

# SCOTT COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET RULES FOR OPERATION

*(subject to change, as deemed necessary)*

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), a farmers' market provides a common area where farmers/growers/members gather on a recurring basis to sell a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other farm products directly to consumers. The purpose of the Scott Co. Farmers' Market, Inc. (SCFM) is the promotion and improvement of the production, sales and distribution of agricultural products in the state of Kentucky. Based on these premises, and to the extent reasonably possible, the overall goal, on a given day, is to achieve at least 70% participation from farmers/growers. Additionally, items to be sold at SCFM must be ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS. Acceptable Products are defined as products offered for sale that are in compliance with the following guidelines. **ALL VENDORS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

## ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS

1. Produce and products must be locally produced from Kentucky farms or if purchased from outside the state (i.e. Tennessee tomatoes, Indiana corn) the producer must properly label the point of origin of such product and limit these sales to twenty-five (25%) of total sales.
2. Products may include, but are not limited to, plant sales, including bedding, vegetables, herbs, flowers (indoor & outdoor), trees, shrubs, woody ornamentals, and brambles if raised by the member and labeled appropriately. Appropriate state guidelines and licensing may apply. Please reference the Kentucky Farmers Market.
3. VENDORS MAY NOT ACCEPT WIC OR SRFMNP VOUCHERS UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE WIC/SRFMNP CERTIFICATION TRAINING OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
4. Seed sales of heirloom or open-pollinated, edible and/or ornamental plant varieties are allowed if the plants were raised and the seeds collected and/or processed by the member.
5. Member-produced foodstuff, baked goods and value-added products may be sold in accordance with all applicable laws. All appropriate permits, certificates and photos are required. **Copies of each MUST be turned in with application.**
6. Fresh and dried herbs, seasoning mixes, preserves, and equivalents must be produced and blended by the member. Ingredients may be purchased in accordance with HB391 or applicable laws.
7. No concessional foods. The market may invite food trucks for special events.
8. Soaps, lotions, candles, etc. must be produced, packaged, and labeled by the member. Labeling must be in accordance with FDA and state health regulations if required and other laws may apply.
9. Honeys, bee products, syrups and sorghums are produced, packaged, and labeled pursuant to applicable laws.
10. Value-added dried fruits, vegetables, herbs and mushrooms pursuant to applicable laws if they are grown/produced/collected by the member.
11. Meat, eggs, and dairy products must be processed and handled in a manner that meets all governmental regulations and you must have all appropriate licenses and certificates present at the market.
12. SCFM Sales and Registration Committee shall have the right to prohibit the sale of any unacceptable item(s). Vendor/item space will be allocated based upon a combination of factors including but not limited to availability of space, vendor category, value uniqueness, and quality of product. All new vendors will need approval from the member committee before joining the market uniqueness and quality of product. All new vendors will need approval from the member committee before joining the market.
13. Vendors selling solely handmade, non-food items are allowed if:
  - a. Handmade, non-food item vendors' booths do not exceed 30% of the total Farmers' Market population.
  - b. Product materials are grown and/or collected by the member, & if some materials are purchased, the item must be labeled.
  - c. All assembly or handcrafting is physically done by the members or under their direct supervision.
  - d. No imported or handcrafting is physically done by the members or under their direct supervision.
  - e. Items or pictures of items to be sold must accompany an application. The items' acceptance to the market will be based on a juried process in which work is judged by a subjective set of criteria dependent upon compliance with items 13 B, C, D and by the nature of artisanship.
  - f. No direct sales allowed (i.e. Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, etc.)
  - g. No drug propaganda at market.
14. Returning vendors may apply to add new products to their booths each season. The committee will review new products to ensure that they meet the Farmers' Market Guidelines are compatible with the general composition of the booth and with the farmers' market as a whole.