



FOOD PRODUCT MARKET GUIDE

The Damascus Farmers Market requires all vendors to be in compliance with the current Virginia Health Department (VDH) and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) rules and regulations.

Food product labeling is specified in Section § 3.2-5130 of the Code of Virginia, which allows certain low risk foods, acidified vegetables and honey to be made from a private home without VDACS inspection, with certain restrictions.

Labels must include:

- The date the food product was processed
- The statement “NOT FOR RESALE - PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION” must be placed on front of the product

Business Label - Vendor Name, Physical Address, and Telephone Number

Product Label

- Name of Product
- Net Weight Statement
- List of ingredients and subingredients

If a honey product: “WARNING: Do Not Feed Honey to Infants Under One Year Old.”

Optional: nutritional information, may contain [list of allergens - peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, gluten, etc.]

Sample Labeling:

Damascus Farmers Market
127 W Imboden St
276-475-3831

Sugar Cookie
Ingredients: flour, milk, eggs, sugar, butter
Net Weight: 5oz
Processed 5/15/22

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The following food products ARE allowed under state exemption:

- Low Risk Food Products - candies, jams and jellies not considered to be low-acid or acidified low-acid food products, dried fruits, dry herbs, dry seasonings, dry mixtures, coated and uncoated nuts, vinegars and flavored vinegars, popcorn and popcorn balls, cotton candy, dried pasta, dry baking mixes, roasted coffee, dried tea, cereals, trail mixes, granola, and baked goods that do not require time or temperature control after preparation.
- Acidified Food Products - pickles and acidified vegetables that have an equilibrium pH of 4.6 or lower, including pickled products, salsa, chow-chow, relishes, and similar vegetables

Additional information may be found in the Code of Virginia and the VDACS Virginia’s Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemptions info sheet.