

Person County Farmers Market Association

2017 Farmers Market Guidelines

1. The 2017 market will be on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Market begins on Saturday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 18. The last market day will be on the 1st Saturday in October. Vendors may set up at 7 A.M. to sell at 8 A.M. on Saturdays and can set up at 2:30 P.M. to sell at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesdays. Sales on other days are not permitted. Vendors will be allowed to back their vehicles into marked spaces and set up tables to sell from. Each vendor will be assigned one 12x10 space. Vendors need to bring their own tables and chairs. Responsibility for space assignment rests with the board.

Vendor expectations for Hours of Operation

Members should be set up and ready for sales transactions no later than 8am on Saturdays and 3:30pm on Tuesdays.

2. Stall Assignments: The priority is to make the market full and vendors may be moved to achieve this. Priorities for reserved spaces under the shelter are listed in order as follows:
 - a. Returning Members who have participated in the market previous years have the choice to keep their same space. This will be chosen at the annual meeting.
 - b. Space under the shelter for newly approved member applications will occur after assignment for returning members, and new members can choose from remaining open spaces.
 - c. Consolidation may occur to keep full appearance throughout season and to make room for special events and demonstrations. All exceptions are to be made at the Board's discretion. Reserved spaces will be held until 15 minutes prior to market opening. Members will make all reasonable efforts to notify a member of the Board if they are unable to attend.

3. Proper permits, licenses, and tax liabilities are the responsibility of each individual vendor. North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture telephone numbers are listed at the end of these guidelines for vendors needing proper licenses. Person County will be providing general liability insurance. Vendors are strongly encouraged to buy their own product liability insurance.

4. Each vendor must be a member in good standing of the Person County Farmers Market Association in order to sell at the market. Each vendor must fill out an application every year and submit it along with a \$50 fee, which is refundable if the vendor is not accepted.

Applications are available by contacting Person County Farmers Market, PO Box 3386, Roxboro, NC 27573 or from our website

www.personcountyfarmersmarket.com.

5. New members should submit their applications by March 18, 2017 in order to be considered for the season. Market Representatives may complete an inspection of your farm before you will be permitted to sell. All new members should be inspected prior to selling at the market. Current members may be inspected at any time of the year. The annual mandatory meeting for all vendors will be on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 P.M. at the Person County Extension Office. The Board of Directors will review the applications and inspection results.

6. The product makeup of the Person County Farmers Market will be a minimum 75% farm grown or raised products and will not exceed 25% processed foods and crafts.

7. Produce sold at the market will be grown by the grower on his/her farm, and can be sold by the grower or by the grower's employee. The farm needs to be located within a 70-mile radius of Roxboro, NC. This farmers market will allow only bona fide growers to sell, which are ones that grow fruits and vegetables or raise livestock as a livelihood. Produce or meat cannot be bought from wholesalers and re-sold at the market.

8. The grower shall, at all times, keep their space, including the surrounding area, neat and free of debris. Vendors need to remove their own trash daily. No pets are allowed in the market area.
9. Items are to be sold by weight, measure, or count. If scales are used, they are subject to be checked by the State of North Carolina Division of Weights and Measures inspectors. Kitchen scales cannot be used, since they are not certifiable.
10. No grower in the market shall attract attention to his own products by outcry in a boisterous or annoying manner. Be polite and courteous to your fellow vendors as well as customers.
11. Each vendor must have a sign clearly identifying his/her farm and location included with a sign that lists the prices of produce, or price signs on the produce display.
12. Any member of the Association who violates the North Carolina Pesticide Law by not being licensed to apply pesticides to his crops, or if his/her produce is found to have illegal pesticides applied, or if more than the legal pesticide residues remain on his/her crops at the time of sale, his/her dues to the Association become forfeited and is banned from joining the Association.
13. Organic produce, advertised as such, grown without the use of pesticides or commercial fertilizers must be USDA Certified, with a copy of the certification given to the market board.
14. There will be absolutely no solicitations of any kind allowed by anyone during the hours of the farmers market. Refusal to follow all rules as stated in this list of guidelines will revoke any right to participate in the Farmers Market.
15. Craft vendors will be required to include pictures of their crafts along with their completed application and fee. The board of directors may request a special meeting with potential craft vendors to view samples of the items they intend to sell at the market. Only board approved craft items will be sold at the market.

Approved and Unapproved Items For Sale at the Person county farmers Market

Approved Items

fresh and dehydrated fruits and vegetables

flowers, potted plants, and herbs

vinegars, home canned fruits and vegetables(kitchen must be inspected)

d. farm-raised meat, cheese, fish, shrimp, and poultry(meat and seafood need to be sold frozen)

e. baked goods, (no kitchen inspection required but items must be properly labeled) jams, jellies (kitchen must be inspected)

f. honey (operation must be inspected)

g. eggs (need to be continually refrigerated to 45 degrees or less)

h. beverages (i.e. coffee, tea and lemonade)

i. board approved crafts

Unapproved Items

a. pets and livestock (melons have to be sold whole; cannot be cut)

b. flea market items

For cheese, meat handler license, fish, poultry, canned fruits and vegetable kitchen inspection, call 919-733-7366

For scale inspection, call 919-733-3313

For honey inspection, call 919-733-3610

For egg law information, call 919-733-7576