Farmers Market Food Licensing Guide

Your Michigan Food Establishment License extends to the market
- Restaurants: no on-site prep.
- Grocery, pre-packaged foods
- Processors, pre-packaged foods

Farmers - License Exempt
- Whole uncut, fresh fruits and vegetables
- Eggs directly to consumer only. Must be labeled, "Packaged in a facility that has not been inspected by the department."

Other License Exempt Food Establishments
- Cottage food processors
- Small honey and maple syrup processors

On-Site License Needed
- On-site meal preparation, including cooking demonstrations
- On-site food processing
- Retail foods not pre-packaged
- Out-of-state food establishments
- Call MDARD at 800-292-3939

Food Sampling
- All vendors may offer samples.
- Must follow MDARD guidelines.

Prohibited Foods
- Raw milk
- Home prepared food, other than cottage food

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