



Contributing Market Membership

Be a part of MFFM's valuable work within the farmers' market community by supporting us as a Contributing Member Market.

Perks of becoming a Contributing Market Member include:

- Free membership to the [Farmers Market Coalition](#) and their resource library
- Discounted access for vendors and market organizers to MFFM's annual Farmers' Market Conference
- Priority promotion on Bumper Crop vouchers and outreach to employers
- Special market features in our newsletter and social media
- Access to our:
 - [Fiscal Sponsorship Services](#)
 - Info Booth & Market Development Services
 - Data collection support
 - Discounted vendor insurance
 - Market Vendor Application Improvement Services
- In-person technical support, when appropriate

Contributing Market Member Dues:

Market membership dues are calculated on a sliding scale from \$50-\$500+. We ask markets to pay as they are able. As a general guideline, small markets (8 or fewer vendors) typically contribute \$5 per market vendor, and medium (9 to 15 vendors)/ large (16+ vendors) markets contribute \$10-\$15 per vendor. (Well-established, successful markets often contribute more, helping to support the broader farmers' market community.)

While we understand that this may be out of the reach of some markets, please decide what your market can afford within the sliding scale; we want MFFM to be accessible to all. At this time all benefits are available at all levels.

Hardship exemptions are available for markets that face unique financial challenges. Please reach out to director@mffm.org if your market is in need of a hardship exemption. With a hardship exemption, you'll receive access to all the above perks of a contributing market.

Pay dues anytime of the year.

Mail a check to MFFM PO Box 313, Freeport, ME 04032
Give online via <https://mainefarmersmarkets.org/donate2mffm>

General Market Support

If your market meets [the State of Maine's definition](#) for a farmers' market, then MFFM is here to support you. This means your market is welcome to access the following programs and services from MFFM. For any of the items listed below, you'll need to contact MFFM in order to join/engage with us.

- Listing in our FM database: promotion on our website and in publications that we distribute
- Participation in [Maine Harvest Bucks](#)
- Participation [Bumper Crop](#)
- Technical support from MFFM staff, including:
 - Promotional support/ Marketing planning
 - Troubleshooting common market issues
 - Conflict support and mediation
- Additional benefits and access to trainings, webinars, and promotional initiatives, including:
 - Farmers Market Week
 - Market Organizer Trainings
 - MFFM's Annual FM Conference

MFFM PROGRAMS & SERVICES	CONTRIBUTING MARKET MEMBER	GENERAL MARKET SUPPORT
Free membership to the Farmers Market Coalition and their resource library	✓	
Discounted access for vendors and market organizers to MFFM's annual Farmers' Market Conference	✓	
Priority promotion on Bumper Crop vouchers and outreach to employers	✓	
Special market features in our newsletter and social media	✓	
Access to our Fiscal Sponsorship Services	✓	
Access to our Info Booth & Market Development Services	✓	
Access to Data collection support	✓	
Access to Discounted vendor insurance	✓	
Access to Market Vendor Application Improvement Services	✓	
Special promotional efforts during Farmers' Market Week	✓	
In-person technical support, when appropriate	✓	
Listing in our FM database: promotion on our website and in publications that we distribute	✓	✓
Participation in Maine Harvest Bucks Program	✓	✓
Participation in Bumper Crop Program	✓	✓
Technical support from MFFM staff, including promotional support/marketing planning, troubleshooting common market issues, conflict support and mediation	✓	✓
Additional benefits and access to trainings, webinars, and promotional initiatives, including: Farmers Market Week, Market Organizer Trainings, MFFM's Annual Farmers' Market Conference	✓	✓