#### **VENDOR OPEN HOUSE 2023**

## WINNSBORO FARMERS MARKET

The peas and carrots about joining our market!





#### **MEET THE BOARD**

Chris Miller
Troy Howard
Stacy Finley
Jeremy Bell
Ruth Townsend

AND FILL IN BOSS, GEORGE



# WHY WE COURT OUR MARKET

**AND YOU WILL TOO!** 

14 years and growing
We have the friendliest farmers in East Texas
We love what we do
We strive to be better every year
We are an award-winning Market

- 2018 County Line Best Produce
- 2019 Chamber of Commerce Agricutural Business of the year
- 2020 Farmland Trust Most Essential FM 2nd in Texas, 15th Nationwide
- 2021 Farmland Trust Most Essential FM 2nd in Texas, 25th Nationwide



## WHY CUSTOMERS OUR MARKET

Their food dollars support their local community, neighbors, family, and friends.

They value experiences and connecting with their producers and neighbors in a social setting.

They are more educated than ever and want to make smarter choices based on transparency of sources and practices, for health, flavor, and freshness.

They love the variety we offer all in one place.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP KEEP OUR MARKET GREAT?



CONSISTENCY

QUALITY

**VARIETY** 

BRANDING

COLLABORATION

**PRESENTATION** 



# CONSISTENCY

SHOW UP!

GET TO KNOW CUSTOMERS & BUILD TRUST
BE THERE WHEN THEY COME LOOKING FOR YOU

FREQUENT ABSENCES MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF DESIGNATED BOOTH SPACE

### Quality



UNSATISFIED
CUSTOMERS DON'T
COME BACK FOR
MORE

BAD FOR YOU

BAD FOR THE MARKET





#### STANDOUT!

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING IS STILL TOO MUCH

HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOUR PRODUCTS STAND OUT?

POSSIBILITY OF JURYING SIMILAR PRODUCTS THIS YEAR

DON'T LOOK AT YOUR NEIGHBORS TABLE AND COPY

### Branding



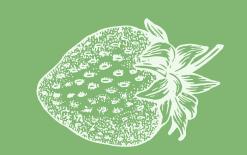
Brand yourself!



Be Memorable



Tell your story
Be clear about your practices



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WORK TOGETHER

LEARN FROM & SUPPORT EACH OTHER

PROMOTE ONE ANOTHER TO CUSTOMERS

### Presentation



Organized



**Eye Catching** 



Clutter Free

## VENDOR PACKET OVERVIEW



#### **REGISTRATION & FEES**

PERMITTED ITEMS

FOOD SAFETY & LABELING

**BOOTH SPACES** 

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **APPLICATION**

Must be signed and all items listed.

#### FEE

\$125 for the entire season OR

\$15 per Saturday

Non-Refundable or transferrable year to year

#### **CO-OP SPACES**

\$125 fee split between shared vendors at their discretion, all parties must sign seperate applications

### APPLICATION & FEES





#### WHAT CAN I SELL?

when in doubt, ASK!

- FARM PRODUCTS
- VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS
- SMALL AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS
- AGRICULTURAL CRAFTS
- OTHER CRAFTS 1/3 OF BOOTH
- NO RE-SELLING....EVER!

## FOOD SAFETY & LABELING

#### **LAWS**

VARY ACCORDING TO PRODUCT TYPE

STUDY STATE &
FEDERAL
RESTRICTIONS &
PROTOCOLS

#### TX COTTAGE FOOD LAW

FOOD HANDLERS

ALLERGENS LISTED

MORE DETAILS AT TEXASCOTTAGEFOODL AW.COM

#### LABELING

REQUIRED FOR ALL FOOD PRODUCTS, BUT VARY ACCORDING TO TYPE

DETAILED
INSTRUCTION WILL
BE EMAILED TO ALL
APPLICANTS

### KNOW YOUR PRODUCTS

ALL APPLICABLE LICENSING & LAWS

CONSIDER LIABILITY
INSURANCE

#### **9 X 12 FOOT**

Cables for hanging banners
No signs in customer walkway

#### **ASSIGNED**

Once designated, we will try to keep the consistent, but changes may be needed especially for those who do not attend regularly

Check your emails!

#### Housekeeping

Arrive on time & park before setting up Bring cords, bungees, etc Clean your space before you leave





## WANT TO BE A GREAT VENDOR? BE A NICE HUMAN



Kindness goes a long way

With Customers

With Neighbors

With me!



badmouthing the market and fellow vendors will not be tolerated.



# VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

MARKETING TOGETHER

31 weeks in the season

Every week 1-2 vendors will be "spotlighted"

Randomly selected based on drawing

Sign at booth, FB Post during the week

How to participate:

- Send Email titled: Vendor Spotlight "Your Biz Name"
- In email, write a bio explaining your product, practices, how you got there, etc. Just make it interesting & not too long, but not too short
- Send a few pictures for me to use
- When you are spotlighted, promote yourself!
- Help promote everyone else the other 31 weeks Build Community!

