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**FARMER'S
MARKET**

**Informational
Brochure**



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What is a Farmer's Market?



The definition of an agricultural market (farmer's market) is: "Any fixed or mobile retail food establishment engaged in the sale of raw or fresh fruits, vegetables, and nuts in the shell. It may also include the sale of factory sealed, non-hazardous foods." (IDAPA 16.02.19.110.01)

Agricultural markets that fall under this definition are not subject to regulation by a District Health Department. However, some vendors sell and/or sample food items which are considered "potentially hazardous foods" (PHFs).

Examples of PHFs include, but are not limited to: cut melons, raw seed sprouts, meats, salsas, sauces/dressings, cooked vegetables, and garlic/oil mixtures. PHFs are not allowed to be sold or sampled without a permit from the local District Health Department.



When is a Permit Required?

If food is going to be prepared, processed, or cooked at the location of the market, then an "Intermittent Food Establishment" permit must be secured from the local Health Department. Vendors selling or sampling PHFs must have their actual farmer's market stand, equipment, and services inspected and approved by the local Health Department. The sale or sampling of foods prepared in a private, home kitchen is generally NOT allowed.

Canned goods must come from a regulated processing facility. One exception to this for farmer's markets is homemade jams and jellies.

Other than these, PHFs sold or sampled at farmer's markets must come from a regulated establishment or from a permitted intermittent food establishment.



Intermittent Food Establishments

Raw milk and farm fresh eggs can only be sold or sampled if the vendor complies with rules established by the Idaho Department of Agriculture. Vendors at farmer's markets who are required to have a permit from the local Health Department must meet minimum standards. These standards include a hand washing station (sample pictured below), methods to wash, rinse, and sanitize utensils, temperature control (if necessary), and the ability to maintain the stand in a clean and sanitary condition.

Produce that is offered in a ready-to-eat format must be thoroughly washed in water to remove soil and other contaminants before being cut, served, cooked, or offered for consumption.

Proper Hand Wash Station

