

Vermont farmers markets

Local as usual, safer than ever.



Many farmers markets will be opening soon, but it's not business as usual! Vendors and market staff are required to follow state guidance to ensure the safest environment for shoppers and vendors alike. **Please be patient with vendors and market staff** as they are doing their best to comply with the guidance and still be able to offer local products to their communities.

What to expect at farmers markets this season:

🌿 **Everyone will be happy to see you!** Despite all the changes and new rules, markets will still be the place to see smiling eyes, from a safe distance, and get fresh local products.

🌿 **SNAP/EBT will still be accepted!** Other forms of market currency will vary market to market.

🌿 **There will be a way to pre-order products in advance, and pick them up at the market site.** Check the market website/social media to learn how to order in advance. In some cases there will be a list of vendor contacts, in others an online ordering system.

🌿 **Bring a face mask, and wash your hands when you get there.** Vendors and market staff are required to

wear protective equipment. You can help by bringing your own mask to wear while you shop. Markets will have handwashing stations or sanitizer available at the market entrance.

🌿 **Vendor booths will not be self-serve.** Only vendors are allowed to handle their products. You will verbally tell the vendor your choices and they will place it in a bag for you.

🌿 **Markets will not have entertainment, activities, music,** or other things that might tempt people to linger and congregate. However, keep an eye out on social media for fun kids' activities and other socially-distant ways to connect with your market, as many markets are planning this type of activity.

🌿 **Prepared food, beverages, and yummy things will be sold,** and may be made at the market, but will be packaged and must be consumed off-site. This includes coffee, ice cream, kettle corn, etc.

🌿 **Most produce will be pre-bagged** to limit the number of people who have handled your food. Vendors may also be packaging and pricing products in ways that reduce the need to make change.

🌿 **The layout of the market will be different.** Each market has worked hard to arrange a new layout that ensures safe distance between booths and between vendors and shoppers. There will be one entrance and one exit, and traffic will flow one-way.

🌿 **Send one person to shop whenever possible.** Please leave children and pets at home if you are able to. This will help ensure social distancing and allow vendors to serve more customers.

🌿 **Stay home if you are unwell or may have been exposed to the virus.** We must protect each other during these challenging times. Send someone to the market in your place.

Thank you for supporting local farmers!

