

Dear Shelburne Market friends,

Vermont is a good place to be in these challenging times. We have such an amazing group of farmers and producers, especially in the Shelburne Farmers' Market community.

The Shelburne Farmers' Market will not take place for the 2020 season. ✨ **Not operating the market for the 2020 season allows all of us to shift our focus towards collaboration between vendors, while using systems that already exist and work well.** We are already seeing exciting new collaborations with vendors working together. This innovation & creativity to work together gives our community great hope. ✨

The state's decision to not allow farmers markets to operate is based on concern for public health. The timeline for potentially changing the rules is completely unknown. Rather than dragging things along for weeks or months with uncertainty for farmers and food producers - deciding to not have the market allows everyone to be proactive about planning for the months ahead. 🌱 **Focusing on what we can control, rather than what we cannot, feels like the most responsible way forward.**

One of the wonderful components of farmers markets is that they bring the whole community together in one spot - something that cannot happen this season. ✨ **We care deeply for the health and well being of our vendors and our community.** Having customers purchase directly from you all continues to shine out as the best option for this season.

The market's energy will focus on vendor promotion, which is the best way that we can continue to support our local producers and farmers.

There will be a page up on the website with contact info for all vendors in the next few days and the info will also be shared here.

We can help each other get through this - and look forward to a 2021 market that more closely resembles what we're all used to.

What can you do to help?

✨ Support our amazing vendors ❤️