

2025 Flowery Branch Farmers Market Policy

Market Seasons and Hours:

- **Summer Market:** Every Thursday, May through October, from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. (rain or shine)
- **Winter Market:** November through April, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. (rain or shine) November and December could be altered based on holidays.
- **Location:** Market Pavilion, 5210 Railroad Ave, Flowery Branch, GA 30542.

Licensed Products: Vendors must provide a copy of current licenses for certain products, including:

- **Dairy Products** (Georgia Dairy Law)
- **Eggs** (Georgia Egg Law)
- **Low Acid/Acidified Foods** (Canned Vegetables, Pickles, Salsa, etc.)
- **Meat Products** (Georgia Meat Compliance Laws)
- **Organic Products** (must include certification)
- **Plants** (Live Plant License)
- **Health Inspections, Permits & Catering Licenses:**
All food trucks and food vendors must provide a copy of their most recent health inspection report, all required permits, and a valid catering license (if applicable) before participating in the market. Failure to submit these documents may result in denial of participation.

Permitted Products:

- **Raw Agricultural Products:** Produce, nuts, eggs, honey, milk, uncooked meat and seafood. Preference for local farm production.
- **Fresh Cut Flowers and Plants:** Live plants, herbs, seedlings.
- **Ready-to-Eat Foods:** For immediate consumption.
- **Prepared Foods:** Including baked goods, cheese, candy, confections, canned/preserved goods (must be packaged and labeled per Georgia Food Code).
- **Locally Made Crafts:** Handmade crafts by local artisans

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Prohibited Products:

- No **services** (insurance, tutoring, real estate, etc.), **weapons**, or **political/social causes**.
- No non-local reselling of pre-packaged items or non-profit bake sales.
- **No t-shirts** or other clothing items may be sold unless approved by the market manager.

Market Fees:

- **\$125** per space for the season. **\$250** for double-booth space (subject to availability). Booth space cannot be shared or leased.
- Vendors must provide their own **tent, tables, chairs, canopy weights, display signs, and trash bags**. A canopy must be properly weighted with all four legs or vendors may be asked to leave.
- 8ft tents can only be used under Pavilion unless approved by market manager
- 10ft tents will be placed on lawn or on Railroad
- **No refunds** for missed markets.

Vendor Rules:

- **Product Exclusivity:** No guarantees for exclusivity. Only a limited number of vendors may sell certain products.
- **No Reselling:** Vendors can only sell items they have grown or made themselves, not resell from other markets or farmers.
- **Winter and Summer Hours:** Summer Market: Thursdays, 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM (Rain or Shine). Winter Market: 2nd and 4th Thursdays (Rain or Shine).
- **Labeling:** All processed products must have proper labeling, including ingredients, producer information, and health department approvals.
- **Kitchen Requirements:** Baked goods must be made in an inspected kitchen (commercial or shared) or have a valid cottage license.

- **Fire Safety:** Cooking with an open flame requires a fire extinguisher.
- **Organic Certification:** Organic products must show state certification.
- **Market Inspections:** Market management may inspect product sites at any time.

Booth and Location:

- The **location of your booth** is not guaranteed and cannot be changed upon request.
- Vendors are expected to stay in their assigned booth and be present for the full duration of the market (until 6:30 PM)
- **Early breakdowns** will not be allowed.

Absences:

- Vendors must communicate **absences 24 hours in advance**. Excessive absences or **no-shows** will result in the vendor being **removed from the market**. Vendors who do not show up without prior notice will no longer be allowed to participate in future markets.
- **Absences** must be communicated by **Wednesday at 4:00 PM**.

Vendor Conduct:

- Vendors must maintain **professional conduct** and are encouraged to be friendly, courteous, and honest.
- **No smoking**, alcohol, drug use, or profanity is allowed. Vendors may be subject to background checks.
- Market management reserves the right to expel any vendor for non-compliance with these rules.

Liability:

- The Flowery Branch Farmers Market and the City of Flowery Branch are **not responsible** for any damages, injuries, or losses that may occur.

Amendments:

- The Market Manager reserves the right to amend these policies. Updated copies will be provided to all registered vendors.

For any questions or concerns, contact:

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