

Economic Affairs Interim Committee  
SJ11 – Farmer’s Market Study  
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Chair & Members of the EAIC –

Thank you for your continued interest in updating the definition of Farmers Markets in the MCA. We offer the following definition for your consideration:

**"A farmers market is a collection of two or more food vendors selling products directly to consumers at a common, recurrent physical location, authorized by the appropriate municipal or county authority"**

The current definition is:

**Montana Code Section 50-50-102:**

**"Farmer's market" means a farm premises, a food stand owned and operated by a farmer, or an organized market authorized by the appropriate municipal or county authority.**

The current definition does not distinguish farmers markets from farmer-owned farm premises or food stands, which can create confusion. The current definition also does not accurately describe what a farmers market is, how it functions, or how it is managed.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the EAIC in 2026 on this topic.

Sincerely –

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