



# FARMERS MARKET LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

## **A license is required at the Farmers' Market for:**

### Potentially Hazardous Food Sales

These include potentially hazardous foods, which are or contain: milk, cheese, eggs, meat, poultry, shellfish, fish or edible crustacean, and which support the rapid growth of harmful bacteria. All meat and poultry must be slaughtered in licensed facilities. All processing of potentially hazardous products must be done in licensed facilities and food must be from approved sources. Regulations for proper temperature and labeling must be met. *(Consult with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture for further information.)*

Sales of Unwrapped Non-potentially Hazardous Foods - This includes items such as bakery, candy, and bulk foods processed in licensed facilities. These products should be in a protective display case and packaged as ordered by customers.

### On-site Food Processing

Processing done on-site for food sales will require a license. Steps such as packaging, baking, frying, coating, grinding, mixing, and slicing are some examples. *(Call the Marathon County Health Department for further information.)*

NOTE: Some markets allow on-site slicing of produce for free taste samples. This does not need to be licensed, but must be done in a sanitary manner. *(Sanitation guidelines are available from the Marathon County health Department.)*

## **A license is not required for the following:**

Fresh, whole fruits and vegetables

Honey, cider, sorghum, and maple syrup - Use new containers and lids. Some labeling rules apply.

Sales of Non-potentially Hazardous Packaged Foods - This includes items such as jam, bakery, and candy that must be processed in a licensed facility. Labeling regulations apply.

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### **For more information call:**

Marathon Co. Health Dept.  
Wausau, WI  
715-261-1900

WI Dept. of Agriculture  
Eau Claire, WI  
715-839-3844

