



Cooperstown Farmers' Market

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2007 Inspection Agreement

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market provides a central location for local producers to sell their products. The purpose of the market is to support and encourage locally grown produce and locally made crafts. To this end, a minimum of 80% of the goods sold at the market must be produced by the vendor or producer himself within a 50-mile radius of the market. To help ensure that this rule is enforced the following guidelines have been developed.

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market reserves the right to inspect the farm, kitchen, or production facilities of the grower/producer. The inspection will be conducted with at least 24-hours notice unless otherwise permitted by the grower/producer. The inspection will be made with a farm/production facilities representative present unless otherwise permitted by the grower/producer. Refusal to permit a farm or facilities inspection can result in suspension from the market.

Inspection criteria will be based on the vendor's market application. Are they growing the crops listed on their application? Are they growing amounts that correspond to what is sold at market? Are they baking, processing, or otherwise producing items sold at the market and in corresponding quantities?

Inspections will be carried out by the Market Manager and a qualified inspector who shall be appointed by Otsego 2000 from outside the market.

These inspections will be used indiscriminately for new vendors, and for investigating suspected violations.

In the event that a grower/producer is found to be in violation by the inspectors or refuses to provide access to their farm/kitchen/production facilities, they will be afforded a hearing before the Market Board, at which time the grower/producer can present evidence to support a defense. After the hearing the Market Board will render a decision. Disciplinary actions include but are not limited to temporary or permanent suspension from the farmers' market, and/or fines.

I have read the terms of the 2007 inspection agreement and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____