

## All-Local Farmers' Market Rules & Guidelines

### Columbia, SC

1. The market will be held every Saturday of the month year-round (with the exception of some holidays) 8am until 12pm, or until sell-out.
2. Sellers will be required to pay \$10 for selling space at each market.
3. Sellers must reside in South Carolina and be original producers of all items being sold. Buying and reselling of any item is not allowed. Exceptions will only be made for sellers working together with South Carolina small farmers and producers to bring their products to the market that satisfy an unfilled market niche. This exception can only be determined by the market manager.
4. All products must be of the highest quality, which will be determined by the market manager.
5. A seller's vending space must not exceed a 10'x10' area, including tent and tables, in order to allow enough vending space for all market sellers.
6. Sellers are encouraged to clearly display the name of their farm or business. Prices for each item must be posted for all items sold.
7. Sellers are highly recommended to arrive promptly before the start of the market.
8. Sellers provide their own scales and containers and are responsible for their own monies.
9. Each seller makes his/her own arrangements for a table. Each seller is also responsible for clean-up of their selling area.
10. All sellers are required to meet state requirements for public sale, including licenses and inspections.
11. Items permitted for sale include:
  - a) Food and flowers produced on a South Carolina farm.
    - 1) Any fruits, vegetables, or nuts grown by the seller from seeds, sets, seedlings, trees, grafts, bushes, or vines on the seller's farm.
    - 2) Eggs produced by the seller's poultry.
    - 3) Fish, meat, and cheese from animals raised on the seller's farm or property.
    - 4) Milk and dairy products from dairy cows raised on the seller's farm or property.
    - 5) Honey produced by the seller's bees.
    - 6) Fresh cut or dried flowers grown by the seller.
    - 7) Grain products grown and milled by the seller.
  - b) Homemade items produced in South Carolina.
    - 1) Prepared food items, such as fresh (not frozen) baked goods, preserves, jellies, jams, relishes, etc made by the seller. All baked goods must be wrapped.
    - 2) Farm crafts produced primarily from materials grown or harvested by the crafts person.
    - 3) Non farm craft items. (See Guidelines for Specialty Food Products and Non Farm Crafts.)

- c) Specialty food products from South Carolina sellers. (A strict application process will precede admittance of such sellers to the market; see Guidelines for Specialty Food Products and Non Farm Crafts.)
- d) Plants grown on a South Carolina farm.
  - 1) Any plants grown by the seller from seed, seedling, transplant or cutting.
  - 2) Any bulbs cultivated by the seller.
- 12. Items sold shall be non-duplicative except at the permission of the original seller.
- 13. Potential new sellers at the market must complete and submit an application for the market as part of the application process prior to be accepted as a new seller.
- 14. Current or former sellers at the market must submit a new application to sell new or different items.
- 15. A copy of the rules must be given to every seller.
- 16. Active members include sellers that commit to sell 12 weeks or more during a calendar year or have done so in previous market years. Any other seller is considered temporary. Active members have priority for open spaces in the market, a reward for their participation and commitment.
- 17. Active members have first choice for participation in any new markets that are started.
- 18. At least **one week** (7 days) prior to the market all temporary members must confirm attendance at the next market with the market manager.
- 19. Active members are automatically expected to participate in upcoming markets unless they have otherwise notified the market manager of a cancellation.
- 20. Notification for cancellation of selling at the market must be provided by the seller no less than **one week** (7 days) preceding the market. The seller first contacts the market manager (Amanda McClain) by **email, telephone contact, or written statement**. If the market manager is not available, the seller contacts another volunteer (Brian Havens). Failure to notify the market manager of the cancellation at least **one week** preceding the market results in a **\$25 fine** from that active or temporary member. Exceptions to this rule include any extenuating circumstance as seen by the market manager (i.e. death in the family, inclement weather, etc).
- 21. No discrimination according to race, color, creed, sex, religion, sexual orientation, age, or nationality will be allowed.
- 22. The market manager's role is to implement market policies. The market manager will also be responsible for public concerns and seller complaints.
- 23. Smoking is not permitted at the market site.
- 24. Pets are allowed at the market site as long as they are kept on a leash.