

# Omaha Farmers Market

## 2009 Category Descriptions & Permitted Product Information

The Omaha Farmers Market reserves the right to deny stall space to any vendor at anytime. OFM Management makes the final determination as to the category classification of all products.

All items for sale MUST be listed individually on the application (including specific varieties of produce). Vendors wishing to add a new product mid-season must make a request to do so in writing.

Definition of “Vendor” – Vendor shall be defined as the producer of goods sold and shall include spouse, siblings, children, parents and employees of the applicant who assist in the cultivation of the same property or assist in the production of items available for sale.

The litmus test for any of these categories is “are you involved in the growing or production of the product?”

### **Answers that may make you eligible:**

- Yes, I personally grow \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yes, I work in the kitchen and prepare \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yes, I personally and artistically (not through kit or mold) make \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yes, I raise the livestock that has been processed and is being sold.
- Yes, I process livestock that has been raised by others, but I use my own recipe and process to turn it into the final product.
- Yes, I am a paid employee (not sub-contractor) of \_\_\_\_\_ and am involved in the company beyond being a sales clerk at the Market.

### **Answers that may make you ineligible:**

- No, my neighbor raises this produce and gives it to me.
- No, I buy \_\_\_\_\_ from a wholesaler at my own expense and keep any profit.
- No, \_\_\_\_\_ contracts me and my only duty is to sell products at the Market.
- No, I am an independent sales representative for this line of \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Farm & Nursery Products and Processed Farm Products**

🍏 Vendors qualify for this category if all items for sale are produce, plants, flowers, meat or eggs. Vendors may sell a mix of qualifying products within one stall space as long as all products originate from their land and their produce.

Qualifying examples include, but are not limited to:

- Produce
- Herbs fresh or dried
- Meat – vended by producer or processor
- Eggs
- Grains or birdseed mixes
- Bedding plants, houseplants, seedlings, saplings or ornamental grasses that the seller grows
- Ornamental produce, such as gourds, colored corn, dried grass or stalks

🍏 Additional notes Farm & Nursery Products and Processed Farm Products:

- Mushrooms may not be sold at the Market due to insurance liability reasons.
- Meat Vendors may in cooperation with the Health Department, sell grilled sandwiches without applying as an “Value Added Food” vendor for an additional stall space.
- Produce vendors, may with written permission from OFM management, also sell baked goods if at least some of the fruit ingredients are grown by the vendor.

## **Value Added Foods**

🍏 Vendors must prepare or bake their own food items to qualify for this category.

Qualifying examples include, but are not limited to:

- Baked goods
- Salsas, sauces, marinades
- Jams and jellies

- Honey and pollen
- Mustards
- Cheese
- Roasted Soybeans
- Coffees, tea and root beer
- Food vendors that prepare food to be eaten onsite (including: breakfast items, sandwiches, crepes, donuts, etc)

🍏 Additional notes for Value Added Food category:

- In Douglas County most “baked goods” qualify for a licensed kitchen exemption. This allows vendors to sell items that were prepared and baked in a non-commercial, non-regulated kitchen (i.e. a home kitchen) if they clearly post a sign state thus. A sample of acceptable wording, as provided by the Douglas County Health Department: “Food items were prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation or inspection by the Foods Division of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.” Only certain items are eligible for this exemption, please contact the Douglas County Health Department for more information.
- Additional non-edible honey or pollen products may be allowed under this category if the vendor is making and selling these items in addition to edible honey products.

## Craft Items and Personal Services

🍏 All art or craft items must be the original handmade work of the vendor. The handcrafted component should dominate any commercial components and commercial components should be transformed in a way that makes the work unique. At the discretion of OFM management vendors may be allowed sell more than one craft item as long as there is a common link between the products or they are of the same genre.

Qualifying examples include, but are not limited to:

- Original 2D art or photography
- Original art from the following media: wood, fiber, metal, glass, pottery / ceramic
- Candles, bath products
- Services including: knife sharpening, massage, cooking classes, hair-braiding

🍏 Additional notes for Craft Items and Personal Services category:

- **Photographs of your product must be submitted with your application. The photos will remain on file with Vic Gutman & Associates throughout the season. New photographs may be requested each year.**
- Non-profit organizations may be allowed space at the discretion of OFM. Proceeds from sales must benefit the organization.
- Starting in 2010, jewelry vendors will only be considered if they are hand-making the components used in their jewelry (i.e. hand blowing glass beads, carving wood beads). Although it has artistic merit, vendors that are assembling or stringing together commercial components will not be considered.

On occasion, to attract particular types of products not otherwise available at the market, OFM may allow special sales days and allow sales by persons other than those who grow, raise or produce the product. This may include seafood or citrus promotions.