

Mid-Town Farmers' Market Rules 2011

I. Items Permitted for Sale

Items permitted for sale at the Mid-Town Farmers' Market include all varieties of Mississippi-grown produce, plants, flowers, trees or seedlings (fresh, dried or preserved). Included herewith, but not limited to: raw vegetables, fruits, edible plants, eggs, honey, cheese, shelled peas and beans, nuts, herbs, spices, bedding plants, flavored vinegars, condiments, preserves, jellies, jams, pastries, baked items, spreads, pastas, fresh juices, dried/fresh flower arrangements, poultry, fowl, seafood, sausages, milk, cut firewood, prepared frozen entrees, appetizers, soups and soaps made from Mississippi-grown agricultural ingredients. Baked items must include some Mississippi-grown ingredient and must be labeled.

Items not permitted are crafts of any description, except the aforementioned soaps.

All items will be sold at the discretion of the Market Director. All vendors will agree to assist the Market Director or his/her agent on a mandatory tour of the growth/production facility prior to the opening of the market for the purpose of qualifying authenticity. Occasional follow-up tours may also be required later in the season. Farmers who have been visited and approved will be given a certificate of verification. Certificates must be posted in a visible place at the vendors' stall.

II. Fee Structure

Season length: April 17 through October 30 (approximately 28 weeks)

Weekly booth fee: \$10.00 for Saturday only; \$5 for Wednesday only

Monthly booth fee: \$30.00 for Saturday only (no Wednesday discounts)

III. Space Assignments

A. Space assignments will be prioritized by "purchase seniority," with first priority given to those who pay a calendar month in advance, followed by those who pay weekly. Space assignments within each payment category will be prioritized on a "first come, first served" basis.

B. If a vendor misses a Saturday, he/she will not lose his location as long as the market director is notified by the Wednesday prior to the Saturday market.

C. If a vendor misses a Saturday without notifying the market director, his/her spot MAY be reassigned at the director's discretion.

D. Spaces will be held until 7:00 a.m. only.

IV. Set-up and Clean-up

A. On Saturday, official hours are 7 to 11 a.m., but vendors may sell earlier or later as they wish. They must, however, be prepared to sell by the opening of the market at 7 a.m. On Wednesday, official hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m., with a similar option to sell earlier or later.

The Mid-Town Farmers' Market does not provide any table or cover for vendors, so vendors will want to make arrangements for any sort of merchandise display. Pickup truck beds are acceptable, and the space will be configured to accommodate truck parking for merchandise display.

B. Vendors will NOT be allowed to set up display after the opening bell unless prior arrangements are made with market director.

C. Vendors will be responsible for all clean-up of the area they area assigned. Area should be clean and free of all debris, food product and trash.

D. On Saturday, the Mid-Town Farmers' Market will provide trash receptacles for random trash (primarily that

generated by the markets' visitors). Vendors are welcome to use these receptacles for small items, but they are not for the use of vendors leaving bulky trash or leftover product behind. Wednesday sellers are responsible for suitably disposing of trash. Portable restroom facility is available.

E. Vendors agree to bring a broom and any other cleaning materials needed to clean their selling area.

V. Sales Taxes and Permits

Vendors will be responsible for determining what items are taxable and for collecting their own sales taxes, where applicable. All permits (as necessary) must be displayed prominently. Vendors will not be responsible for obtaining a business permit for selling in the City of Oxford. Mid-Town Farmers' Market will provide a permit for the market.

VI. Violations

A. Any complaint against any vendors -- whether by a guest of the market or by another vendor -- will be addressed by both the market director or his agent and the market board. Decisions made by the board are final.

B. If the market director or his agent determines that a vendor is in violation of any provision that may interfere with the smooth operation of the market, penalties may be applied. Possible violations include the following:

1. Not showing up.
2. Late arrival.
3. Leaving early. (Unless cleared in advance).
4. Failure to clean up area.
5. Selling items not within the guidelines of the market.
6. Failure to pay fees.
7. Loud profanity, threats, violence, fighting or any other such disturbance of the market's peace.
8. Smoking, dipping, chewing or other use of tobacco products in the selling area.
9. Not listing ingredients in prepared foods.

VII. Disclaimer

The Market reserves the right to modify these rules and regulations at any time. The market reserves the right to refuse the application of any vendor at any time and for any reason.

VIII. Agreement to Rules

The vendor is responsible for reading the rules and signing a statement including his/her acceptance of said rules.

IX. Charge

Yeah, there are a lot of rules, but we hope they work to help you. So have fun. Prosper. Come back and tell us what we can do to continue making the market better.

Mid-Town Farmers' Market Agreement 2011

(please **print** all information, sign and mail to:
Mid-Town Farmers' Market P.O. Box 2231, Oxford, MS 38655)

A non-refundable \$10.00 application fee MUST be included with this form in order to receive a farm visit or certificate. The application fee for growers outside Lafayette County is \$30.00 and also non-refundable.

Name:

Names of family members or employees who will be selling:

Address and phone number (**and e-mail address**, if applicable):

Farm address (if different from above) and directions to farm:

The product(s) I intend to sell at the Mid-Town Farmers' Market are (is):

I (or my family members or my employees) grow all of the products I sell at the Mid-Town Farmers' Market. I have read the Mid-Town Farmers' Market rules, understand them and agree to adhere to them.

Signature

Date

Remember: This is a growers market. You MUST grow what you sell.