



## Hello Fellow Farmer!

*The Jackson County Growers' Association (dba. Marianna City Farmers' Market), welcomes all Farmers/Growers/Producers to come join us and sell their homegrown and homemade wares at the Marianna City Farmer's Market under the pavilion in Madison Street Park. We are open from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, April through July.*

To do this, you will need to join our association, but it's simple! Stop by the Market any day it is open and speak with the Market Manager, Tony Mayo, or if we are not open, go online to our website for an alternate phone contact. You will be given a "Member Packet", complete with Market Rules (sorry, we all have rules to live by!) and the Association By-laws (can't get away without these either!). Also included in your packet will be a "hold Harmless" waiver you will need to sign and an information sheet with room for your name, address, phone #, etc (Gotta be able to reach you if we need to!). Then of course, there is the money! Just \$10 will cover your annual dues in the Jackson County Growers' Association. The only other cost to you will be the ten dollar stall rental fee each time you wish to set-up to make your fortune (and of course the gas to get there \$\$\$).

Allowed items to be sold include all fruits and vegetables grown by you and or your immediate family in Florida or, if you grew it out of state, within fifty miles of Marianna. Also welcomed are cut flowers, herbs, and other plants without roots/soil.

Potted plants (with roots and soil) of all kinds may be sold with a Nursery Certification. To get one, Google "Florida Division of Plant Industry" and you will find all of the information you need to obtain the permit or (if you already know all of the info about being a nursery) go to: [forms.freshfromflorida.com/08004.pdf](https://forms.freshfromflorida.com/08004.pdf). A copy of your certificate must be included with your membership information before you can sell plants. If you will be selling controlled plants, like citrus, a special permit must be obtained (it's the law!).

Presently, up to 50% of the products you offer for sale can be "Cottage Food" products. Cottage Food products are those outlined in the State of Florida Cottage Food Law (jams, jellies, etc.). The remaining 50% must come from products grown on your farm. If you grow the main ingredient in the cottage food, such as the pears in your pear preserves, that counts

toward the 50% to be grown by you! To find more information about the Cottage Food Law, simply Google “Fresh From Florida” and at their home page, search for “Cottage Foods”. Then, click on the Cottage Food Guidance Brochure of the Frequently Asked Questions. It’s all there! All state and federal laws always need to be followed.

Eggs may be sold, but are subject to the laws regarding their sale. You will have to research information about this one yourself. What I know is they must be kept cool and sold as ungraded. More information will be forthcoming when available.

Most other food items, such as dairy, meat, seafood and processed foods (other than Cottage Foods) require a license. You must provide the Market Manager a copy of that license prior to selling any covered goods.

If you have handmade crafts to sell, please refer to the Panhandle Artists & Crafters. For more information regarding them contact Sally Waxgiser at 592-4342.

## **Some good information.....**

### **Plant Nursery information:**

[www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Registrations-and-Certifications/Nursery-and-Stock-Dealer-Registration-Information](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Registrations-and-Certifications/Nursery-and-Stock-Dealer-Registration-Information)

### **Cottage Food information:**

[www.freshfromflorida/content/download/70108/1634054/Cottage\\_Food\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.freshfromflorida/content/download/70108/1634054/Cottage_Food_Guidance.pdf)

### **Selling Eggs:**

[www.nwdistrict.IFAS.UF.edu/phag/2017/05/25/what-are-the-requirements-to-sell-eggs-and-dressed-poultry-from-florida-small-farms/](http://www.nwdistrict.IFAS.UF.edu/phag/2017/05/25/what-are-the-requirements-to-sell-eggs-and-dressed-poultry-from-florida-small-farms/)

### **Selling Fresh meat:**

[www.EDIS.IFAS.UF.edu/an316](http://www.EDIS.IFAS.UF.edu/an316)

### **Selling Fish/Seafood:**

[www.myFWC.com/license/selling-fish/](http://www.myFWC.com/license/selling-fish/)

### **Florida Direct Farm Guide (full of information!)**

[www.nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/articles/FL\\_directfarm.pdf](http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/articles/FL_directfarm.pdf)