

Clean Transport of Produce Policy

Fruits and vegetables are unique foods in that they are often consumed raw or with minimal preparation. Therefore, preventing contamination of fresh fruits and vegetables with microbial pathogens, dangerous levels of chemical residues, or physical contaminants is the most effective strategy to assure that these foods are wholesome and safe for human consumption.

Delivering produce for the Farm to Table program through the _____ Farmers Market means that you will be responsible for ensuring that produce is transported in an acceptably clean manner. The transport vehicle will be subject to inspection by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Specific standards for clean transport are in Minnesota Rules 1550.0930 – 1550.1020:
<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/?id=1550.0930>

Generally, delivery equipment must be clean, sanitary and in good repair; and designed to prohibit contamination of the produce by dust, etc. during transport. The transport vehicle must not contain evidence of chemicals, odors, or obvious debris. Animals are not permitted in food transport vehicles.

Examples of acceptable "Delivery equipment:"

- The smooth, cleanable, non-porous interior of a transport vehicle. This would allow transport of produce in open boxes or crates within that vehicle.
- A clean container with smooth, cleanable, non-porous interior that is sufficiently sealed to prevent contamination of the produce. This would allow use of a transport vehicle that does not meet standards for transport of open crates or boxes of produce.

Driver

Date

Representative

Date