

Marsh River Cooperative

PURCHASING POLICY

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PRODUCT SELECTION

It is the goal of the Marsh River Cooperative to offer as many locally-sourced products as possible in the store. Due to limits on need and inventory space, there is a finite amount of product that the Cooperative will be able to purchase. Product to be offered for sale in the Marsh River Cooperative will be acquired according to the following sequence and labeled as follows:

- ◇ First, the Incorporators of the Marsh River Cooperative shall be contacted for product, so long as they are Producer Members* in good standing. Their product shall be labeled as "Local".
- ◇ Second, Producer Members* in good standing will be contacted for product, which shall be labeled as "Local".
- ◇ Third, Vendors within a 25-mile radius of the Marsh River Cooperative will be contacted for product, which shall be labeled as "Maine".
- ◇ Fourth, Vendors from beyond a 25-mile radius of the Marsh River Cooperative will be contacted for product, which will be labeled as "Maine" if applicable.
- ◇ Product from outside of the state of Maine will be sourced as a last option, and shall have no label designating its geographical source.
- ◇ All craft items must undergo a juried review process prior to sale in the Marsh River Cooperative.

In addition to the above geographical considerations, which directly relate to the "local" mission of the Marsh River Cooperative, product selection for resale in the store will be based on the following:

- ◇ Customer desire (within reason) and purchasing habits
- ◇ Quality, timeliness, and professionalism of producer/vendor
- ◇ Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Cooperative, with the Marsh River Cooperative listed as the certificate holder, prior to any products for consumption sold to the Cooperative

◇ Producers/Vendors must obtain, and provide copies of, all applicable licenses for their products prior to their sale to/in the Cooperative.

◇ Additional standards may be determined by management of the Cooperative

**Please note that to be eligible for Producer Membership, interested persons/businesses must be located within a 10-mile radius of the Marsh River Cooperative. Persons/businesses located outside of this 10-mile radius may still vend in the Co-op, and may become Consumer Members. Please see the Membership Policy for more information.*

PAYMENT

The Marsh River Cooperative shall purchase some products directly from Producers/Vendors. Some products will be made available in the store on consignment with a 30% minimum markup.

Producers/Vendors will be paid for all non-consignment products at 30 days net.