



Caswell County Farmers Market Production Grant (2026)

Purpose: Increase production of fruits & vegetables sold at the Caswell Farmers Market

Funding Amount: Up to **\$1,000 per farm**

Overview

The Caswell Local Food Council is pleased to offer Production Cost Grants for the Caswell County Farmers Market farmer vendors for the 2026 market season. These grants are designed to help offset production-related expenses for the participating farmers. In addition, this will help provide a better selection of items to the shoppers at the market.

This program supports small and mid-sized farms, strengthens local food systems, and improves access to fresh, locally grown produce for Caswell County residents and neighboring communities that visit the market.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a farm located in Caswell County, North Carolina
- Be an approved vendor (or in the process of becoming an approved vendor) at the Caswell County Farmers Market
- Grow fruits and/or vegetables for sale at the Caswell County Farmers Market
- Commit to attending at least 75% of the 2026 market season
 - 2026 season total: 22 markets
 - Required attendance: Minimum of 16 markets
- Agree to submit required documentation, reports, and receipts

Allowable Expenses

Grant funds may be used for production-related costs that directly support increased fruit and vegetable production, including but not limited to:

- Seeds and transplants
- Soil amendments and fertilizers
- Irrigation supplies
- Row cover, mulch, or plastic
- Hand tools and small equipment (production use only)
- Pest and disease management supplies



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Funds may not be used for:

Land purchases - Major equipment purchase - Labor/wages - Non-produce items

Expenses incurred prior to grant approval are not eligible

Funding & Reimbursement Structure

This is a **reimbursement-based grant**. No funds will be distributed in advance.

- **80% of approved funds** will be reimbursed upon:
 - Verification of eligible expenses
 - Submission of itemized receipts and documentation
- **Remaining 20%** will be released after:
 - Completion of the required 75% market attendance
 - Submission of the End-of-Season Report

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed grant application (see below)
2. Detailed estimated budget of intended purchases
3. Agreement to attendance and reporting requirements



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Grant Application

- Farm Name: _____
- Farmer Name(s): _____
- Physical Address: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Farm website or Facebook/IG Page _____

Market Participation

- Are you currently an approved Caswell County Farmers Market vendor?
 Yes No (If no, approval is required prior to reimbursement)
- Describe your planned fruit and/or vegetable production for the 2026 season:

Grant Request Amount

- Total Amount Requested (up to \$1,000): \$ _____

Detailed Budget (Required – use separate sheet if needed)

Item Description	Vendor/Supplier	Estimated Cost	Purpose/Use
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Total Estimated Cost: \$ _____



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Attendance Commitment

I understand that I am required to attend **at least 16 of the 22** Caswell County Farmers Market dates during the 2026 season to receive full reimbursement.

Initials: _____ Date: _____

Reporting Requirements

I agree to submit an **End-of-Season Report** detailing:

- Types and approximate quantities of produce brought to market
- Produce sold at the market
- Produce donated or made available through the market **Donation Station Program**

Initials: _____ Date: _____

Certification & Signature

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that reimbursement is contingent upon verified documentation and fulfillment of attendance and reporting requirements.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Completed applications must be submitted by: **April 17, 2025**

Submit applications and supporting documents mail to: Caswell County Local Foods Council, PO Box 94, Yanceyville, NC 27379. Or deliver in person to: Caswell Extension Office, 126 Court Sq, #211, Yanceyville, NC. Questions: 336-694-4158.