

Options discussed at January meeting:

1. Integrate artisans with food, vs current artisan annual stall limit of 12
2. What to do with the 3 extra (currently unassigned) stalls:
 - One time only, give them to 3 artisans on top of daily list
 - Give ½ to artisans and ½ to producers – can be repeated if happens again
 - Give all to producers (current practice)
3. Allow artisans to select 2 permanent stalls rather than 1
4. Annual producers allowed to select up to 4 stalls (current 3)
5. Increase the minimum number of days a vendor is required to attend in order to maintain their seniority (current 15/year). Encourages stall turnover
6. Add to market rules that manager and PMAC should reassess vendor makeup (artisan, meat, baked goods, plants, flowers, vegetables, value added, prepared foods) every 5 years.

Basic information:

144 annual stalls

- 12 Artisan stalls
 - o 11 vendors (1 has 2 stalls that were grandfathered in)
- 132 Producer stalls
 - o 59 vendors

65 Dailies

- 15 artisans (7 at top of daily list)
- 50 producer (includes veggies, meat, herbs, value added, prepared food, flowers, baked goods)

OPINION: Separating artisans from food vendors discriminates against artisan vendors. As a result of this practice, each year producers that are below artisans on the daily list jump ahead of long time artisans to receive a permanent stall. Now there are about 7 artisans “stuck” at the top of the daily list, many of whom have been at market 20+ years, being surpassed by producers that have participated closer to 12 years. Once the producers jump ahead, they are able to select their stalls before anyone on the daily list.

OPINION: Integrating the lists wouldn't change the current order vendors select stalls in (at least not until the next stall re-assignment, when more dailies would jump ahead of artisans on the daily list again). The time to control vendor makeup is when they are admitted as vendors, not when they move from daily to annual.

OPINION: While the market does try to balance types of products when vendors are admitted, there is no control over who quits/retires. So product balance may change despite who is admitted. Limiting the number of annual stalls allocated to artisan vendors is another chance to control market makeup. It also allows the market to accept more new artisans as dailies, since we don't have to worry as much about

how this COULD affect the market 20 years from now. (For example, if we brought in several artisan and food vendors, and then a lot of annual vendors retired, we need to think about what the annual makeup would look like then).

OPINION: We need to invest in and encourage our new and beginning farmers. This should be a high priority for the market, and is best done by moving them into annual stalls when possible.

QUESTION: If our priority is farmers, why are ALL food producers treated equally, except artisans. Shouldn't artisan rules apply to bakers, value added (i.e. non farmers)?

OPINION: We need to invest in and encourage our current produce vendors, which includes giving them more stalls and space. (Allowing them to have up to 4 annual stalls)

OPINION: Artisans are an important and vital part of the market. The system is unfair and does not value them as the market should. Many committed artisans come all year, and are much bigger supporters of the market than food vendors that only come 15 times, but still have more privileges than them.