



2009 Farmer's Market Information

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Dear Farmer's Market Vender:

Well, after the weather last week, there is something wrong with you if you didn't get a bad case of spring fever! What a beautiful week it was. Hopefully, you were busy making preparations for a productive Farmer's Market Season.

I have enclosed a number of items for your review:

- The updated Union County Farmer's Market Rules
- Farmer's Market Membership Flyer

Please send your completed membership forms to Carlton Rausch, 10795 DeBolt Road, Plain City OH 43064.

Have a fun planting season!

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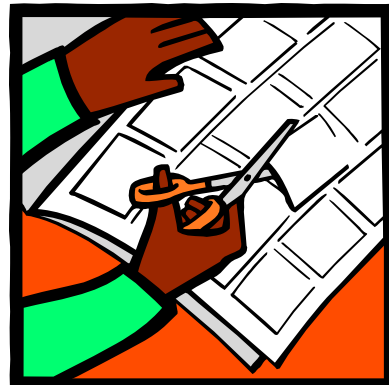
Honda Research Market

The Union County Farmer's Market works in cooperation with Honda in allowing us to participate in a weekly market on Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm at the Honda Research & Development location. We are bound by the Honda Guidelines as they allow a limited number of vendors to participate on a weekly basis. Their desire is to have a good variety of produce, without multiple vendors of the same products. Therefore, eligibility for this market is by invitation only. If you are interested in participating, please see Dale Benedict.

Senior Services "Healthy Senior Program"

The Union County Senior Services is again conducting the coupon program for eligible seniors. Singles will receive \$20 per month and couples \$30 per month from July to September.

For Farmer's Market vendors to participate, they are required by law to complete a W-9 Form. I have enclosed a copy of the W-9 Form with this mailing. This form should be returned to either **Union County Senior Services** or **O.S.U. Extension**.



There are three pages of instructions for the W-9 form available. Stop by the office or access them at <http://irs.com>. Once your form is returned, you will receive a sign from Senior Services allowing you to accept coupons. The W-9 Form will be held by Senior Services until you submit your first batch of coupons. The W-9 Form will then be turned in with the coupons to the Union County Auditor for you to be paid.

The coupons will be in \$2 amounts. You are not permitted to make change, so their purchase must total at least \$2. The coupons are good for fruits, vegetables, honey, or jams. *They **cannot** be used for baked goods or flowers.* Although coupons may have a certain month printed on them, you are allowed to accept them anytime. You may turn them in every month or wait until the end of the season.

The coupons will be accepted by the vendors at the Farmer's Market who submit their W-9 Form, as well as from other farm markets in the county.

Assigned Parking Spaces

There will be assigned parking places for Market Association Members. If you are a paying member, \$30 per year, contact Kathy Custer for a reserved space.

We gratefully acknowledge the continued help and financial support of our local county commissioners.
We appreciate their input and participation in our programming efforts.

Web Site

There will be a separate web site for the Farmer's Market Association at: <http://www.unioncountymarket.com>. This is part of the Union County Chamber's site. We also have the Farmer's Market information at <http://www.union.osu.edu> (click on Horticulture in the left hand column then select "Farmer's Market").



Cottage Foods

There is also a Cottage Foods Fact Sheet from the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Pest Management Help

If you need suggestions on pest control in your fruit or vegetable crops, please give me a call. It is very important to make certain that any pesticide is labeled for the crop you are using it on. Also, many pesticides **are not** labeled for sweet corn that are labeled for corn for grain. I can send you an update if you would like.

Fruit Management Suggestions

We have a lot of excellent fruit bulletins available at the Extension Office. For tree fruit, pick up a current copy of Controlling Diseases and Insects in Home Fruit Plantings (\$5.00). A new bulletin, entitled "Midwest Home Fruit Production Guide" is now available for \$9.00. This is a 140 page which covers both small fruit and tree fruit. There are many color photos, charts and tables. If you grow fruit, you will want to pick up a copy today!!!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- **The Woods In Your Backyard;** Friday, May 29, 9-3 pm. OSU Extension, Union County, 18000 St. Rt. 4, Suite E, Marysville. Registration fee: \$25 Includes materials and lunch. Half of the day will be inside classes, and the afternoon will be an outdoor Wildlife Habitat Walk. Call the Extension Office for a program flyer.
- **Name That Tree;** Friday June 26, 9:00—3 pm. OSU Extension, Union County, 18000 St. Rt. 4, Suite E, Marysville. Registration fee is \$35, includes materials and lunch. Half the day will be indoor classes and the afternoon will be spent outdoors practicing. Call the Extension Office for a program flyer.
- **Pond Workshop;** Thursday, June 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Rockenbaugh Wildlife Preserve, located at the intersection of Northwest Parkway and Cradler-Turner Rd. No charge. Bring any aquatic plants you would like to have identified.