

Oro-Medonte Farm Produce Sales Outlets (Farm Stands)

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Farm Produce Sales Outlets—often called farm stands or farm gate sales—provide an opportunity for local farmers to sell fresh, locally grown products directly to the travelling public. These outlets support local agriculture, food security, and agri-tourism within Oro-Medonte.

What is a Farm Produce Sales Outlet?

- Defined in Zoning By-law 97-95 Section 6-11- “*premises where the products of an agricultural use on the same lot are sold at retail to the travelling public*”
- Products must be primarily produced on the same property
- [Oro-Medonte Zoning By-law](#)

Types of Farm Stands

- Small roadside stands
- Seasonal or temporary stands
- Self-serve stands
- Permanent accessory structures

Building Requirements

- Structures up to 160 sq. ft. typically do not require a building permit
- Larger structures may require a permit and must meet Ontario Building Code
- Oro-Medonte [Building Services](#)

Zoning Considerations

- ✓ Must be in a permitted agricultural or rural zone
- ✓ Must be accessory to agricultural use
- ✓ Products should be grown on-site
- ✓ Must meet applicable zoning provisions

Signage Requirements

- ✓ Signs advertising fresh farm products must be on-site
- ✓ Maximum sign size is 3 m² (32 sq. ft.)
- ✓ Seasonal use only
- ✓ [Sign By-law](#)

Quick Checklist

- Confirm zoning permits a farm produce sales outlet check your zoning [MAP](#)
- Ensure products are grown on-site
- Determine if your structure is under 160 sq. ft.
- Apply for a building permit if required
- Ensure signage complies with size and location requirements
- Contact Township staff if unsure
- Contact Economic Development to help you with promotion of your farm stand

Additional Considerations:

Depending on your operation, additional approvals may be required if you:

- Introducing agri-tourism activities (e.g., events, customer experiences)
- Sell value-added products not produced on-site
- Establish permanent or larger-scale retail structures

Early consultation with Township staff is recommended, please reach out to business@oro-medonte.ca for any questions and to get your business listed on the [Agritourism Map](#).