

FMMN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Business or Farmers' Market Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail address Phone number

Name of Applicant (Please print)

I hereby apply for membership in and agree to abide by the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Farmers' Market Management Network, Inc. now and hereafter in effect, copies of which are on the cooperative website. I certify that I am a qualified member as defined below and in the bylaws, and have tendered the initiation fee.

____ **Farmers' Market Manager/Rep. (\$25.00)**
An ODA registered farmers' market, where producers/vendors congregate to market products directly to consumers.

How long have you been established? _____

How many vendors/members? _____

____ **Farmer/Vendor (\$10.00)**
____ check if renewal of existing membership

After my membership shall have been in effect for one year from the date of its acceptance by the association, either party may terminate it by notifying the other party in writing. Otherwise, it is mutually agreed that the parties have renewed this agreement for another year. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Applicant Signature

Date

Mail Application with check payable to
The Farmers' Market Management Network
to: Bart Henshaw, Treasurer
5324 Egypt Pike, Chillicothe, OH 45601

Benefits of a Cooperative

When working cooperatively, market managers are pooling ideas, experience, and resources, and sharing knowledge to better farmers' markets throughout Ohio.

Current Focus

1. Farmers' Market Manual - Identifying best practices for starting or sustaining a farmers' market from needed resources, effective structures and sample by-laws.
2. Regulations - As most vendors that attend multiple markets are aware, regulations can vary from location to location. The cooperative is working closely with the Ohio Department of Agriculture to create consistent and reasonable regulations to maintain the highest level of food safety for consumers.

The cooperative's future plans include addressing insurance issues facing vendors and markets, educating the public on food safety, and identifying best practices to attract both new vendors and consumers to markets.

Web Resources at fmmn.org

Our web site includes online resources for both managers and vendors. Topics range from marketing strategies to food safety. Visit for the latest news on issues affecting farmers' markets in Ohio.

OSU South Centers

Business Development Network

Growing! Ohio Farmers' Markets

Our partner, the OSU South Centers Business Development Network is assisting farmers' markets, vendors, and producers through individualized technical assistance in the three main areas of business: marketing, management, and money. This confidential consulting is provided at no cost to the market or the producer.

The Business Development Network is available for farmers' market managers, vendors, and producers who are looking to increase their knowledge to capture a greater share of the direct to consumer demand for locally produced foods.

For assistance contact:
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About the Cooperative

We support the growth and sustainability of Ohio farmers' markets through collaboration:

- To share best practices
- To provide solutions to challenges
- To advocate for sound policies and regulations
- To share resources for cost-effectiveness

Farmers' market members from across the state have formed to:

- Network and link with other farmers' markets, agencies, and community resources
- Educate themselves and others on food safety, market management and effective marketing strategies
- Identify best practices for markets, managers, board members, and vendors
- Partake in surveys and research to improve farmers' markets in Ohio
- Pool resources for cost-effectiveness
- Work with regulators for consistent and reasonable regulations to provide opportunities for farmers and vendors while maintaining a high level of food safety for consumers



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of Agriculture



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Farmers' Market Management Network, Inc.

Working cooperatively to
enhance Ohio farmers' markets
both large and small to create
unity, consistency, and
sustainability through
collaboration and education.



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