

# Los Lunas Farmers Market

## Frequently Asked Questions



*New Mexico  
Farmers Markets*

### **What is the Los Lunas Farmers Market?**

The market is a locally based weekly market that unites farmers and growers with consumers who wish to purchase fresh produce and locally made arts and crafts. Officials of the market, including the market manager, strive to insure that all food is grown and items made, in New Mexico. Market officials also insure that all vendors have the required permits and licenses issued by the Environmental Health Division of the New Mexico Environment Dept. and other relevant state and federal agencies. All arts and crafts are made in New Mexico, although some materials used in their manufacture may be imported from other states or even other countries.

### **Where is the market held?**

The market will be held at the Village of Los Lunas seven acre River Park, on the south side of Main Street, just east of the Rio Grande River. There is ample parking inside the park. The official street address is 1660 Main Street, SE.

**Directions:** from I-25 exit 203 for Los Lunas, go east on Main St. (route 6) for about four miles, crossing over the Rio Grande. The park is on the right just after the Rio Grande River.

From the east from Bosque Farms, Peralta, Meadowlake, etc, travel west from the “Y” where route 6 and 47 meet. From the “Y” it is about one mile to the park, on your left, just before the Rio Grande.

### **When is the market held? What are the hours? When does the season begin and end?**

The market will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 PM to 7 PM, weather permitting. Vendors will set up half an hour before opening time. The market manager will have the discretion to shut down the market early due to inclement weather or to start the market a little early if it appears the weather will be a problem later in the afternoon.

During 2009 the regular season runs from June 16<sup>th</sup> thru September 29<sup>th</sup>. The market will probably be extended into October and the beginning of November but this will be determined later in the season.

### **Who do I contact with questions about the market?**

You can write to the market at:

Los Lunas Farmers Market  
c/o NM State University - Cooperative Extension Service  
Valencia Co. Extension Office  
P.O. Drawer 1059  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

You can also leave a phone message for the market by calling 869-9409. You can also send e-mail inquiries to [senyas@qwestoffice.net](mailto:senyas@qwestoffice.net)

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### **If I want to sell at the market whom do I contact?**

Call 869-9409 to ask for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations or send an e-mail to [senyas@qwestoffice.net](mailto:senyas@qwestoffice.net). The application should be completed either in advance or at the first market you plan to sell at. New sellers should understand that the market manager reserves the right to inspect the seller's farm or garden prior to being allowed to sell on subsequent market days.

### **What are the fees for selling at the market?**

The weekly fee is \$8 per space. If a vendor needs more space he/she can also purchase a double space for \$16. There is no minimum number of weeks that have to be purchased.

If paid by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a full season pass is \$212 (a \$16 savings off the regular price). A half price pass is \$56 (an \$8 savings off the regular price).

Full or partial season holders have first choice about what space(s) they receive over those who purchase a space week to week.

Each space is be approximately 10 feet by 10 feet. Vendors can park their vehicles behind their spaces (larger vehicles may require purchasing a double space).

### **I am part of a non-profit. Is there a fee for non-profits to sell at the market?**

The market will let non-profits sell at the market without a fee up to five times during the entire season. However, for anything more than that, including a full or half season, a non-profit will have to pay the same fees as any other vendor.

### **What types of produce and other items will be sold at the market?**

The variety of produce sold at the market will vary from week to week, depending on what is in season and the mix of growers and farmers who wish to sell at the market. We also anticipate some vendors will want to sell baked goods. There may be vendors who wish to sell live animals. Some vendors will sell their own arts & crafts, either at tables with their produce or in the separate arts and crafts area.

### **Is the Los Lunas Farmers Market associated with the New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association?**

Yes, the market is a member of the state association.

### **Does the market accept WIC?**

Yes. Present your coupons to each vendor. Not all vendors participate in WIC (vendors that accept WIC should have a sign displayed at their table that they accept WIC). Nor can all items available at the market be purchased with WIC coupons.

### **Does the market accept EBT cards?**

No. Since the Los Lunas market is a first year market, it is not allowed to accept EBT cards. The market will pursue being able to accept EBT cards for the 2010 and later seasons.

### **How do you insure that produce is grown in New Mexico?**

The market manager, who is also the manager for the Belen market, is very knowledgeable about local growers as well as other growers from around the state. The market manager also

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periodically inspects farms and growers that participate in the market to insure that what they are selling was actually grown by them.

### **I have a winery. Can I sell wine at the market?**

No. That would require an expensive liquor license, for which the market does not have the funds.

### **Does the market have insurance? Do I have to purchase insurance to sell at the market?**

The market has purchased insurance thru the New Mexico Farmers Marketing Assn. Ordinarily, growers and farmers who sell at the market do not need to purchase insurance. However, for anyone selling processed food of any kind, a permit from the Environmental Health Division of the New Mexico Environment Dept. may be required. For more information, contact them in Los Lunas at 841-5280.

### **Do I need a Los Lunas business license to operate at the market?**

No. The market has purchased a business license which covers all vendors at the market.

### **Can I bring my dog with me to the market?**

If your dog is non-aggressive, kept on a leash and under your control at all times. You are expected to clean up your dog's waste at the market.

### **I want to sell at the market but I need electricity. Is it available?**

No. You will have to supply a generator or other source of power if you need electric power.