). Bushel-level sponsors that participate are **not allowed to sell or distribute food items** at the market(s).

MIFMA approves applications to participate based on several factors including, but not limited to: alignment with the [mission, vision, and core values of MIFMA](#), alignment with the mission of the market, and performance at past events and other farmers markets in Michigan. MIFMA has the sole discretion to approve or deny any application.

Appropriate Conduct:

All participants, volunteers, and MIFMA staff are expected to treat each other and market visitors and shoppers in a courteous and professional manner that aligns with the [mission, vision, and core values of MIFMA](#). Any conflicts or disagreements with anyone occurring during the market must be handled with the utmost discretion. All participating organizations are responsible for their employees and helpers and are responsible to advise them of all event details. Comments, complaints, and suggestions must be directed to a MIFMA staff member, and be discussed in private and not in front of other participants and customers.

Anti-harassment Policy:

In accordance with MIFMA's core values of Diversity & Unity and Community & Belonging, MIFMA strives to ensure that the Farmers Markets at the Capitol provide a safe, welcoming, and accessible space for all participants. As such, harassment or discrimination based on an individual's sex, gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, ability, or any legally protected category will not be tolerated at the market. Harassment or discriminatory activity is subject to the Farmers Markets at the Capitol's Vendor Grievance and Enforcement Policies (reference the full [Vendor Policy](#) for grievance and enforcement policies).

Smoking Prohibited:

Vendors are prohibited from smoking on Capitol grounds before, during, and after the farmers market.

Alcohol Prohibited:

Vendors are prohibited from consuming alcohol on Capitol grounds before, during, and after the farmers market.

General and Product Liability Insurance:

Proof of general liability insurance (with a minimum of \$1,000,000 in coverage per incident) is requested from all participating organizations. Proof of general liability insurance naming the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) as a certificate holder or additional insured on an existing policy should be provided by July 1, 2022.

Electricity:

Electricity is not available to Bushel-level sponsors and nonprofits.

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Loading Zones:

Loading zones will be available on Capitol Avenue and on Allegan and Ottawa Streets.

Participants will be able to park in these spaces to unload their materials quickly and efficiently onto the sidewalk before moving their vehicle to its parking space. Participants cannot park in a loading zone while moving their materials to or from their booth space(s). Participants not respectful of the limited space and needs of other vendors & participants may be required to move their vehicle and may be excluded from future markets.

Parking:

Parking for Bushel-level sponsors & nonprofits will be available in the [City of Lansing Parking ramps downtown](#). MIFMA will provide parking validation for one vehicle per sponsor or nonprofit booth **upon request prior to the market**. Participants can visit the MIFMA booth at the event to collect a parking validation ticket that will cover the parking expense. *Please also note that the parking ramp on the corner of Capitol and Allegan is privately managed (not by the City of Lansing) and the parking validation that MIFMA provides will not apply to this ramp.*

Space Assignments:

Specific numbered spaces will be assigned to each participant, including sponsors, at least one week prior to the market date (additional instructions on setting up may also be relayed at this time). Each Bushel-level sponsor or nonprofit will be offered one 10 x 10-foot space.

Tables, Tents & Carts:

All participants (vendors, sponsors, and nonprofits) are responsible for bringing their own equipment including tents/canopies, table(s), chair(s), cart(s), and all other necessary supplies. All tents must be freestanding **and weighted**. Participants will not be allowed to use a tent/canopy that is not weighted with at least 25 pounds per tent leg. No stakes can be driven into the Capitol lawn per Capitol Grounds rules. **Participants should bring their own cart to use to transport items from the unloading zones to their assigned booth space and should not expect carts to be provided onsite.**

Restrooms:

Public restrooms are located on the ground floor, North and South corridors, of the Capitol. No outdoor port-a-johns will be available.

Trash:

MIFMA has reserved trashcans for use during the market. These trashcans are for shopper use only. A trash dumpster will be available for vendor trash. Corrugated cardboard recycling is available in the loading dock on the Northside of the Capitol building along Ottawa Street. Vendors will need to properly dispose of their own empty containers and/or trash before they leave.

Facebook Promotions:

MIFMA will create Facebook events for the market, so please do not create your own. Instead, join MIFMA's events, post to the wall of the event, and share the event with your Facebook followers to attend. Follow MIFMA on Facebook at
<http://www.facebook.com/MIFarmersMarkets>.

Emergencies:

In case of emergency, Capitol Security Police can be reached at 517-373-2836. For fire, police, or ambulance, please call 911. A copy of the [Emergency Procedures](#) for this market will be available at the MIFMA tent during the market.

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Questions?

If you have questions about the Farmers Markets at the Capitol or this information, please email jenny@mifma.org or call 517-432-3381.