

Wells County Health Department

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FARMERS' MARKETS

THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING FOOD IS PROHIBITED IN INDIANA, WITH OR WITHOUT A VALID FOOD PERMIT:

- ◆ **Any** food prepared in a private home, including but not limited to:
 - Home-canned foods (jams, jellies, relishes, etc.)
 - Home-made baked goods (pies, cookies, brownies, cakes, breads, etc.)
- ◆ Raw meat, seafood, game animals, and poultry that have not been inspected as required by Indiana State law.
- ◆ Wild mushrooms that are not inspected and found to be safe by a recognized authority

To sell the following foods at a Farmers' Market, a food permit must be obtained:

- ◆ Any open food product that is not prepackaged, including ice and food samples
- ◆ Meat, poultry, or seafood
- ◆ Melons, fruit, or vegetables that have been cut or will be cut on site
- ◆ Any potentially hazardous food, which requires hot or cold holding
- ◆ Jams, jellies, relishes and sauces produced by an individual at the retail level

NOTE: These items must be made in a licensed and inspected facility and properly labeled according to 410 IAC 7-24. Food items may not be made in a private home.

The following food foods may be sold at a Farmers' Market without a food permit:

- ◆ Commercially packaged, unopened non-potentially hazardous foods that do not require hot or cold holding (candy, chips, pre-wrapped baked goods)
- ◆ Commercially processed, unopened, hermetically sealed containers of food (jams, jellies, relishes, sauces)

NOTE: These items must be commercially processed and properly labeled by the processor or manufacturer.

- ◆ Whole, uncut fruits and vegetables
- ◆ Nuts, in shell

Permits may be obtained by submitting a completed application supplied by the Wells County Health Department, and paying the appropriate fees. Health Department hours are Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm & 1pm-4:30 pm. All persons obtaining a permit must comply with 410 IAC 7-24 Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Requirements and the Wells County Food Ordinance No. 2007-19, and will be subject to inspection.