

# Pike Place Market

## Farm Inspection Criteria

The following criteria should serve as a template for inspections conducted at the farm. The primary purpose of inspections of new and existing farmers is to ensure that Market farmers are the primary producer of what they are selling on the tables. Secondly, it offers an opportunity for Market staff to get a sense of the farmer's overall operation, get to know the farmer on their soil and learn more about how the farm is managed and the produce grown.

### **PRODUCTS:**

- What products does the farmer grow?
- Are there value-added products that the farmer currently brings or plans to bring to the Market?

### **FARMLAND/ACREAGE/GREENHOUSES:**

- Where is the farm located?
- How many acres does the farm comprise?
- Does it appear that the acreage seen has the capacity to produce the volume the farmer has claimed?
- Does the farmer do any growing in greenhouses or controlled/altered temperature environments?

### **SOIL:**

- What is the soil structure of the farm?
- What does the farmer practice for fertility management, i.e. cover cropping, crop rotation, compost, organic/conventional fertilizers, manures, foliar sprays.

### **WEED CONTROL:**

- How does the farmer manage weeds?
- Hand cultivation?
- Mechanized cultivation?
- Sprays?
- Flame weeding?
- Weed flush?

### **PEST MANAGEMENT:**

- Beneficial insects?
- Pheromone disruption?
- Cultivation?
- Sprays: are they organic? Conventional?
- Timed plantings?
- Physical barriers?

### **WATER USE:**

- How is the farm irrigated?
- Low-flow sprinklers?
- Drip tape?
- Ditch?
- Is source of water municipal, from a well or river/stream/holding pond/cistern?

### **WORKERS/LABOR:**

- Who works on the farm?
- Is it family run?
- Does it employ seasonal workers?

**ORGANIC / OTHER CERTIFICATION:**

- Is the farm certified organic?
- By who is it certified?
- Is the farm certified under any other labeling program, i.e. Certified Naturally Grown, Salmon Safe, Food Alliance, Biodynamic?

**FARM HISTORY / PHILOSOPHY:**

- How long has the farmer been farming this land?
- What brought the farmer to their farm?
- What is their approach to growing?
- What are the goals of the farm?

**MARKET DAYS:**

- On what days is the farm present at the Market?
- Is the permit holder present on market days?
- If not, who is?

## **Farm Inspection Criteria**

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- 1) Documentation of ownership and/or lease for all properties (including greenhouses) used for crop production, with legal descriptions.
- 2) The PDA requires that all leases be notarized and include the following information:
  - Name and address of property owner, with signature and date.
  - Controlling use and active management of the property.
  - Financial remuneration for property and all services provided by landowner.
- 3) Documentation of all legally required licenses and inspections, including organic certification and WSDA inspection of any food processing facilities.
- 4) Where necessary, Pesticide Applicator's License and application records. Where pesticide application is contracted out, documentation of contract with licensed applicator and application records.
- 5) Detailed listing of all crops produced for sale at the Pike Place Market.
- 6) Demonstration of the capacity to produce commercial quantities of crops listed above, including sufficient equipment (machinery, irrigation, etc), land and/or greenhouses.
- 7) For orchardists, inventory the number of trees and varieties for each crop.
- 8) Indication of the harvest season for each crop produced by the farmer, verified by field and/or orchard inspection.
- 9) Description of cold storage facilities, with contact information for all off-farm facilities.
- 10) If necessary, provide documentation that the necessary supplies have been purchased for the crops listed for sale at the Market.

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