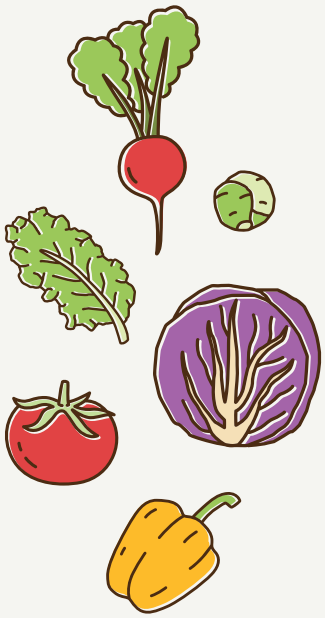


SELLING AT THE FARMERS MARKET?

Do you need a City of Columbia business license?

Farmers selling only products they grow or raise do not need one. Everyone else does.

If you sell...	Business license?
Only products you grow or raise on your farm	*Not required*
Only foods you make from products you grow or raise (jams, jellies, baked goods)	*Not required*
Foods made from ingredients you did not grow or raise	*Required*
Artisan products, crafts, body care or merchandise	*Required*
Services	*Required*
Any mix of exempt and non-exempt items	*Required*



Who is exempt

Under state law (RSMo 150.030), a Missouri farmer who sells only what they grow or raise in Missouri does not need a City business license. This includes fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, honey, meat, dairy, flowers, plants, jams, jellies and baked goods made from your own products. Health rules still apply to prepared foods. You do not need to apply for the exemption.

Mixed booths

If even one item at your booth is not exempt, you need a business license. There is no percentage or minimum.

The exemption does not cover

State sales tax. Missouri has a sales tax exemption for farmers market sales under $25,000 a year (RSMo 144.527). For specific advice, contact the Missouri Department of Revenue.

State licenses. Examples are egg licenses, certified scales, meat inspection and dairy approval.

Market rules. Each market sets its own vendor requirements.

Health permits. See below.



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Health permits, inspections, sampling and commissary kitchens
Contact the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, Environmental Public Health Division: **Health@CoMo.gov or 573.874.7346**

Questions about a City of Columbia business license?
Email the Business Services Office: **Business.License@CoMo.gov**