

# 2026 Downtown Market - Estherville, IA

\* Location: N 6<sup>th</sup> Street and west side of Library Square

\* Market Season: **Thursday Evenings Starting June 18th and running through September 24th from 4:30-6:30pm**

## Market Rules

1. No Smoking
2. No Alcohol or Drugs
3. Shirt & Shoes must be worn at all times.
4. Vendors must clean up their immediate selling area at the end of each market.
5. **Set up cannot start any sooner than 1 Hour prior to market opening.** Vendors must have their space taken down and **cleaned up** within 1 hour of market close.
6. **Supervised** children are welcome at the market.
7. Vendors must be selling a product or service.

The following rules & guidelines apply to produce and food vendors:

1. Food & produce items must be displayed “off the ground”, i.e. in a bin, cooler, box, or other appropriate container (except pumpkins).
2. An outline for market selling strategies, approved by the IA Dept. of Agriculture is available from the IA Dept. of Agriculture (Horticulture & Farmers Market Program) online.  
**[www.iowaagriculture.gov](http://www.iowaagriculture.gov)**

The following products may be sold at the market:

1. Fresh fruits & vegetables grown by the vendor or purchased from an Emmet County grower or that of a neighboring county, including Minnesota counties that border Emmet County.
2. Honey packaged by the vendor.
3. Eggs produced by the vendor and kept at 45 degrees or less during the market (as required by the state).
4. Meat produced by the vendor & packed at a state or federally approved facility & with all necessary permits obtained from the county and state health authorities.
5. Flowers, trees & other plants grown by the vendor.
6. Baked goods that are not potentially hazardous made by the vendor such as; breads, cakes, doughnuts, pastries, buns, rolls, cookies, & pies (except meat pies, custard pies & cream pies). Baked goods must be labeled with the common food name (i.e. chocolate chip cookies) and the name & address of the person who prepared it. Allergen information needs to be declared on the label or by use of a place card. The following food products are considered major allergens: peanuts, soy, milk, eggs, fish, crustacean, tree nuts (almonds, pecans, walnuts) & wheat.
7. Non-potentially hazardous food products such as; jams & jellies, dried noodles, etc.
8. Food Vendors selling food to be made & eaten on site. These items include donuts, coffee, hot dogs, tacos, funnel cakes, etc. **All vendors of food for consumption on site are subject to permit, regulation & inspection of the county and state health authorities.**
9. Dried herbs & flowers & cut flowers (all must be grown in Emmet or neighboring counties).

10. Art and craft items including but not limited to; quilts, jewelry, soap and other body care items, paper crafts, wood crafts, metal crafts, pottery, etc.
11. Direct sales vendors such as Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Sentsy, etc. Only one vendor from each company is allowed at any given market day.
12. Any other items not listed, but approved by the market committee.

\* Vendors are responsible for bringing their own tables, umbrellas or tents. These items must be weighted down or bungeed. **Stakes are not permitted!**

\* Set-up spaces will be available on Library square and in the closed parking stalls on N 6<sup>th</sup> St.

\* Vendors selling non-food items may be required to have a Temporary **Iowa Sales Tax** and Special Events Permit. For more information contact:

IA Dept. of Revenue & Finance  
563-802-7002 or 1-800-3673388 or <http://www.iowa.gov/tax>

\* **Farmers Market Nutrition program** is a program that accepts WIC and Seniors checks. We must have at least 3 vendors signed up with FMNP in order to accept these checks. Having this program available at our market would be very beneficial. Any produce vendors interested are urged to contact:

Farmers Market Nutrition Program  
IA Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship  
**John Krzton-Presson**  
Program Planner  
Desk: (515) 725-1179  
[john.krzton-presson@IowaAgriculture.gov](mailto:john.krzton-presson@IowaAgriculture.gov)

***\* The Market Committee has the right to forfeit the selling privileges of any vendor who refuses to abide by the rules outlined, if there are inharmonious actions occurring within the market, or for any reason deemed necessary.***

\* These rules are based on standards set by the IA Dept. of Agriculture and those enacted by established markets for the good of vendors and customers.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR TO OBTAIN ALL PERMITS & LICENSES REQUIRED FOR THE SALE OF THEIR ITEMS BY THE STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES.**

For more information please contact:

Estherville Area Chamber of Commerce – 712-362-3541 or [echamber@gmail.com](mailto:echamber@gmail.com)