

EAST NASHVILLE FARMERS MARKET

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The East Nashville Farmer Market (ENM) consists of two types of vendors: Farm Vendors and Non-Farm Vendors.

The ENM will be open for retail sales from 3:30 to 6:30 each Wednesday during the summer market season, which begins the second Wednesday in May and runs through the last Wednesday in October.

Market Vendors should be set up 15 minutes before opening time. Each vendor is required to stop selling at the close of the market and have everything loaded for removal one hour after the close of the market. The ENM board has the authority to change the market hours at any time. **THE MARKET WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY RAIN OR SHINE.**

Vendors will not begin selling until the market officially opens at 3:30 p.m. Vendors are required to stay until the market closes even if all goods are sold. The Market Manager must approve exceptions to this policy in advance. The Market Manager is responsible for officially opening and closing the market each day.

Each vendor must leave the selling area clean and in orderly condition. All refuse and unsold goods must be removed from the market area by the vendor. All boxes and trash from each vendor must be removed and transported by the vendor. Onsite trash disposal is not provided.

Electrical power is not provided at the market. If a vendor chooses to operate a generator, the unit must be a low volume type. The noise of the generator must not disrupt the merchant activities at the market.

Farmers may sell any farm products, including value-added products. At least one ingredient or material in any value-added good sold in a farm vendor's booth must have been grown on the producer's farm. All produce sold at the market must be locally grown. To be locally grown, the produce must have been grown within a 150 mile radius of Nashville. All processed foods must comply with all applicable state and federal health and safety regulations. A copy of the commercial kitchen certificate or domestic kitchen certificate must be displayed in the booth at all times. Proper labeling must be used as defined by the proper authority. Documentation of certified

scales must be displayed in the booth. Proper labeling pertaining to organically grown produce must be displayed. A producer certificate must be completed by **ALL farm vendors** before selling at the ENM. The certificate will be provided by the market and must be filled out and signed by your County Extension Agent. A copy of the farm certificate must be displayed at each farm vendor's booth. The market manager will retain the original certificate.

75% of the products sold at a farm booth must have been grown or produced by the vendor. **25%** of the product sold by farm vendors may be product from two additional local farms. A Farm vendor is defined as the person who grows or makes the product and may include the producer's immediate family, partners, employees, or local cooperatives upon review. There must be a farm certificate displayed for **all of the farms** represented in a vendor's booth and product must be **clearly marked** as to what farm it came from.

The weekly is \$20.00 per space per week. 10% discount will be given to producers who are certified organic or vendors who prepay the entire season by May 9th. Any additional amount you feel you would like to give can be donated to the musicians, as they depend on tips for their income at market.

No wholesale brokers will be allowed. The ENM has the right to physically inspect crops and production areas of Farm Vendors and farms which vendors hold certificates at any time. Acceptance in the ENM is based on quality and freshness of the product(s) and the relevance of the product(s) to the overall diversification of the Market.

The ratio of Farm to Non-Farm Vendors should not drop below 60:40 for the average of the Market season.

All baked goods, jams, jellies, sauces, cider, breads and meats **MUST** be prepared in legal, licensed, approved and inspected facilities by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture or USDA. All processed foods must comply with all applicable state and federal health and safety regulations. A copy of the commercial kitchen certificate must be displayed in the booth at all times.

Non-farm vendors must also prepare an application for the Market Organizer, along with a sample or photos of the product(s) they wish to sell. Non-farm vendors must make the product they wish to sell. Selections will be made on the basis of quality, originality, and space availability. The Market Manager must

prescreen all items during scheduled screening days only.

Vendors must supply their own tables, chairs, etc. Booth space is not transferable. Nothing, including signage, will be allowed to extend outside the designated booth space dimensions.

Vendors who choose to bring children to the Market are asked to ensure that the conduct of the minors is appropriate and not disruptive to customers or other vendors.

The sale of live animals is not allowed in the market.

Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the market.

Pricing of goods sold at the market is the sole responsibility of the individual vendor. Fraudulent, dishonest, or deceptive merchandising or collusion to set prices among vendors may be grounds for forfeiture of the right to do business of any kind in the market for a length of time to be determined by the ENM. All vendors must adhere to sanitary procedures for selling produce and value-added items. All vendors must dress appropriately. Shoes and shirts are required.

It is the responsibility of each vendor to abide by all state and federal regulations which govern the sampling, production, labeling, or safety of the product the vendor offers for sale at the market. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of the vendor's booth. If you have any questions on this matter, please speak with the Market Manager, John Sanford at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Regulatory Services, or the Davidson County Health Department.

Quality control is one of the most important factors in the ENM Market. Routine inspections may be conducted. If your product is found unfit to sell at the ENM Market, the Market Manager may ask you to discontinue sales of this item immediately. Vendors who repeatedly attempt to sell unfit items or produce may be asked to leave the Market.