



Spokane Farmers' Market

Spokane County, Washington

Market Location: 2nd & Division streets, Spokane

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Market Season: Saturdays & Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., May-October
(Wednesday markets begin mid-June)

A Word From the Market:

The Spokane Farmers' Market Association promotes direct marketing at its best— farmers and customers who know and support each other. Consumers realize that buying directly from farmers means a great variety of really fresh, flavorful fruits and vegetables.

The Spokane Farmers' Market Association is organized through an agreement among member farmers and dedicated to providing direct sale opportunities for our region's small family farms. The Association operates a farmer-friendly market in which only growers sell farm produce.

About the Market:

- Established 1999
- Approximately 39 vendors:
100% produce
- No crafts allowed
- 2 Certified Organic vendors
- 100% farmer grown & sold
- Local products: Washington, Idaho & Oregon



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Market Management:

- Volunteer Market Manager
- Board of Directors & Advisory Board
- Rules & regulations available

Selling at Market:

- Space fee of 5% of total sales with a \$15 minimum, \$35 maximum
- Must be member to sell
- First come first choice

Produce and Crafts Offered:

- Baked goods
- Dried fruits & veggies
- Eggs
- Flowers
- Fresh fruit & veggies
- Honey
- Meats (USDA)
- Nursery stock



What's the difference between Certified Organic and Exempt Organic?

Certified Organic:

A certified organic food product is one which has been produced without the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, or growth regulators. Producers must manage their operation under these conditions for a period of three years immediately preceding harvest of the crop in order to become certified organic. Products that are marketed using the term "certified organic" in the labeling or advertising are processed, packaged, transported, and stored to retain maximum nutritional value, without the use of artificial preservatives, coloring, or other additives, irradiation, or synthetic pesticides. An inspector visits the farm or handling operation during the growing season, and accurate record-keeping is required.

Exempt Organic:

A producer with less than \$5,000 gross organic sales can label a product "organic" as long as the operation follows the same program rules as certified organic growers. In Idaho, exempt operations must be registered with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. No inspections or written documentation of farm management practices are required.

