



## JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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To Farmer's Market Members:

Previous visits made to your Farmer's Market by representatives of the Jackson County Environmental Health Division revealed the following violations.

Home Canned Goods – Some vendors were offering home canned pasta sauce, vegetables, pickles, and relishes. These products must be pulled from the market until their processes are approved and a written statement is provided that the process is safe. There are two university programs capable of evaluating processes. The universities are listed on the Farmer's Market handout that is attached.

Bakery Goods – Signs were not posted at all booths stating that the food was prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection the local health authority. Signs were handed out and posted. We will continue to monitor that the signs are being posted.

Sampling of Produce – Produce stands that offer only whole, uncut, fresh fruits and vegetables are exempt from a food permit. Cutting items for sampling would require a temporary food permit. A permit application and guidelines are available on our website at [www.jacksongov.org/publicworks](http://www.jacksongov.org/publicworks). Click on Food Establishments, then Applications.

Home canned goods and sampling of produce (food) items found to be out of compliance on future visits to your Farmer's Market will result in enforcement action, such as a General Ordinance Summons to appear in Jackson County Municipal Court.

The attached application should be completed and submitted to our office for approval before you would be authorized to sell your products at the Farmer's Market. If we can be of assistance, please contact Chris Saxton at 881-4455 or Debbie Sees at 881-4472.

Sincerely,

Chris Saxton,  
Environmental Sanitarian Supervisor  
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cc: Jerry Page, Director of Public Works  
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