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Become a Member

Become a Member - Join Today!

The WSFMA is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting vibrant and sustainable farmers markets in Washington State through member services, education and advocacy. Your membership supports the work of the association and gives strength to our collective voice.

WSFMA offers three categories of membership:

[Farmers Market Membership](#) (active link to new FM Membership page)

[Farm Membership](#) (active link to new Farm Membership page)

[Friends of WSFMA](#) (active link to new Friends Membership page)

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Farmers Market Membership

Farmers Market Membership Criteria

To be a Farmers Market Member of the WSFMA, markets must:

1. Operate a farmers market in Washington State with a minimum average of 5 farmers per market day;
2. Adhere to the [Roots Guidelines](#);
3. Carry commercial [general liability insurance](#) and include WSFMA as an Additional Insured;
4. Complete an annual membership application, including 2013 Member Contract; and
5. Pay membership dues.

[2013 Membership Application](#)

[2013 Application Instructions](#)

Farmers Market Member Benefits

- **Training and Education** Annual conference and regional workshops focus on increasing food access and strengthening direct marketing sales
- **Networking** Access to a large network of farmers markets, farmers, support groups and policy makers all working to help strengthen agriculture, food access and markets

- **Voting privileges** Vote and serve on the WSFMA Board of Directors; join a committee; influence organizational policies and procedures, strategic goals and legislative agenda
- **Liability Insurance** Access to affordable, comprehensive [general liability insurance](#) for farmers markets and [Directors and Officers liability insurance](#) for your nonprofit Board
- **Statewide Membership Directory Listing** Inclusion in and complimentary copies of annual print membership directory; [Online Directory](#) listing with search and map functions
- **Show You Belong!** Member use of WSFMA logo on web and print materials
- **Action Alerts** Email notification of updates, legislative and action alerts on important issues
- **Discounts!** Enjoy member savings on annual conference registration and regional workshops; discount on *Farmers Markets Today* magazines
- **Advocacy** Benefit from WSFMA's action alerts and work with local and state policy makers and partners on issues that impact farmers markets and direct-marketing farmers
- **Access to farmers market practitioners** A team of WSFMA Board, staff and partners, volunteers, farmer vendors and farmers market managers answers your questions
- **NEW in 2013!** Discounted [joint membership](#) with the [Farmers Market Coalition](#)
- **NEW in 2013!** Access to new **Members Only Listserv**



Membership Dues

WSFMA [membership dues](#) are based on total gross vendor sales from the preceding season. New, single start-up markets enjoy a special fixed New Market Members Rate of \$150.00. Farmers Market membership runs April 1 – March 31.

Have Questions?

Please contact **Jennifer Brown**, Staff Administrator, at (206) 706-5198 or by email: office@wafarmersmarkets.com.

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Farm Membership

Farm Membership Criteria

Farm membership is open to any farm growing produce, plants or botanicals, or raising animals for direct sale at farmers markets on land they own, lease or rent in the State of Washington. Farm membership is also open to seafood vendors who are legal residents of Washington State and own, lease, or operate the fishing vessel or parcel of land where the seafood is caught or harvested for direct sale at farmers markets.

WSFMA Farm Members agree to:

1. Adhere to the [Roots Guidelines](#);
2. Complete a membership application; and
3. Pay annual membership dues.

[2014 Farm Membership Application](#)

Farm Member Benefits

Farms are the heart of farmers markets. By joining WSFMA, farm businesses support strong farmers markets and have opportunities to increase direct sales through education, training, networking and advocacy. Benefits include:

- **Personalized assistance** Help identifying potential farmers market sales venues and processors sourcing product from local producers
- **Access to farmers market practitioners** A team of WSFMA Board and staff, volunteers, farmer vendors and farmers market managers answers your questions
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- **Voting privileges** Vote and serve on the WSFMA Board of Directors; join a committee; influence organizational policies and procedures, strategic goals and legislative agenda
- **Liability Insurance** Access to affordable, comprehensive [general and product liability insurance](#) for farmers market vendors
- **Discounts!** Enjoy member savings on annual conference registration and regional workshops; discounts on [Growing for Market](#) and [Farmers Markets Today](#) magazines

Use this link to see the complete list of [Farm Membership Benefits](#).

Membership Dues

Farm Membership runs January through December

2014 Farm Membership Dues Schedule

Farm selling at 0 - 1 farmers markets	\$35 annual
Farm selling at 2 - 5 farmers markets	\$50 annual
Farm selling at 6/+ farmers markets	\$75 annual

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WSFMA's Farm Membership Program is supported, in part, by a grant from the WSDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.



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Friends of WSFMA Membership

Friends of WSFMA Membership Program

Friends of WSFMA are individuals, vendors, businesses and organizations who value farmers markets and wish to support WSFMA's work to ensure all Washington residents have access to healthy food at vibrant farmers markets. Friends of WSFMA are eligible to run for the Board of Directors, participate on committees and help in many different ways but do not have voting privileges in elections or member meetings.

Friends of WSFMA Member Benefits

- **Free!** Copies of Annual WA State Farmers Market Directory
- **Action Alerts** about Food and Farming Policy that impacts farmers markets
- **Exclusive Sponsorship Opportunities** for businesses and organizations
- **Stay Connected!** Subscription to WSFMA Food Access, Farming and Farmers Markets Listserv
- **Stand Strong!** Support the work of WSFMA and give strength to our collective voice

[2014 Friends of WSFMA Membership Application \(link to document\)](#)

Friends Membership Dues

Friends Membership runs January through December

2014 Friends Membership Dues Schedule

Individual	\$35 annual
Business or organization	\$75 annual

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