

**2023 HALL COUNTY FARMERS MARKET, INC.
MEMBERSHIP AND APPLICATION TO SELL**

Name (s) _____

Farm, Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ County _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Farmer Profile must be submitted with application.

\$20.00 membership fee due with application. Spaces available: **\$175/Season** or **\$15/Daily.**

Applications are accepted starting February. Booth assignments will begin in April.

1. I agree to abide by The Market Rules and grant permission to The Hall County Farmers Market, Inc. (further herein written as the Market) Officials, may visit my operation.
2. I agree to comply with all Georgia State Laws that apply to my sales at the Market, which includes, but is not limited to: licensing, sales tax, canning facilities, product packaging, nursery license, etc.
3. I certify that the products I sell at the Market will be grown/produced by myself, family members, or employees.
4. Any dates you are expected to not be at market should be included in the farmer profile with no more than 3 unscheduled absences allowed.

Hold Harmless Clause

All authorized vendors participating in the Hall County Farmers Market, Inc. are independent operators and not partners or joint ventures and shall be individually and severally liable for any loss, personal injury, deaths, and/or any other damages that may occur as a result of the vendor's negligence or that of its employees, agents, and associates. All vendors are required to sign the Hold Harmless Clause included in this application. All vendors agree to indemnify and save Hall County Farmers Market, Inc., Extension Office, Parks and Recreation, City of Gainesville, Hall County harmless from loss, costs, damages, and other expenses including attorney's fees, suffered or incurred by Hall County Farmers Market, Inc., by reason of vendor's negligence or intentional misconduct or that of its employees, agents, and associates; provided that the vendor shall not be liable for nor required to indemnify Hall County Farmers Market, Inc., City of Gainesville, or Hall County for the negligence of any of them or that of their servants, agents, employees or associates. Because no insurance is provided at Hall County Farmers Market, Inc. concerning vendors, each vendor is responsible for his or her own personal and product liability. Furthermore, vehicle liability insurance is required to cover damages caused to persons or property by vendor's vehicle.

****I have read and understand the attached vendor rules of the Hall County Farmers Market, Inc. and agree to adhere to said rules along with the above Hold Harmless Clause so entitled. This is an at will contract between me and the Market with its governing body, the Board of Directors.**

SIGNATURE

DATE

YOU MUST INCLUDE A CURRENT COPY OF ALL APPLICABLE STATE LICENSING WITH THIS APPLICATION. MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT BE FINALIZED WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENTATION.

**Return Application and Farmer Profile below to the market manager or mail to:
HALL COUNTY FARMERS MARKET INC., 1664 Waldrop Rd., Lawrenceville Ga. 30043**

2023 HALL COUNTY FARMERS MARKET, INC.

FARMER PROFILE

Name (s) _____

Farm, Business Name _____

Farm Address _____

City _____ County _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Attach a map or detailed driving directions if it will be necessary to find your farm for inspection/visits.
This profile will be used to help advertise the market and vendors to build a relationship with customers and allow them to know the vendors they are purchasing from.

List of Products:

When did you begin farming/crafting? _____

What brought you into farming/crafting? _____

How long have you been coming to the Hall County Farmers Market?

What makes your farm/business unique? _____

What makes your products unique?

Give us interesting history or facts about you and or your farm that others should know:

MARKET: Corner of Jesse Jewell Pkwy & E. Crescent Drive, SEASON IS FROM May 9, 2023 to September 30, 2023
TUES.: 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM Gate opens at 1:30 for vendors SAT.: 8:00 AM - Noon. Gate opens at 7:00 for vendors
Please mark dates that you will not be in attendance.

5/09	5/13	5/16	5/20	5/23	5/27	5/30	6/3
6/6	6/10	6/13	6/17	6/20	6/24	6/27	7/1
7/4	7/8	7/11	7/15	7/18	7/22	7/25	7/29
8/1	8/5	8/8	8/12	8/15	8/19	8/22	8/26
8/29	9/2	9/5	9/9	9/12	9/16	9/19	9/23
9/26	9/30	10/07	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/04	11/11
11/18	11/25	12/2	12/09	12/16	12/23	12/30	

We encourage you to let us know what you are bringing to market and send photos on a routine basis to keep the customers informed when products will be available. **Winter Market begins Oct 7th 2023 and will be on Saturdays through the end of 2023.**

RULES FOR VENDORS

1. All products sold at the Market must be grown in Hall County or in a county adjoining a county which adjoins Hall County. All products must be sold by the person who grew the product, a family member or an employee. You cannot buy produce from other sources to sell at the market.
Approved counties are; Hall, Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Banks, Habersham, White, Lumpkin, Dawson, and Forsyth. Also – Rockdale, Walton, Oconee, Clarke, Madison, Franklin, Stephens, Rabun, Towns, Union, Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Cherokee, Fulton, DeKalb, and Oconee, S.C.
2. Only members of Hall County Farmer's Market, Inc. will be permitted to sell at the Market.
The annual membership fee is \$20.00 for the calendar year.
3. Assigned spaces will be available to members who pay a **\$175.00** advance fee. Spaces rented for the summer become that member's space for the remainder of **2023**. No other seller will be allowed to sell from that space without written permission from the renter of the space. These spaces are assigned to the seller based on the previous year's occupancy. April 1st is the deadline for previous year consideration. Requests for changes from the previous year space assignment will be treated as a new request and filled based on a first come, first served basis after April 1st. Any exceptions **MUST** be approved by the rules committee.
4. A fee of **\$15.00 per day** is charged per extra parking space at the Market; however, the person paying the **\$175.00** advance fee will not be required to pay the **\$15.00 per day fee** unless they desire additional space.
5. Each seller will be required to keep his area clean and not leave anything that might be objectionable. A personal trash can is a good idea.
6. Public relation with the shoppers is most important. All sellers at the Market are encouraged to be friendly, courteous, truthful and honest. Customer or Member complaints will be reviewed by a committee composed of three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Any seller who continues to have complaints about their products will be given an opportunity to justify continued participation in the Market. Smoking by sellers is allowed only in designated areas. Profanity by sellers is not allowed.
7. The seller should furnish something to put the items in for the customer. This may be sacks, boxes or baskets.
8. It is the responsibility of the seller to have Class III (legal for trade) scales. All scales are subject to G.A. Dept. of Agriculture approval. All produce **Must** be sold by weight unless state approved units of measure are used (i.e., bushel, half bushel, pint, quart,) Exceptions are noted in the minimum price list. Be sure to give good weights.
9. All vegetables and produce sold by volume must conform to the weight standards for that unit of measure as established by the Georgia Department of Agriculture for weights and measures. Approved units of measure are, Pound, Dozen, Pint, Quart, Gallon, Bushel, Half Bushel, Peck. No small baskets of produce will be used as a unit of measure at the market. For exceptions see the minimum price list. A list of weights & measures is posted in the office.
10. All value-added products, such as, homemade canned products, baked goods, candies, freshly prepared foods, etc., **MUST** be produced in a state approved and licensed kitchen, in full accordance with all state laws and seller **MUST** submit current year certificate with market affidavit when applying to participate.
11. All farmers selling live plants, whether potted, bare root, or bulb, etc., **MUST** have, and provide the Hall County Farmers Market a copy of a Georgia Department of Agriculture *Live Plant License* as per GA Law. **See website:** [Live Plant License Categories and Fees - Ga Dept of Agriculture \(georgia.gov\)](http://georgia.gov/live-plant-license-categories-and-fees)
12. A Committee composed of three (3) members of the Board of Directors will have authority to instruct a farmer or seller to vacate the Market if necessary. This Committee can also recommend to the full Board that a member be expelled from the Hall County Farmer's Market, Inc. If such a recommendation is made, the Member will have an opportunity for a hearing before the entire Board.
13. No selling outside the gate before the market opens will be allowed. The market will start each market day with the ringing of a bell by market management. **Vendors will not be allowed to sell or bag items prior to the ringing of the starting bell. (Personalized "CSA" orders are allowed.)** Penalty for violation of this rule will be as follows: First offense will be vendor expulsion for the day. Second offense will be vendor expulsion for the year. This rule is being added so you can inform the customers, "No one can sell before the bell rings, or they will be asked to leave the market."
14. Our market allows the sale of craft items that have been approved by 3 Board Members.

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15. All sellers **MUST** abide by the **MINIMUM PRICE LIST** for common produce items sold at the market. These prices are very fair for all farmers and do not restrict any farmer from asking a higher price. (**Quantities of 10 pounds or more are not subject to these prices.**) A minimum price list will be provided to all farmers selling at our market. Minimum prices are set by a committee of market members and approved by the Board of Directors. Any questions regarding minimum prices should be directed to the Board of Directors. All produce for sale at the market must have visible pricing for customers to view. The penalty for not following this rule is immediate expulsion from the market.

THE MINIMUM PRICE LIST IS FOR THE FARMERS USE ONLY AND IS NEVER TO BE SHOWN OR DISCUSSED WITH THE CUSTOMER!

16. All new sellers will be allowed to sell for one market day after which their facility/farm will need to be inspected in order to continue to sell at the market.
17. Sellers will be expected to follow CDC guidelines to address the transmission of Covid 19.
18. Signage. All signs or banners must be approved by the Board before they are installed.