

FARMERS' MARKET PERMIT (LFM)

30-37(o) - STATUTE DEFINITION

A “Farmers’ Market,” as defined by CGS Section 22-6r is “a cooperative or nonprofit enterprise or association that consistently occupies a given site throughout the season or that occupies a given site for any given day or event and that operates principally as a common marketplace for a group of farmers, at least two of whom are selling Connecticut-grown fresh produce, to sell Connecticut-grown farm products in conformance with the applicable regulations of Connecticut state agencies and where the farm products sold are produced by the participating farmers with the sole intent and purpose of generating a portion of household income.”

The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue a farmers' market sales permit to:

- a holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery,
- the holder of a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead,
- the holder of a manufacturer permit for beer, or
- the holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits.

upon submission of proof to the commissioner that such holder is in compliance with the applicable permit requirements of subsection (b), (c) or (d) of section 30-16.

Such permit shall authorize:

- the sale of products manufactured by such permittees during an unlimited number of appearances at a farmers' market at not more than ten farmers' market locations per year provided such holder:
 - (1) Has an invitation from such farmers' market to sell such products at such farmers' market,
 - (2) only sells such products by the bottle or sealed container at such farmers' markets, and
 - (3) is present, or has an authorized representative present, at the time of sale of any such product from such permit holder at such farmers' market.

Any such permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The annual fee for such permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars. There shall be a one-hundred-dollar, nonrefundable filing fee for any such permit.

Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit the sale of such products by the holder of such permit at a farmers' market held in such town or municipality.