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# North Saanic Farm Market

*'Growing Home'*

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2010 Policy Guide  
for Market Vendors

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## Welcome to the Market

The intent of the North Saanich Farm Market is to support local growers and farmers by providing them with a venue to sell their produce and products, while giving the community access to locally grown fruits, vegetables and products. The North Saanich Market operates on the principles of not-for-profit; any profit made will be used to either promote the market or support local farmers. The Market is founded on principles of community and collaboration, which we collectively demonstrate by being courteous and respectful to all who attend the market, by helping each other to set up and take down stands, by appreciating the efforts of the Market volunteers, and by buying from each other.

## Policies and Information for Vendors and Other Participating Groups

### Key Reminders

- The North Saanich Farm Market will be held every **Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30 noon at Saint John's United Church, 10990 West Saanich Road, North Saanich.** In 2010 we will hold four winter markets: February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. Starting June 5<sup>th</sup> the market will be held every Saturday until the Thanksgiving weekend, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Space is limited at the market and priority will be given to North Saanich growers. Up to 25 percent of the space will also be made available to North Saanich residents wishing to sell locally made arts and crafts.
- To ensure that you have space at the Market please contact one of the market organizers ahead of time. You can also notify the organizers if you wish to reserve a space for each Saturday of the Market.
- For those growers who do not wish to sell their own produce, a community table will be available; growers can drop off pre-priced produce that will be sold by market volunteers. For this service the market will take 20 percent of the total sales for that grower for that day.
- Set-up begins no earlier than 8:00 am.
- Set-up is completed by 9:00 am.
- Parking space is available for vendors on Clayton Road (parking at the church is reserved for market customers).
- For a daily charge of \$10.00 you will be provided with a 10' X 10' space.
- Please bring everything you need: table, umbrella, cash, chairs, and most important the produce/product that you wish to sell.

- We request that, even if you sell all your produce/product before the end of the market, you stay until the close of the market at 12:30 pm.
- To foster a spirit of community at the market all members, vendors, and volunteers are expected to treat each other and customers with courtesy and to work together in a spirit of cooperation, and open, positive communication.
- As much as we appreciate dogs, please do not bring your dog to the Market.
- All producers must complete and sign a Participant's Agreement (Appendix A).

### **Sale of Products and Services**

1. All produce and products offered must be grown and produced locally. This encourages a direct relationship between the producer and consumer.
2. Without an appropriate VIHA permit the following items may not be sold: dairy products (milk, cream, cottage cheese); live animals, including fish and fowl; cakes, pies, tarts or bread products that have syrup, frosting or topping on the surface or a cream filling. A copy of VIHA approval forms must be provided to the market manager.
3. The decision as to the suitability of any product for sale at the Market shall be at the absolute discretion of the market organizers.
4. Provincial and Capital Regional District Health Regulations apply to all products sold and a vendor shall immediately cease to sell and remove any product upon the request of an official or representative of the Capital Regional District Health Unit. Vendors must phone the CRD (250-388-9019) each season for approval before selling at the Market. It is the sole responsibility of the Vendor to obtain CRD approval to sell at the Market.
5. Pricing: Each vendor is responsible for pricing his or her own produce. **A pricing list will be provided.** Vendors can price their produce either 20% above or below the suggested price.

### **Policies for Education/Community Groups and Services**

6. A maximum of one space will be reserved for education/community tables at each market. These are not-for-profit organizations which in some way contribute to the environmental, social or cultural health of the community. Attendance at each Market must be pre-booked. Priority may be given to groups who have not yet had a table at the Market in the current season.
7. Groups promoting political parties or religious perspectives are not considered education/community groups.
8. The organizers will have absolute discretion as to which education/community groups may participate at the market and to what extent. The organizers will encourage the participation

of education/community groups which hold a similar philosophy as that upon which the Market is founded.

### **Market Organizational Structure**

The North Saanich Farm Market is overseen by the not-for-profit society North Saanich Food for the Future Society (NSFF)

The North Saanich Food for the Future Society was formed to support and sustain agriculture in the municipality of North Saanich. This goal is achieved by:

- Stimulating and supporting our local economy by providing a venue for organic market gardeners, backyard growers, home produced foods, crafts and artisans
- Providing educational opportunities by organizing speakers and workshops on the local food movement
- Organizing events that celebrate local foods
- Creating an opportunity for community groups to convey information to their neighbours concerning important local, social, political and environmental issues
- Encouraging ecologically harmonious methods of food production
- Advocating for the protection of agricultural land

The Board makes decisions by consensus.

The Board Directors in 2010 are:

- Penny Gibbs, President
- Andrea Walsh
- Kathy Scott
- Diana Chown
- Janet Silman
- Jennifer Johns
- Susan Chandler
- Susan McIntyre
- Tina Fraser Baynes

### **Market Contacts**

If you would like to participate in the market as either a vendor or a volunteer please contact:

Penny Gibbs @ 250.656.3054

## Appendix A: Grower's/Producer's Statement for the NS Farm Market

This statement is to help consumers make their market choices, and is to be displayed prominently at your table each market. It is the mandate of the North Saanich Farm Market to move towards organic production.

**Name:**

**Name of Farm and Address:**

1. I/we confirm that all produce and farm products sold at the market are grown/produced in the municipality of North Saanich by the above growers: Yes

2. I/we are Certified Organic Producers:  
Yes  Certifier # \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. I/we, although not certified organic growers, use organic and sustainable practices:  
Yes  No

4. I/we use the following methods in our production practices:

### Soil, Seed and Plant Practices

Compost: Yes  No

Crop Rotation: Yes  No

Chemical Fertilizers: Yes  No

Genetically Modified Organisms: Yes  No

### Insect and Disease Control

Chemical Controls: Yes  No

### Weed Control

Chemical Weed Control: Yes  No

### Animal Welfare

Hormones and Antibiotics Yes  No

Following is the link for the Certified Organic Standards and Permitted Substance List.

[http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/cgsb/on\\_the\\_net/organic/index-e.html](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/cgsb/on_the_net/organic/index-e.html)