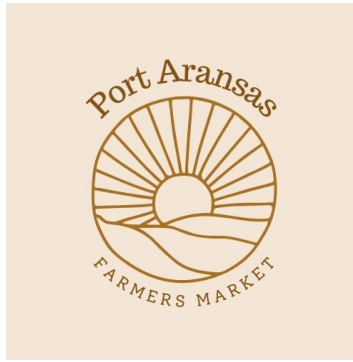




PORT ARANSAS FARMERS MARKET

Vendor Application

We connect local farmers, ranchers, fishermen, food producers, wellness businesses, and makers with the island community. Our mission is to build community, strengthen the local economy, and expand access to in-season, nutrient-dense food while advancing regenerative practices and responsible stewardship of our coastal environment.

The Market is intentionally curated. We look for vendors who are genuinely invested in where their products come from, how they are made, and what they leave behind.

THE MARKET

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 am-2:00 pm (setup 8:00-10:00 am, breakdown 2:00-4:00 pm)

Location: Fred Rhodes Memorial Pavilion, Dennis Dreyer Municipal Harbor, 301 JC Barr Blvd, Port Aransas, TX 78373

Booth Fee: \$50 for an approximate 10' x 10' space (space under the pavilion is limited)

The Fall Market is currently sold out. New applicants will be placed on the waitlist and contacted if space opens. Applying does not guarantee acceptance, and booth space is confirmed only after approval and payment in full.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business or Farm Name

Contact Name

Business Address

Phone / Email

Website / Social Media

YOUR PRODUCTS

Please provide a detailed description of the products you intend to sell:

Do you grow, raise, harvest, or make your own products? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, tell us where your products come from and who produces them:

Will you cook, heat, prepare, or serve food onsite? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe your onsite preparation and service:

SUSTAINABILITY & LOCAL IMPACT

We are trying to push the conversation past “local.” Tell us how your business reduces environmental impact, strengthens the regional food system, and does business more responsibly. Specifics matter more than intentions.

Please tell us about your practices in any areas that apply to your business:

- Regenerative agriculture - soil health, biodiversity, rotational grazing, composting, water conservation, ecosystem restoration
- Local or regional sourcing of ingredients and materials
- Minimal, reusable, recyclable, compostable, or plastic-free packaging
- Waste reduction, food recovery, refill systems, or other circular practices
- Low-impact production, transportation, or energy use
- Support for local farmers, ranchers, makers, and the Port Aransas community

Priority goes to agricultural vendors using regenerative practices; wellness and product vendors that source locally and actively minimize packaging and waste; and Port Aransas and regional vendors that keep their sourcing, labor, and economic footprint close to home.

WHY THIS MARKET

Why do you want to be part of the Port Aransas Farmers Market, and what makes your business a good fit?

Do you or your business live, operate or pay property taxes in Port Aransas? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, where is your business primarily based?

Do you sell at other farmers' markets or similar events? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which ones?

TEXAS FOOD, COTTAGE FOOD & PERMITTING

Vendors are responsible for knowing and meeting every federal, state, and local requirement that applies to their products and operation - licensing, registration, labeling, food safety, and permitting.

Do you operate as a Texas Cottage Food Production Operation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the cottage foods you intend to sell and any applicable DSHS registration information:

Do you hold a food establishment, temporary food establishment, mobile food, retail food, seafood, dairy, agricultural, or other applicable permit or license? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

List all permits, licenses, registrations, and issuing authorities:

Senate Bill 541, effective September 1, 2025, updated Texas cottage food requirements. Depending on your products and method of sale, DSHS registration, labeling, disclosure, and food-safety rules may apply, with additional requirements for TCS foods and other regulated operations. Some products are exempt from temporary food establishment permits and others are not. Please review the Texas DSHS Farmers' Market Rules and Cottage Food guidance and verify what applies to you before the Market.

INSURANCE & DOCUMENTATION

Approved vendors must carry current liability insurance appropriate to their business and provide proof of insurance along with any applicable permits, licenses, registrations, or certifications before participating.

Do you have the insurance and documentation your business requires? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure - I'd like guidance

BOOTH & SETUP

Do you need more than a 10' x 10' space? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe your space requirements:

Do you have special equipment or setup needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

Do you require electricity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list your electrical needs and the maximum workable distance from an outlet:

The first round of approved vendors may be placed under the pavilion, where a tent is not needed. Covered space cannot be guaranteed for later applicants - adjacent outdoor space may be assigned, so plan to bring your own shelter if you want it.

MARKET RULES

- This is an outdoor coastal event held rain or shine. Stakes are not allowed; secure tents, tables, chairs, and displays with appropriate weights and plan for wind.
- Keep all selling and literature within your assigned booth. Do not block walkways or public access areas.
- Walk-up vendors are not accepted, and there are no reserved vendor parking spaces.
- Generators are not permitted. Megaphones and similar amplified devices require Market approval.
- Nothing may be taped, pasted, nailed, or otherwise attached to the pavilion or premises without permission.
- Stay for the full Market unless an emergency or prior approval requires otherwise, and leave your space free of trash, packaging, and debris.
- Minimize single-use plastics and unnecessary packaging wherever practical. This is a standard we take seriously, not a suggestion.
- The Market does not offer product or service exclusivity and cannot guarantee placement away from competitors.
- The Market may remove illegal, unsafe, or unacceptable items. No controlled substances are allowed.
- No refunds are issued for weather, no-shows, cancellations, late arrival, or removal from the Market.
- The Port Aransas Farmers Market is not responsible for vendor loss, theft, damage, accidents, or injury.

CERTIFICATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

By submitting this application, I certify and agree that:

- The information provided in this application is true and complete.
- I am responsible for obtaining and maintaining all insurance, permits, licenses, registrations, certifications, and approvals applicable to my products and business activities.
- I will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including current Texas food, cottage food, labeling, food-safety, and vending requirements.
- I will comply with all rules established by the Port Aransas Farmers Market and the Dennis Dreyer Municipal Harbor, operated by the City of Port Aransas.
- Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance, and the Market may request additional documentation or clarification before approving participation.

I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Port Aransas Farmers Market, South by Far East Investments LLC, the Dennis Dreyer Municipal Harbor, and the City of Port Aransas, including their respective officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, from and against any loss, damage, liability, claim, suit, cost, or expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from or connected with my negligent acts, errors, omissions, willful misconduct, products, operations, employees, agents, or participation in the Port Aransas Farmers Market, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Vendor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Submit through the Google Form on our website or email this application to info@portafarmersmarket.com. Pay by Venmo to @NikkiFarese or by check payable to South by Far East LLC, mailed to P.O. Box 1045, Port Aransas, TX 78373. Booth space is confirmed once your application is approved and the fee is paid in full.

Thank you for helping us build a healthier, more resilient local food system.
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