

Food Sale Regulations – Sitka Farmers Market 2008

See Also: AK State Guidelines: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/EH/fss/index.htm>

Vegetables and Fruits – raw whole produce

Selling or packaging raw, whole vegetables/fruit at a farmer's market does NOT require a permit if the produce is in its natural state.

The produce can be rinsed and the greens and roots cut off.

A permit is required to sell produce that has been cut, peeled or made into some other food or be a part of another food for sale.

Seafood

Home smoked or home canned products and raw seafood processed in an un-permitted facility is NOT allowed.

Only **COMMERCIALY CAUGHT** fish is allowed. No sport caught fish can be sold as per ADF&G regulations.

The seafood **MUST** be in the form in which it would normally be delivered to a processor (gilled and gutted salmon, live crab. Unless you have a processor permit from ADEC you may not head, steak, or fillet the fish or butcher the crab.

If a person without the proper seafood permits wants to sell at the market, they can only take orders and then make delivery of the item directly from their boat on the dock.

Baked Goods

For 2008 all baked goods must be prepared in an approved (by DEC Food Safety) kitchen. The Sitka Farmers Market will be renting the kitchen at ANB hall for the event and this facility may be used by anyone wishing to bake items to sell at the event. The kitchen will be available at 8:15 am the morning of the market. However, you must reserve the oven as there will be limited availability.

Homemade jams, jellies, syrup, herb vinegar, dried herbs or dried tea leaves

Selling homemade jams, jellies, syrup, herb vinegar, dried herbs or dried tea leaves is allowed without a permit, however, it **MUST** be sold by the individual who prepared the food.

Prepared Foods

Anyone not already possessing the necessary permits to sell prepared foods, please contact Greg Johnstone, Food Safety & Sanitation, 747-8614 for a permit application and guidelines. You may qualify for a Temporary Food Services Permit if you will only be operating at the Farmer's Market.

Eggs

Fresh, whole eggs can be sold at the market. Only one carton at a time should be left out for display. Other cartons should be refrigerated. A permit is not needed.

Nuts

Glazing or Roasting of shelled nuts at an event for sale directly to the consumer is an exempt activity. Nuts processed in bulk and brought to the event would need a processing permit.

Flowers

No permit required.

Mushrooms

Wild, edible mushrooms can be sold as long as there is a sign present giving their common name, and including the statement “Wild mushrooms; not an inspected product” Any processing such as cutting, drying, or packaging needs to be done in a permitted, approved facility.

Wild Game

NOT PERMITTED

If you have questions or need a permit please contact: Greg at the Department of Environmental Conservation

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Do I Need a Food Service Permit?

Answers to Questions about Specific Food Items

Food Items	Is a permit needed?	Can a home kitchen be used?	Is an approved kitchen needed?
Jams, Jellies	No	Yes*	No
Dry Herbs or Teas	No	Yes*	No
Popcorn	No	Yes	No
Raw Honey	No	Yes	No
Syrups	No	Yes	No
Vinegar with herbs	No	Yes	No
Baking mixes	Yes	No	Yes
Caramel Popcorn	Yes	No	Yes
Cheese Breads	Yes	No	Yes
Cream Cheese Topping	Yes	No	Yes
Donuts, Fry Bread, Elephant Ears	Yes	No	Yes
Dried Mushrooms	Yes	No	Yes
Espresso/Italian Sodas	Yes	No	Yes
Fish	Yes	No	Yes
Lemonade	Yes	No	Yes
Pasta Making	Yes	No	Yes
Peas, Shelled	Yes	No	Yes
Pesto	Yes	No	Yes
Pickled Beets	Yes	No	Yes
Salad Dressings	Yes	No	Yes
Salads (Pre-packed)	Yes	No	Yes
Sandwiches	Yes	No	Yes
Sauerkraut	Yes	No	Yes
Shellfish	Yes	No	
Sourdough Starter	Yes	No	Yes
Sprouts	Yes	No	Yes

* Must be sold by the individual who prepared the foods to a Bed & Breakfast, Hostel, Farmer's Market, or seasonal event such as a bazaar or fair.

Answers to other questions that have come up:

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