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Farmer's Market Quick Reference

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Bakery Products
 Brownies (Containing legal ingredients)*
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 Candy
 Cookies
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 Frozen Meat (USDA inspected)*
 Fruit Butter
 Honey
 Jam
 Jelly
 Maple Syrup
 Sorghum
 Whole, Uncut Fruits/Vegetables
 Commercially Processed Non-Potentially
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Permit Required to Sell:

Anything requiring handling, bagging, dividing, portioning, weighing, etc
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 Cream Cheese based Frosting or Filling
 Cream Pies and Cream Filled Items
 Cured Meats
 Custard Pies
 Dried Fruit/Vegetables/Herbs/Spices
 Dried Meats
 Juices
 Meringue Pies
 Milled Grain/Flour/Meal
 Pickled Vegetables
 Salad
 Shelled Peas or Nuts
 Sliced Fruit or Vegetables
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 Sprouted Beans
 Sprouted Seeds
 Salsa

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