**Sponsoring Body Approval Form Alberta Approved Farmers’ Market Program**

Market sponsors are not-for-profit community organizations committed to the development and long-term success of an approved farmers’ market in their community. The farmers’ market is a **committee** of the sponsoring organization and, as such, is not a legal entity in its own right. Sponsors should be actively involved in providing direction to the overall operation of the market. This may include but is not limited to:

* helping the market form an advisory committee to direct and advise on day-to-day operations;
* providing a board member to be the liaison between the advisory committee and the sponsor’s board of directors;
* overseeing the operation of the approved farmers’ market;
* helping establish the rules and processes of the approved farmers’ market, ensuring vendors have meaningful input into the formulation of the operating rules and processes;
* the recruitment, selection, performance review and discipline of the market manager;
* determining and/or advising on the remuneration of the market manager;
* encouraging and/or financially supporting yearly educational opportunities for the market manager so as to further his/her professional development;
* encouraging vendor participation on the advisory committee;
* ensuring records required by the Program to keep the market in good standing are maintained and submitted to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation;
* ensuring the approved farmers’ market and its vendors adhere to all legislation and regulations; and
* ensuring the approved farmers’ market is either insured or indemnified against liability.

**The sponsor is ultimately responsible and accountable for the activities of the approved farmers’ market.**

I have read and understand the expectations of a sponsoring organization.

The Sponsoring Organization agrees to continue sponsorship of the

Market name

Farmers’ Market for the market year.

**Sponsoring Organization:**

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| Organization Name: |
| Mailing Address (including postal code): |
| President’s Name: |
| President’s Phone Number: |
| Email Address: |

Certification

The person signing this form is the president of or an authorized representative of the Sponsoring Organization.

I certify that the information given on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.

First and last name (print) Position/title

Signature Date

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