

Buy In Definition Meeting began at 1:38 on Feb 27, 2016

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In attendance: Hanne, Simon, Doug, Caitlin, Matt, Dominic, Mike, Jessica, Grace

Purpose of the meeting was clarified as we committee has been tasked with defining the No Buy In, and how the transitional period will be structured to reach no Buy ins by 2020. To discuss the parameters of the no Buy in will it apply to raw goods, or value added and processed as well... As well as to consider the grandfather of vendors.

Discussion then went on to include:

- Producers will have to have non-farm grown products approved by the market at the annual meeting only once, then they are good for the remainder of the transitional period.
- Foraging – is allowed, as long as you are doing it yourself or by a hired crew member of your operation/ farm. You cannot purchase from independent contractors.
- Discussion of enforcement of rules, decided that was not within the parameters of what we are to discuss it is a different section of the by-laws
- As we move forward, encouragement of having farms join for short season, i.e. strawberry or blueberry season, which is allowed currently in the rules.
- Perhaps an exemption for berry will be needed if a farm is unable to produce enough for the market demand. As we approach the 2020 effective date.
- Leasing land is not considered a buy-in, if you have a contractual agreement to be in charge of specific land that is not a buy in.
- Producers will be required to use at least one ingredient that they farm or raise.
- Further discuss of the mandatory requirements of the city's ordinance that is also incorporated into the market rules, of having to include processed, production, and manufacturing of items such as, tempeh, honey, jams, pickles, herb blends, meats, cider, fiber, etc....
- Distinguishing between growers, producers, and processors, may be necessary.

Language Developed

2016 – No Change to the Language

2017 - 2019

The Portland Farmers Market will be a Grower/Producer only Farmers Market by 2020.

Growers will be defined as a PFMA member farming or foraging in Maine. Only goods grown or foraged in Maine by the Portland Farmers Market Association (PFMA) member can be sold at market. Items produced by a non PFMA farm may be sold if they are initial approved by a two-thirds vote at annual meeting during the transitional period from 2017 through 2019.

Producer will be defined as a PFMA member processing products must use at least one grown or raised product from the PFMA member's farm. And all remaining ingredients must be Maine Grown whenever

possible. PFMA members who wish to sell products produced using ingredients not grown on their farm will have to have these products approved by two-thirds vote at the annual meeting prior to sale.

Meat Producers will be defined as a PFMA member who has raised livestock from birth or have been the responsible party for their care for at least four weeks, prior to their processing. Meat processed that does not meet the four week minimum, will need initial approval of two-third vote at the annual meeting during the transitional period from 2017-2019.

2020 –

The Portland Farmers Market will be a Grower/Producer only Farmers Market.

Growers will be defined as any one farming or foraging in Maine. Only goods grown or foraged in Maine by the Portland Farmers Market Association (PFMA) member can be sold at market. There will be no allowed buy-ins. A Buy-in to be defined as any good not grown or foraged by the PFMA member.

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Meat Producers will be defined as a PFMA member who has raised livestock from birth or have been the responsible party for their care for at least four weeks, prior to their processing.