



Market Rules for the Mariposa Certified Farmers' Market 2023

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I. General Market Information

The Mariposa Certified Farmers' Market (“**Market**”) is a certified farmers' market, certified by the Mariposa County Agricultural commissioner as a direct marketing outlet for producers (both certified and uncertified) to sell their agricultural products directly to consumers without meeting the usual size, standard pack and container requirements for such products. All produce must meet minimum quality standards. The market is operated in accordance with regulations established in the California Code of Regulations CCR, (formerly California Administrative Code) (Title 3, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Article 6.5, § 1392, et seq.) pertaining to direct marketing. *The market and all who participate in it are subject to all applicable federal, state, county and city statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders.*

The market is a diversified certified farmers' market offering agricultural goods (both certified and non-certifiable), non-agricultural goods and services for sale. The non-certifiable agricultural goods and the non-agricultural goods and services add variety and enhance the festive ambiance of the market. The same producer-to-consumer philosophy required of producers of agricultural goods by the direct marketing regulations also applies for all other vendors of items sold at the market.

The market is committed to local, sustainable and organic agricultural and food production. The market supports these values by having farmers and other vendors who share this philosophy sell their products at the market. *We expect all vendors to join us and commit to sell each day of the market.* Seasonal vendors will be admitted at the discretion of the market manager.

All participating market vendors are expected to be familiar with the provisions of the direct marketing regulations and these market rules. The market reserves the right to make additions or deletions to these market rules when deemed necessary. Written notice of these changes will be provided to the market vendors.

II. Governance

The market is operated and controlled by the Alliance for Community Transformations.

The market manager, designated by the Mariposa Farmers Market Advisory Committee, is responsible for making, implementing and enforcing all policy decisions in a fair and equitable manner. The market manager and/or the Market advisory committee may at any time, amend, delete or modify the following market rules.

Any approved vendor or applicant aggrieved by the action of the market manager or other designated agent of the market can appeal to the Market advisory committee whose decision is final (see section XIX.3 below).

III. Admissible Vendors and Products

Admissible vendors and products fall in the following categories. *Qualifying to sell at the market does not automatically ensure admission in the market.* Admissible vendors must apply to sell at the market and be approved by the Mariposa Farmers Market Advisory Committee to do so before they are authorized to sell at the market. *The market reserves the right to require that vendors re-apply for admission annually, even though selling privileges are only week-to-week. The right to sell at the market is terminable at any time by written notice to the applicable vendor by the market manager.*

1. **Agricultural Producers** are vendors who produce and sell the following:
 1. **Certifiable Agricultural Products** – Agricultural products, such as fresh fruits, nuts, vegetables, shell eggs, honey, flowers, fungus, and nursery stock, are certified under the jurisdiction of the county agricultural commissioner, as evidenced by a current Certified Producer’s Certificate, and that have been produced or grown on property controlled by a certified producer. See 3 CCR Section 1392.2(l). Certifiable agricultural products may only be sold by the certified producer of thereof or, subject to subject to the requirements applicable to second certificates listed in Section VIII.1 below, another certified producer.
 2. **Noncertifiable Agricultural Products** – Noncertifiable agricultural products include (i) all certified agricultural products listed above that have been processed (such as dried fruits and vegetables, processed nuts, juices, jams and jellies, oils, viticulture products, and pickled or smoked agricultural products), (ii) products from any tree, vine or plant and their flowers (including processed products), (iii) livestock (cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, etc.) and their products (including dairy products and jerky), and (iv) fish and shellfish produced under controlled conditions in waters or ponds located in California. See 3 CCR Section 1392.2(m). These products may be dried, ground, roasted, juiced, smoked or otherwise altered in a one-stage process by a second party. Products in this category must have been produced or derived from plants or animals grown, bred, raised, cultivated or collected upon land which the producer thereof controls. Appropriate proof of producership must be produced.

A certified producer may sell noncertifiable agricultural products if such products (including the ingredients comprising such products) have been produced or derived from plants or animals raised or produced by such certified producer. The ingredients may be in a solution such as brine or vinegar, but (for example) if olive oil is used, olives must be on the Certified Producers Certificate.

3. **Second Certificates** – Will be permitted in the case of agricultural products that are not otherwise available for sale at the market from a Vendor who is a direct producer of such products, subject to the approval of the market manager and also subject to the requirements applicable to second certificates listed in Section VIII.1 below.

2. **Prepared and Cooked Food Vendors** are vendors who sell edible products, other than certified and noncertifiable agricultural products. These include products such as foods that have been cooked, canned, preserved or otherwise prepared for on-site consumption, pre-packaged foods that are non-farmstead products (such as processed dairy), and baked goods. All items in this category sold at the market must be processed and served in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Mariposa County Department of Public Health and the State of California.
3. **Artisan and Craft Sellers** are vendors who create their own non-edible artisan or craft works and reside preferably in the Sierras and Central Valley areas (this is to keep our market full of local vendors).
4. **Service Providers** are vendors who provide services (such as dog sitting, entertainment or education) that are relevant to the market.

NOTE: Unless a specific term is used (i.e., certified producer), the term “**vendor**” as used in these market rules, shall include certified producers of agricultural products, uncertified producers of noncertifiable agricultural products, prepared and cooked food vendors, artisan and craft sellers, service providers and any other organization operating under the jurisdiction of the market.

IV. Vendor Application and Product Admission

1. **Application** – Every prospective vendor must complete an application to sell. All items intended for sale shall be listed on the application and only those items approved for sale will be allowed to be sold. The application must be submitted to and approved in writing by the market manager prior to the vendor being able to sell at the market. Vendors already selling at the market that wish to add new products to their approved list must first secure approval by the market manager prior to offering these for sale.

The completed application packet shall include:

1. A completed vendor application (available upon request from the market manager) that identifies all items intended for sale at the market;
 2. Evidence satisfactory to the market manager of the applicant’s compliance with all applicable California certified farmers’ market, health, labeling, permitting, and any other necessary requirements; and
 3. If requested by the market manager, product samples in order to evaluate quality and compliance with all applicable labeling and other requirements imposed by applicable law.
2. **Admission** – All seller applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Admission of vendors and products to the market will be at the discretion of the Mariposa Farmers Market Advisory Committee. The committee will take into consideration the current supply and demand for the products you want to bring to the market.

3. **Acceptance** - If a vendor's application to sell has been approved, the following documents must be provided to the market Manager promptly following such approval:

- o A copy of all appropriate certificates, permits and registrations;
- o A copy of the insurance policies and (additional insured certificate(s) and endorsement(s) evidencing the vendor's compliance with the policy limits and other insurance requirements stated in Section IX below;
- o An executed Participation Agreement (in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A);
- o An executed Hold Harmless Agreement (in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B); and
- o If requested by the market manager, product samples in order to evaluate quality and compliance with all applicable labeling and other requirements imposed by applicable law.

4. **Change of Ownership; No Assignment** –Change of business ownership requires written notification to the market manager, and may be processed as a new admission. The transfer or change of ownership does not grant or guarantee the new owner the same admission or current stall space assignment as the previous owner.

V. FEES AND LOAD LIST

1. **Stall Fees** – A stall fee will be assessed each week for the following week's participation in the market. The stall fee schedule is as follows:

- Agricultural Producers: A \$10 flat fee per space per week, with an annual fee of \$25 due prior to the first market of the year. Second certificate: annual fee of \$25 due prior to the first market of the year; \$5 fee per week.
- Prepared and Cooked Food Vendors: A \$10 flat fee per space per week, with an annual fee of \$25 due prior to the first market of the year.
- Artisan and Craft Vendors: A \$10 flat fee per space per week, with an annual fee of \$25 due prior to the first market of the year.
- Service Providers/All Other For-Profit Vendors: A \$10 flat fee per space per week, with an annual fee of \$25 due prior to the first market of the year.
- Non-Profits and Community Organizations: No fee.

Fees are subject to change at any time upon not less than 30 days prior written notice from the market manager.

2. **Fee Remittance** – Stall fees are to be remitted to the market manager or designated person at the end of each market day no earlier than market close (unless the vendor has sold out) and no later than 30 minutes after market close. Vendors must come in person to remit their load sheet and pay their stall fee, and they must wait while their fee and payment have been double-checked before they may leave the manager’s table.

3. **Load Lists** - All certified agricultural vendors must fill out accurate load lists for the amount of certified agricultural products sold at the market each week. All load lists must list the name of the certified producer, identity of each product sold (including varieties), and quantity sold. Load lists are collected at the end of the market by the market manager and are subject to inspection by the county agricultural commissioner’s inspectors. If a vendor has a second certificate (subject to the requirements of these market rules), a load list pertaining to each separate certificate shall be filled out.

VI. Cancellations The market’s cancellation policy is as follows:

1. **Notice of Cancellation** – All vendors are required to give notice of cancellation at least two (2) hours prior to the market start (i.e., by 2:30pm on the market Wednesdays) to avoid stall fee charges. Notification of planned cancellations should be given to the market manager. Last minute cancellations should be communicated to the market manager at mariposafarmersmarket@gmail.com, or texted to 201-602-5879.
2. **Failure to Notify** – Vendors who fail to notify the market manager of a cancellation two or more times within a three-month period or who cancel three or more times within a three-month period may permanently lose their stall space for the market.

VII. Stall Assignment, Set Up and Break Down Timeline, Waste Disposal and Clean Up, Vendor Offloading and Parking, Stall Appearance and Signage

1. **Stall Assignment** – The vendor’s location, space size and other considerations are at the market manager’s discretion, based on the vendor’s customer relationships, the product mix, customer flow, promotion, growth of the market, security and other considerations. Vendors do not have seniority.

All space is provided as a privilege; no vendor shall be able to sell his/her market space to another vendor or to another individual/entity to whom they transfer their business.

Final decision for space assignment and location rests with the market manager. Every effort is made to assign permanent space locations to market participants, whether participation is seasonal or year-round. This ensures continuity, which is beneficial to the participant and to the overall operation of the market. However, occasionally changes must be made in space assignment(s), which are unavoidable. Such decisions are made at the market manager’s discretion for the benefit of overall market operations.

2. Set Up and Break Down Timeline, Waste Disposal, Clean Up

1. Timeline – The hours for the market are from 4:30-6:30pm each Wednesday. *Vendors may start setting up no earlier than 3:00pm, and must leave no later than 7pm.* Sales prior to the posted opening hours of the market or after the posted closing hour of the market are not allowed. Vendors must be able to conduct a sale until the market closes. Vendor signage and product prices must remain in place until closing. Tables that are no longer being used because the product is sold out may be broken down prior to the published closing time. Vendors may leave the market site prior to the published closing time only upon the approval of the market manager, who will assess public safety and welfare.
2. Waste Disposal – Vendor’s trash shall be removed and taken by the vendor and disposed of properly. Trash receptacles will only be available for customer’s waste and not for the vendor’s waste.
3. Clean Up – Before the vendor may leave the market, both the vendor’s stall and the surrounding area must be totally free of all debris (including produce trimmings) and freshly swept, and all of vendor’s trash and waste water must have been properly disposed. No trace of vendor should be left. Vendor’s stall space should be pristine. Any vendor leaving behind an unclean stall or surrounding area is subject to a fine – \$10 for the 1st offense, \$25 for the 2nd offense, \$50 for the 3rd offense. More than two of such violations are grounds for dismissal from the market.

3. Vendor Offloading and Parking

All vendor vehicles must be clear of the market’s pedestrian areas between the hours of 4:15pm and 6:30pm. Vendors arriving at the market on or after 4:15pm must offload their vehicle from the area designated by the market manager for such purpose. When they are permitted in the market, vendors must drive their vehicles slowly and carefully. *Customer and vendor safety is a priority.* More than two warnings from market management for unsafe driving is grounds for dismissal from the market.

4. Stall Appearance, Generators, Electricity and Signage

a. Stall Appearance:

- Stall Fixtures – Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs and tents/shade shelters, and place tablecloths on all tables being used to display products for sale. Tables and other display fixtures must be sturdy, stable and not overloaded. All tents/shade shelters must be secured (car tie or sandbags are preferred) in the event of any wind at the market or be subject to immediate removal. Vendors are liable for any damage or injury caused by any unsecured items belonging to the vendor.

- Common Customer Traffic Aisle – No boxes, signs or produce displays may extend in the common customer traffic aisle way. Vendors who display products on a side table must allow at least 24 inches of side aisle in vendor’s space for customer ingress and egress.
- Cleanliness – Before any sales transactions are allowed, vendor’s area must be cleared and cleaned of any produce trimmings and other debris of any type.

b. Identification Signs:

- All producers must display a sign identifying their name or the name of their establishment and the city or town where their production occurs.
- All applicable licenses, permits and registrations must be posted during selling hours and in clear view and/or reach of the customer.
- All products sold as organic must be prominently labeled as “Certified Organic.”
- All prices must be clearly marked or posted with the name of the product being sold. Collusion and deceptive pricing practices are prohibited. Bargaining with the consumer is specifically allowed.
- Signs that state “No Spray” (or a variation thereof) are not permitted. That phrase is vague and misleading.
- Certified producers may use the terms “No Chemicals” and “Pesticide Free” to advertise their products.
- All signs posted by vendors are subject to the approval of the market manager. No signs may be placed in the common customer traffic aisle way.
- See Sections VIII and X below for additional signage requirements.

VIII. Licenses, Permits and Documentation

All vendors must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations and obtain all necessary licenses, permits and registrations. All certified and noncertifiable agricultural product sales shall be in conformity with the current Direct Marketing Regulations applicable to certified producers (California Code of Regulations Title 3, § 1392).

Since the market is certified as a direct marketing outlet, producers may sell their agricultural products directly to consumers without meeting the usual size, standard pack, container and labeling requirements for such products, except in the case of eggs and pre-packaged items. However, all produce must meet minimum quality standards.

All vendors are responsible for ensuring that all documentation on file with the market manager is kept current. This includes contract information including addresses, phone numbers, ownership documentation, employee agreements and production maps.

1. Certified Producers

- a. Certified Producer Defined: A “certified producer” is a producer authorized by the county agricultural commissioner to sell certified agricultural products, produced by the practice of agricultural arts on land that the certified producer controls, directly to consumers at a certified farmers’ market. In addition, an immediate family member or salaried employee of a certified producer may sell on behalf of such certified producer. Certified producers must provide appropriate proof that they produce what they or their permitted representatives sell.
- b. Documentation: All certified producers (including certified organic farmers) must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also post a copy at the point of sale (in clear view and/or reach of the customer):
 - A current embossed copy of its Certified Producer’s Certificate listing those commodities (both certified and noncertifiable) the producer is offering for sale. Please mark on the certificate those products which the vendor will bring to the market and (if different from the harvest months) the months during which the vendor will sell such products.
 - Vendors must ensure that any individuals selling on their behalf are compliant with all county, state, and federal laws governing employment.
 - To the extent applicable:
 - o A current state organic registration document (for organic sales).
 - o A current third-party organic certificate (for organic sales, if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000).
 - o Avocado Inspection Certification/Avocado Inspection Permit (County Ag).
 - o Second certificate (must be approved by the market manager, as noted below).
 - o All other applicable documentation set forth in these market rules.
- c. Second Certificates: A certified producer (including farmers, nurserymen, fishermen and other agricultural producers) may sell for another certified producer (including, but not limited to, separate entities, such as partnerships in which the certified producer has an interest as an individual member) *only at the express written permission of the market manager and subject to the following rules:*
 - A certified producer may not sell for, nor be represented by, more than one other certified producer in any 12-month period.

- Each certified producer's certified agricultural products to be sold or offered for sale shall be separated and identifiable by each certified producer's valid certificate at the point of sale.
- The name of the certified producer for whom another certified producer is selling shall appear on the certificate of the certified producer that is conducting sales at the market.
- The name of the certified producer who is selling the products of another certified producer shall appear on the certificate of the person or entity for whom the certified producer is selling.
- A certified producer who sells certified agricultural products on behalf of another certified producer or whose products are sold by another certified producer at the market shall produce, for inspection, records required by this section upon demand of a representative of the department or county agricultural commissioner.
- Each certified producer must have a separate load sheet.
- Each certified producer is responsible for stall fee payments.
- Each additional certificate must be applied for and is subject to the approval of the market manager. Products subject to a second certificate can only be sold after such approval has been granted.
- Second certificates will only be granted if the products subject to the second certificate are not available directly from another agricultural vendor approved for the market. *Second certificate approval may be revoked by the market manager at any time that the products subject to the second certificate become available directly from another agricultural vendor approved for the market.*

2. Certified Producers Selling Eggs – Certified producers selling eggs at the market must follow the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) laws regulating the handling and sale of shell eggs.

a. CDFA Registration – Certified producers selling eggs they have produced (or acquired from another certified producer to sell, subject to the requirements applicable to second certificates) must first register with the CDFA as an egg “handler” and obtain a state handler code. If a brand name will be used on the egg cartons, it also needs to be registered with CDFA. See Food and Agriculture Code (FAC) 27510, 27541, 27633, 27661. CDFA's Egg Quality Control Program may be contacted at (916) 445-4243; <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov> (link to registration form is under “Browse by Subject-Market/Inspect-Egg Quality Program”); or through your home county's Agricultural Commissioner's office.

b. Carton Labeling Requirements – Eggs must be properly labeled and graded as to quality and size. See FAC 27651, 27662, 27644, and Section 1354 of the Direct Marketing Regulations. Each egg carton must have the following information:

- Name, Address, Zip Code
- Size and Grade (example: Medium-Grade A)
- “Keep Refrigerated”
- Sell by Date (may not exceed 30 days from packing date)
- Julian Date (packing date; consecutive date of the year on which eggs were packed)
- State Handler Code (example: CA1234)

Superlative descriptions or other amplifications of grade or size are not permitted on containers. Prohibited words include “fancy”, “select”, “premium”, “superior,” “oversize,” and “giant.” See Section 1354(c)(1) of the Direct Marketing Regulations.

- c. **Selling Eggs As Organic:** In order to sell eggs as organic, the certified producer must be registered as organic with CDFA’s Organic Program. Additionally, if sales of all organic commodities produced are over \$5,000, certified producer must be certified as organic from an accredited organic certification agency. A copy of the certified producer’s organic registration and (if applicable) organic certification must be provided to the market manager and also conspicuously posted with its Certified Producer Certificate.
- d. **Recycled Cartons:** Egg producers and egg handlers may not reuse another egg producer’s or handler’s carton which bears a name without permission. See FAC Section 27634. Recycled cartons may only be used if the label on the recycled carton is completely obliterated and covered with the correct label.
- e. **Required Documents:** In addition to the applicable documentation described in Section VIII.1 above, certified producers selling eggs at the market must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also have copies conspicuously posted with its Certified Producer Certificate:
- State Egg Handler Registration and all other applicable CDFA registrations (e.g., organic registration, brand name registration).
 - A current third party organic certificate (for organic sales, if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000).

3. Nursery Stock and Flower Vendors – Certified producers selling nursery stock or cut flowers at the market must have performed the propagation, planting or germination for all plants sold.

a. **CDFA Nursery License** – Certified producers selling nursery stock or cut flowers at the market are subject to the CDFA’s laws and regulations, and must obtain a state nursery license issued by CDFA. See FAC Section 6721.

b. Fee Exempt Nursery License – A “Fee Exempt Nursery License” may be issued by your agricultural commissioner’s office if your annual sales are less than \$1,000. This license allows you to sell nursery stock and cut flowers only in your home county.

c. Required Documents – In addition to the applicable documentation described in Section VIII.1 above, certified producers selling nursery stock or cut flowers at the market must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also have copies conspicuously posted with its Certified Producer Certificate:

- State Nursery License (or, if applicable, a Fee Exempt Nursery License)
- Seller’s Permit (for cut flowers only)

4. Noncertifiable Agricultural Product Sellers – Producers selling noncertifiable agricultural products (such as such as dried fruits and vegetables, juices, jams, oils, viticulture products, shelled nuts, poultry, meat, aquaculture products, and processed dairy) at the market must satisfy all public health, labeling, permitting and any other requirements pertaining to processed food products.

A. Required Documents – In addition to the applicable documentation described in Section VIII.1 above, producers selling noncertifiable agricultural products at the market must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also have copies conspicuously posted at the point of sale:

- County Health Department Farmers Market Vendor Permit (for all prepackaged and processed food).
- A current state organic registration document (for organic sales).
- A current third party organic certificate (for organic sales, if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000).

B. Proof of Producership – Producers selling noncertifiable agricultural products at the market may be asked to produce documentation or verification related to the production of noncertifiable agricultural products. Verification may involve a site visit to Vendor’s place of business with due notice (no less than 24 hours) by the market manager to verify rule compliance.

5. Meat Sellers

a. Meat Requirements

- All meat sold at the market must be harvested and fabricated in a USDA inspected facility as required by federal law.
- All packaging must display proper USDA labeling and must state the ranch or farm of origin.
- All meat sold at the market must have been raised by the seller.

b. Required Documents – In addition to any applicable documentation described in Section VIII.1 above, producers selling meat at the market must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also have copies conspicuously posted at the point of sale:

- USDA harvest facility ID number
- Receipts from most recent harvest (receipts thereafter when asked by the market manager)
- A current state organic registration document (for organic sales)
- A current third party organic certificate (for organic sales, if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000)

6. Fish and Seafood Sellers

a. Required Documents – In addition to any applicable documentation described in Section VIII.1 above, vendors selling fish or other seafood at the market must submit the following documents (to the extent applicable) to the market manager and must also have copies conspicuously posted at the point of sale:

Fishermen Selling Their Own Catch:

- Boat registration
 - Fisherman’s retail license
 - Dock landing receipts
 - Commercial fishing permits
 - Aquaculture permit
- Sellers of 3rd Party fish and seafood products (not of Seller’s own catch):*
- Receipts evidencing proof of purchase (point of origin)

7. Prepackaged and Prepared On Site Food Vendors (prepackaged foods, bakery products, food and beverages prepared on-site, etc.) – All food items sold at the market must be processed and served in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Mariposa County department of public health and the state of California. The foregoing also applies to prepackaged and prepared fresh beverage items (such as fruit juices).

a. Vendor Requirements – All food items, both prepackaged and prepared on-site, sold by a vendor must be produced by such vendor.

b. Blind Tasting – All prepared food is subject to a blind tasting to assure product quality and appeal.

c. Required Documentation – All prepared and prepackaged food vendors must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also conspicuously post a copy at the point of sale:

- County health department temporary food facility or mobile food facility permit (if cooking at the market).
- A current state organic registration document (for organic sales).
- A current third party organic certificate (for organic sales, if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000).
- Written evidence that all products sold at the market were prepared in a certified commercial kitchen or in an approved home kitchen prepared by a vendor with a valid Cottage Food Permit.

8. Artisan/Craft Sellers

a. Vendor Requirements – The artisan/craft seller must be the creator of the work. The artisan/craft seller must have an in-person meeting with the market manager to present their crafts for approval by the market manager or the market’s craft coordinator.

9. Service Providers

a. Vendor Requirements – The services offered must bring entertainment, education or other utility that is relevant to the market (as determined by the market manager).

b. Required Documentation – All service providers must submit the following documents to the market manager and must also conspicuously post a copy at the point of sale:

10. Prohibited Sales – Items may not be sold or offered for sale at the market by any vendor unless specifically approved by the market manager.

IX. Insurance

All vendors at the market must maintain at their sole expense the following insurance, which will be full coverage and not subject to self insurance provisions, and must provide evidence of such coverage to the market manager promptly following the approval of their market application:

1. **General Liability** – (including coverage for contractual liability, products, premises, independent contractors/vendors, personal injury protection and contractual operations) – With a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. These limits may be obtained through a combination of general liability and excess liability insurance.

2. **Additional Insured** – The Alliance for Community Transformations and the market (including their respective directors, officers, employees, staff and agents) general liability and the other applicable policies. The certificate holder information for the certificates to be issued for the Alliance for Community Transformations and the market is as follows:

The Alliance for Community Transformations, Mariposa Certified Farmers’ Market and their respective directors, officers, employees, staff and agents.

The issued, executed certificate(s) evidencing the required additional insured coverage for the Alliance for Community Transformations and the market, together with supporting additional insured endorsement(s), must be provided to the market manager promptly following the approval of a vendor’s market application. For so long as such Vendor sells at the market, replacement certificate(s) and endorsement(s) shall be provided to the market manager each time such policies are renewed.

3. **Cancellation or Change Notice** – Each insurance policy required by this section must contain a provision that no termination, cancellation or change of coverage can be made without at least thirty days prior written notice to the market manager at mariposafarmersmarket@gmail.com.

X. EBT/SNAP food benefits

1. Mariposa Certified Farmers’ Market now accepts EBT/SNAP food benefits market wide. The accepted items that customers can use their EBT/SNAP benefits on are fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, seafood, dairy products, breads, cereals, honey, cooking oil, condiments, herbs, spices, coffee beans, and tea. Prepared foods can be purchased for off-site consumption as long as they are not hot or heated at point of sale. These items include chips, popcorn, candy, baked goods, cold beverages (bottled water, soda, iced coffee, smoothies), and cold prepared food (sandwiches, salads, burritos, pizza, tamales, pies, muffins, doughnuts). The market manager will let you know what items you sell that are EBT eligible.

2. Please do not make judgement or exclude customers because of their EBT/SNAP benefits. If so, the manager has the right to give you a warning and/or remove you from the market.

3. All tokens can be redeemed at the end of the market from the market manager. Please do not give change to the EBT/SNAP customers. You can give them a few more items to make it even, or ask if they have any change to pay the difference. The tokens are in \$1 and \$5 increments.

XI. Stall Postings

1. Certified Producers

- a. All certified producers must display an embossed photocopy of their certificate and those of other certified producers for whom they are authorized to sell in clear sight of the consumer or upon the commodity table. (Separation of commodities and certificates will be required if selling for other certified producers.) CCR Section 1392.4(d). See Sections VIII.1.b and VIII.1.d above.
- b. All certified producers utilizing employees must comply with CCR Section 1392.4(f).

2. Vendor's Name – Vendors are required to display a sign (at least 12” x 24”) identifying their business name and city or town of production. Agricultural Vendors and prepared and cooked food vendors are also required to display their address and contact information.

3. Product Information and Claims – Vendors shall only display or advertise items that have been approved for sale.

- a. Prices - Prices shall be clearly noted for the benefit of the consumers. Collusion or any pressure among vendors to alter prices is strictly forbidden, based on federal anti-trust law.
- b. Product Variety - Vendors are strongly encouraged to display signs identifying their products by name and variety.
- c. Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers – All individual plants or blocks of plants may be required to be labeled plainly and legibly as to the correct name.
- d. Organic Products – Vendors may only make organic claims (whether in signs or verbally) if they are in current good standing with their organic certifier (if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000) and have a current state Organic registration. The Organic Certificate (if all organic commodities sold exceed \$5,000) and current Organic Registration Form must both be clearly posted at the stand. Additional signage indicating membership in or certification by an organization, which certifies organic farming practices, such as California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) may also be posted in addition to the Organic Foods Act language. Organic producers must maintain three years of records to verify compliance with organic standards. When an organic grower is also selling non- organic produce at the same stand, the non-organic produce must be clearly separated from the organic produce and clearly labeled “non-organic.” *A market violation will be issued to anyone who falsely advertises “Organic” growing practices, either in signs or in verbal claims.*

4. Packaged Product Labeling – All packaged goods (including produce sold in a closed bag or container and all prepackaged items) must comply with the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. See CCR Title 4.

5. **Scales** – When any products are sold by weight, the type of scale used shall be approved by the CDFA, and shall be tested and sealed for use by the county sealer/director of weights and measures. All scales must have a valid and current seal issued by the seller's home county's department of agriculture/weights and measures. Official seals from any California county are valid throughout the state. CCR Section 1392.4(e).

6. **Permits and Licenses** – A copy of all permits and licenses shall be made available to and kept on file with the market manager, and must be kept up to date by vendor.

XII. Inspections and Audits

1. **Product Inspections** – All commodities and products shall be subject to inspection at any time by the County Agricultural Commissioner, the environmental health division (Mariposa County department of public health) and/or the market manager.
2. **Specific to Certified Producers** – The market manager will be contacted when a Mariposa County agricultural Commissioner Inspector starts her routine inspection. If any problems or notices of non-compliance (violations) are found, the inspector will again contact the market manager to resolve these problems.
3. **Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers** – All certified producers shall, upon request of the market manager or agricultural inspector, supply verification that, in fact, these agricultural products are of their own production. (i.e., proof of purchase date and source material (company agent)).
4. **Noncertifiable Agricultural Products** – Noncertifiable agricultural products may be sold in the certified portion of a certified farmers market. It is up to the market manager to verify that a noncertifiable agricultural product is of the certified producer's own production and that such product is listed on his/her certificate.

XIII. Product Quality

1. **Standards** – All products will be expected to be of the highest quality (of taste, freshness, or craftsmanship). Vendors of low-quality products may ultimately forfeit their right to sell at the market.
2. **Minimum Grade** – All produce must meet USDA minimum grade requirements. Additionally, all containers of produce offered for sale must not exceed CDFA tolerance for spoilage and waste.
3. **Nursery Stock and Cut Flowers** – All nursery stock which is being grown or sold shall comply with pest cleanliness quality and varietal trueness of standards (Section 3060.2 Cal. Adm. Code).
4. **Customer Complaints** – Customers who have a legitimate complaint about the products they purchase should be given a full monetary refund or replacement of equal value. It is the market's policy to satisfy the customer and to promote good will by being generous. If produce is overripe and must be consumed the same day, the customer must be informed in advance. If a customer wishes to exchange only a partial bag of produce, only partial credit is due.

XIV. Health and Safety

1. **Legal Requirements** – The market is conducted in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws and ordinances. Vendors should be familiar and in compliance with all health and safety guidelines. Vendors must comply immediately with market management’s safety instructions. Vendors and products must comply with the California health code and federal standards.
2. **Stall Safety** – Vendors’ vehicles, tables, and overhead shades must be maintained and used in a safe manner. Legs must be firmly locked into place on the shades. Tables must have smooth edges and remain stable when loaded with produce. Shades must be tied down or weighted. Tarp poles must not obstruct traffic flow and care must be taken when setting up or taking down displays. Vendors’ vehicle, tables and merchandise must be within the vendor’s assigned stall space and may not impede the customer flow.

By determination of market management, removal of canopies may be required at any time during market hours due to windy conditions. Canopy removal shall take precedence over sales activities. Frame assemblies may remain in place as long as they are securely tied down.

All Vendors must also comply with the following safety rules:

- No display tables filled over carrying capacity.
 - Product arrangements are stable and not ready to fall.
 - Legs of tables are secure and not caving in.
 - All connecting rods of the shade set-ups are secure in their fittings.
 - Canopy assemblies are tied or weighted down.
 - Shoppers are not allowed behind tables or in truck area. Barricades should be erected if necessary for crowd control. All boxes and crates must be neatly stacked and kept clear from walkways, passages and areas of heavy traffic.
 - Food booths where cooking is taking place must meet fire department requirements for tarps and canopies and are required to have a fire extinguisher and a container of water on the side.
3. **Stall Sanitation** – Vendors are required to maintain their individual selling space in a clean, safe and sanitary manner, including protecting the sidewalk and pavement with a tarp from drips from any part of vendor’s vehicle as well as from highly staining items, such as oil, cooked food, grapes, berries, etc. Vendors must clean and sweep their selling space prior to leaving the site. Failure to do so may result in market violations. Additionally, vendors must comply with the following:
 - A. Hand Washing - All market vendors must wash their hands before returning to work after a food or restroom break

- A. Trash - Vendors are responsible for bagging and removing their own trash (produce waste, overripe or leftover produce and boxes) at the close of market day and ensuring that it is disposed of properly. Trash receptacles will only be available at the market for customer's waste and not for Vendor's waste.
- B. Waste Water - Vendors must collect any waste water they generated during the market from washing produce or utensils. Vendors must then remove their waste water from the market area in a container with a lid and must dispose of the waste water through the approved plumbing system.

4. **Food Safety**

- a. All food vendors as well as farmers offering produce samples must have a hand washing station consisting of a five to seven gallon container of potable water (minimum of 101° F) with a hands free dispensing valve. The water supply must drain to a waste receptacle of at least five gallons, and liquid hand-washing soap in a pump or squeeze bottle and a full day's supply of paper towels must be provided. (If our markets' hand washing station is set up, vendors may use this instead).
 - b. Utensil washing stations must consist of three (3) five (5) gallon container - one with soapy water for washing, one with clean water for rinsing, and one with bleach in water for sanitizing (use one tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water to provide a solution of 100 ppm chlorine). For proper utensil sanitizing, see Section XIII.6.c below.
 - c. All food products must be kept a minimum of six (6) inches off the ground.
 - d. Processed foods must be processed in an approved facility, and packaged and labeled under sanitary conditions, and the vendor must display their health department permit.
 - e. Prepared food vendors must provide adequate facilities to keep hot and cold/iced foods at safe temperatures. They must also provide a clean refuse container for patrons.
5. **Product Sampling** – Providing samples at certified farmers' markets allows customers to try a product before purchasing it. However, unsafe sampling methods can adulterate or contaminate food and can result in food borne illness. The California Retail Food Code requires that basic sanitation practices be followed when samples are dispensed at farmers' markets. Mariposa county's environmental health services (EHS) interprets the state law as follows to ensure that the public's health is protected.

In order to offer cut samples, vendors must have a complete sampling set up and follow the below sampling guidelines:

- a. Hand-washing and utensil washing stations must be set up **FIRST**. See Section XIII.5 above for the requirements for hand-washing and utensil washing stations.

b. Sampling Set-Up:

1. Water container with downward-facing spout (for hands and produce washing).
2. Smooth, non-absorbent cutting board.
3. A knife used exclusively for sampling.
4. 1% chlorine solution for sanitizing the cutting knife and other utensils.
5. Liquid pump soap dispenser (bar soap is not acceptable).
6. Single use (paper) towels.
7. Toothpicks, wax paper, paper sampling cups or disposable utensils for handing out samples.
8. Bucket to catch wash water.
9. Clean, disposable, plastic gloves when cutting food samples.

c. Utensil Sanitizing:

1. Vendors must provide sanitizer solution of 100 ppm chlorine to be positioned at stand or central produce preparation site. Utensils used continuously for slicing, (e.g., knives) must be stored in container of sanitizing solution while not in use.
2. Cutting boards or other utensils, (e.g., bulk storage containers, shaker bottles, food storage containers, etc.) must be sanitized prior to use. Sanitizer may be applied either by spray bottle or immersion in sanitizer and air dried prior to use.
3. All utensils utilized in food service must be food-grade, non absorbent and maintained in good repair.

d. Sampling Procedures:

1. Produce to be offered for sampling must be washed with potable water and wastewater must be collected in a receptacle and disposed of at an approved site. Producers may pre-wash produce prior to arrival at market as an option. Produce may not be washed at toilet room facilities.
2. Samples must be cut out of reach of customers. Samples must be kept in clean, covered containers approved by the health department such as clear plastic with hinged lids or clear dome covers. Methods of dispensing samples include the following:
 - a. (1) Capped squeeze bottle, for items such as honey. Bottle is uncapped and product is squeezed onto a disposable wooden stick for each individual customer. Bottle is re-capped, stick is discarded.
 - b. (2) Modified shaker bottle, for items such as grapes. Opening in bottle is enlarged to allow bottle to shake out limited number of items, (one or two) into the hand of a customer.
 - c. (3) Bulk liquid container for items such as juice. Disposed with downward-facing, self-closing spout into a cup given to customers by the farmer. Cup is disposable. Thermos is washed in approved kitchen.
 - d. (4) Small sample cup for items such as sprouts or jams. Disposable paper cups are filled in an approved facility or manner for distribution to customer.

- e. (5) Covered serving dish with hinged lid opening on the grower's side. Vendor lifts lid and uses a disposable spoon to scoop out a small sample portion. Disposable spoon is given to customer and discarded.
- f. (6) Sliced fruit/vegetables may be stored in *washable containers with lids* and dispensed by grower via *disposable toothpicks*. Plates full of cut samples may not be left out for customers to serve themselves.
- g. (7) Sneeze guards, of sufficient width and height so as to intercept fluids and contaminants from the public are permitted for products with an open display to facilitate self-service.
 - A covered trashcan must be available for discarded sample skins and toothpicks.
 - Hands must be washed prior to cutting samples. Plastic gloves may be worn but they do not replace hand-washing requirements.
 - Bucket containing wash water must be disposed of in a public sewer system or taken home for disposal. Wash water may not be dumped in planters or storm drains.
 - Potentially hazardous food samples shall be maintained at or below 45° F and shall be disposed of within two hours of cutting.
 - No hot samples of potentially hazardous foods are allowed.
 - Vendor must rewash hands after handling money before handling foods or utensils.

Anyone who is not following these sampling guidelines must immediately stop sampling and get into compliance with the proper procedures. Repeated violations of sampling procedures may result in suspension of sampling privileges.

- 6. **No Smoking** – Smoking (whether by a vendor, a customer, market staff or any other person) is not permitted in the market during market hours.
- 7. **No Live Animals** – Live animals are not allowed in the market, with the exception of seeing eye dogs and other service animals. *No vendor may sell to a customer who is in possession of a live animal (except for a service animal) – failure to comply will result in a market violation.* Each vendor shall inform any customer or other individual in possession of a live animal (other than a service animal) who approaches vendor's stall space that only service animals are permitted in the market and that vendor is not permitted to sell products to customers who violate that rule. Vendors are encouraged to instruct dog owners that the market has a free dog sitting service available.

XV. Market Conduct

- 1. **Noise** –No disruptive actions including, but not limited to, loud hawking, barking or shouting to promote vendor's products are allowed. All product promotion must occur within the space assigned to the producer and not in any common area.

2. **Disturbances** – Any statements and/or actions which are deemed to be offensive, abusive or otherwise inappropriate to a customer, market manager, market staff or customer, attending producer, sponsor, or any official from a city, county, or state agency conducting business within the market parameters, will be considered a violation to these market rules and will be subject to any or all disciplinary steps indicated in these market rules.
3. **Vendor Conduct** – Common courtesy in dealing with customers and other vendors is essential to creating and sustaining loyal customers for all vendors and ultimately developing a successful market.
 - Vendors are expected to be honest and to conduct themselves in a courteous, business-like and friendly manner. Everyone is expected to treat other vendors, staff, customers and officials with respect. Vendors are asked to assist the manager in all possible ways to maintain the quiet and friendly atmosphere of the market.
 - Vendors are expected to dress in an appropriate manner, including shirts and shoes or sandals.
 - Sales of products/services not otherwise listed on the certified producers certificate or selling agreement are strictly prohibited while operating at the market.
4. **General Rules** – The following rules also apply to all vendors, market staff and volunteers, customers and other individuals attending the market:
 - Rude, abusive, offensive or other disruptive behavior is not permitted. Anyone who is discourteous, belligerent or whose conduct is materially and seriously prejudicial to the reputation or operation of the market will be asked to leave the market by the market manager. Vendors experiencing any difficulty with customers or other Vendors in this regard should refer the matter promptly to the market manager.
 - Harmful remarks about other vendors or the market are subject to legal liability.
 - No individual shall be subject to harassment, including on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or origin.
 - No materials, which are blatantly offensive, either racially, ethnically or sexually, shall be allowed for sale.
 - Vendors are expected to dress in an appropriate manner, including shirts and shoes or sandals.
 - Smoking and live animals (with the exception of service animals) are not allowed in the market.
 - No bicycling, skating or skateboarding is allowed in the market.
 - Petitioners and flyer distributors must stand at the outskirts of the market in the “free speech zone,” not inside the market.
 - Uninvited performers (musicians, dancers, buskers, etc.) may not set up to play anywhere they please. The market books talent upon occasion. Anyone interested in performing at the market must obtain the prior written approval of the market manager.

5. **Qualifying Organizations** – Schools, non-profits, and community organizations within Mariposa County may apply to reserve a no-sale exhibitor space at the market. Applications are available from the market manager. Proof of location and official status is required.
6. **Restrictions** – Exhibitors must remain within their assigned space. Information distribution outside of the exhibitor’s assigned space or aggressive solicitation of signatures, donation or attention is not allowed. Sales are not allowed. However, donations may be solicited for the general support of the organization. Each organization must prominently display its name, and must comply with all applicable market rules. The market retains the right to regulate the time, place and manner of activities relating to displays, signs, posters, placards, and other expressions of the interests represented. The use of “fighting words,” obscenities, grisly or gruesome displays or highly inflammatory slogans likely to provoke a disturbance may be prohibited by the market manager.

XVI. Violations and Penalties

1. **Noncompliance** – The market manager and any other agent assigned to do so, has the right to issue warnings and take appropriate action against vendors who violate these market rules and all other applicable regulations and laws. Penalties for violating these rules a or other applicable regulations and laws may include fines, suspension of selling privilege or loss of space. Verbal warnings will be followed with a written warning for any violation prior to a fine, suspension or expulsion from the market, unless otherwise stated in these rules. In the case of unreasonable or outrageous conduct considered detrimental to the market’s safety or welfare, the market manager has the authority to impose an immediate fine and/or suspension. Certified producers caught reselling will be subject to a harsher penalty schedule and will permanently lose their space at the market.
2. **Customer Complaints** – The market takes customer complaints seriously. Once a complaint is submitted, market management will verify it.
3. **Due Process** – Market management shall provide reasonable due process to vendors prior to the imposition of a fine, suspension or expulsion from the market. The vendor shall receive a written notice if the action includes a fine, suspension or expulsion from the market. The notice shall state the specific reasons for the proposed action. The notice shall be delivered in person or mailed to the vendor prior to the imposition of the fine, suspension or expulsion, unless an immediate suspension is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare. The notice shall advise the participant that he or she has fifteen (15) calendar days to submit a written appeal of the proposed action. If an appeal is submitted in a timely manner, then the market’s board of directors shall arrange a date and time for the appealing vendor to appear before it, or its designee, for an administrative hearing. At the hearing, the appealing vendor will have the opportunity to present evidence and arguments regarding the reasons stated for the proposed action and the appropriateness of the proposed action. The board of directors will issue a written decision upholding, reversing or modifying the proposed action within fifteen (15) calendar days from the conclusion of the hearing. Until the decision is reached, the market manager’s sanctions remain in effect.

EXHIBIT A - Participation Agreement

Mariposa Certified Farmers' Market
mariposafarmersmarket@gmail.com

Participation Agreement

The undersigned vendor at the Mariposa Certified Farmers' Market (“**Market**”) agrees to abide by the terms defined in this agreement that outlines the terms of the undersigned’s participation as a Vendor in the Market.

1. Vendor affirms that it has received and has read and understands the market’s rules governing vendor’s participation in the Market. Vendor agrees to comply with each and every rule, regulation, procedure, term and condition set forth in the market’s rules.
2. Vendor understands that it has been accepted as a market vendor in the following category, and may only sell the following product(s) at the Market:

Vendor Category: _____
(E.g., certified producers of agricultural products, uncertified producers of noncertifiable agricultural products, prepared and cooked food vendors, artisan and craft sellers, service providers)

Approved Products: _____

In witness whereof, this agreement is executed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Vendor name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Vendor’s signature: _____

Market manager signature: _____

Exhibit B – Hold Harmless Agreement

Mariposa Certified Farmers' Market
mariposafarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hold Harmless Agreement

The undersigned vendor at the Mariposa Certified Farmers' Market (“**Market**”) agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. Vendor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Market, and its officers, directors, agents, employees and volunteers, from and against any and all loss, damages, liability, claims, suits, costs and expenses, whatsoever, including reasonable attorneys' fees, regardless of the merit or outcome of any such claim or suit, arising from or in any manner connected to the willful misconduct or negligent acts, errors or omissions by vendor, its agents and/or employees in connection with Vendor's participation in the Market, and/or in the performance of services, work or activities under this Agreement and/or the market's rules.
2. Vendor agrees to comply with each and every rule, regulation, procedure, term and condition set forth in the market's rules. Vendor hereby acknowledges receipt of such Market rules.

In witness whereof, this agreement is executed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Vendor name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Vendor's signature: _____

Print name: _____