

**2023 Guidelines**  
**Hicksville Farmers Markets**  
*Updated: April 5, 2023*

1. The farmers market is open to all producers that have a dedicated interest in a successful market that will benefit producers and the community.
2. Market locations are:  
    Hicksville, OH  
    When: Wednesday: 9:00 am – 1pm  
    Saturday: 9:00 am – 1pm  
    June 3 – September 30, 2023  
    Where: 105 East Smith St., Hicksville, OH 43526 (old high school property)
3. The size of each market space will be approximately 10 feet wide and 20 feet deep (standard parking space). Farmers Market spaces will be available on a first come-first serve basis for each market day.
4. Vendor registration: All vendors must be registered. Registration forms are available at;
  - a. <https://defiance.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/farmers-market>
  - b. another farmers market vendor
5. Vendor fee:

Location	Fee	Checks payable to:	Send registration to:
Hicksville	\$40.00 for the Season or \$10 per day	Hicksville Beautification Committee	Hicksville Beautification Committee, Kelsey Klepper, 119 E Cornelia St, Hicksville, OH 43526, or pay at the market.

6. Vendors must sell their own grown fruits and vegetables unless the “own grown” items are sold out or not available. To be considered “own grown”, vendors may grow fruits and vegetables on their own land, rented land or crop shared with another producer as long as the vendor has financial involvement in the production. Reselling fruits and vegetables from another grower is allowed according to #7, First Right of Refusal Policy.
7. First Right of Refusal Policy: Trucking and reselling items from another producer is allowed unless a registered vendor is selling the same item from their own production. A registered vendor has the right to refuse another vendor(s) to sell a trucked item if their own grown item is available. Once the “own grown” items are sold out, the trucked/wholesale item can be sold.
8. Selling craft items: Hicksville will allow crafts vendors, but vendors must follow these guidelines:
  - a. Craft products must be approved prior to sale. Approval can be requested through: Kelsey Klepper, Telephone: 419-212-1427
  - b. Hicksville will have a limit of 2 of the same type of craft vendors per market day. Produce vendors may sell up to 4 different approved craft items without being counted as part of the 2 craft vendors. Craft vendors will take turns on a rotational basis if merited by the number of registrants.

- c. Products must be handmade by a registered vendor and of natural material. Preference will be given to items made from local products. Items assembled from kits are not permitted nor is flea market merchandise. One vendor may sell another registered vendor's approved crafts.
  - d. Wood objects must be made of solid wood or plywood. Luan plywood (also known as die-cut plywood) and plastic are not permitted.
  - e. Textile crafts - fabrics must be of 100% natural material.
  - f. Animal products - vendor is responsible for adhering to all state and local laws. Products may not come from protected, endangered or exotic species.
9. Vendor's stand or vehicle shall exhibit producer's name, address and prices in a prominent location.
10. Vendors must keep their stands, personnel, and sales area clean and neat at all times. Vendors must remove all of their trash and residue when leaving the market. If sales area requires cleaning, vendor will be billed for this cost and forbidden to participate in future market days.
11. It is the responsibility of the vendor to comply with Ohio Laws regarding production and sale of products.
12. Home produced goods may be sold. Vendors of home produced goods are considered Cottage Food Production Operations and must follow the guidelines of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The ODA website: <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/foodsafety>
13. Indiana vendors are not allowed to sell canned or baked goods at the market, per the Health Department.
14. One vehicle per space is allowed for the seller. Exceptions may be allowed due to physical disability of the vendor.
15. Non-Profit market spaces will be provided to non-profit groups to use as a fund raising opportunity. Products sold must follow the above guidelines. To request a market space and date please call Kelsey Klepper, Telephone: 419-212-1427.
16. Anyone not cooperating with the rules will be barred from the farmers market.
17. Final decisions on policy will be made by a majority vote of the Hicksville Farmers Market Committee. The committee is made up of registered Hicksville vendors that attend a meeting called by the OSU Extension Defiance County office to decide a policy matter.
18. Liability insurance is the responsibility of the vendors.
19. By participating in the farmers market, the vendor agrees to adhere to the above guidelines.

Contact Kelsey Klepper, 419-212-1427, for more information.