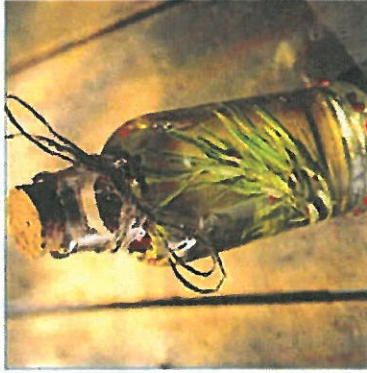


**Local Health Department Licensing:**

**Retail Food Establishment License:** A premises or part of a premises where food is stored, processed, prepared, or manufactured, or otherwise held or handled for retail sale.

**Temporary License:** A food service operation or retail food establishment that is operated for not more than 5 consecutive days. Temporary licenses are limited to 10 per year, per location. Temporary FSO's must have a means of washing hands, 3 tubs set up for utensil washing, and the means to keep food within temperature requirements.

For questions regarding licensing, please contact the Environmental Health division of Hamilton County Public Health at (513) 946-7800.



**Food Sources:** Any prepared or packaged food must come from an approved source. Home production of food must be limited to cottage foods and baked goods coming from an ODA licensed Home Bakery.

Food items such as BBQ sauce, pasta sauce, dressings, salsas, herb-oils, etc. must be prepared in a licensed facility. If a food label does not indicate it was manufactured in a licensed facility, the food item may not be sold.

# FARM MARKETS



A Farm Market is a producer operated facility where fresh fruits and vegetables and other foods items are offered for sale. Some may require licensure from the local health department based on the foods offered for sale.

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## FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

Hamilton County Public Health offers a bi-monthly food safety training class. Classes occur on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. and the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The cost of these courses is \$20 per person. Call (513) 946-7800 for more information or to register for classes.

### Who inspects farm markets?

The local health department may require licensure of the farm market as a retail food establishment (RFE). However, the farm market may be exempt from licensure based on the foods offered for sale.

Exempt farm markets are regulated and inspected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Food Safety division.

The organizer of the farm market does have to register the farmers' market with the Ohio Department of Agriculture if cottage foods are to be sold.

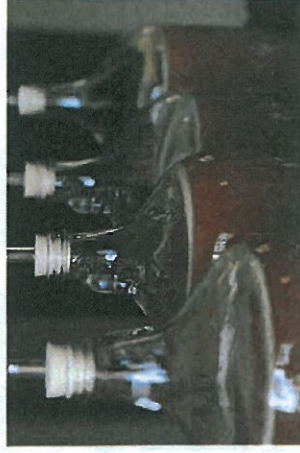
### What foods may a farm market sell and still remain exempt from licensure?

- Fresh, unprocessed fruits or vegetables
- Maple syrup, sorghum, or honey (properly labeled)
- Cottage foods
- Cider and other juices manufactured onsite
- Commercially packaged non-TCS foods in displays that are smaller than 100 cubic feet
- Non-amenable meats (rabbit, bison, etc.) provided the operator raised the animals.

### What foods would require RFE licensure by the local health department?

Those selling any foods not listed in the exempt list including (but not limited to):

- Eggs
- Milk
- Meats
- Cheese
- Coffee
- Ice Cream
- Cut Melons
- Cheesecake
- Fresh Salsa
- Fresh Popcorn
- Waffles/Crepes
- Any food being prepared onsite
- Any food being handled without being pre-packaged
- Any food requiring refrigeration



**Labeling:** All packaged foods must be properly labeled. Labeling requirements can be found in ORC 3715.023 and 21CFR Part 101. Labels must include the following:

- Name and address of the producer.
- The name of the food product.
- All ingredients of the food product, in descending order by predominance of weight unless the food item is a single-ingredient food.
- The net weight or net volume of the food product.
- Nutritional claims (low fat, low sodium, etc.) must meet federal labeling requirements.
- Allergen labeling must be followed as specified in federal labeling requirements.

Example Food Label:

#### **Tenderloin Steak Cuttlet**



Cincinnati Farms

250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH  
45219

NET WT. 8 oz.