



2017 FARMERS MARKET OPERATING RULES

The Farmers Market (Market) is sponsored by the Calvert County Farmers Market Association (FMA) and the Calvert County Department of Economic Development. The following rules apply for the 2017 season:

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of the Market is to support local farmers by providing an outlet to sell locally grown and produced items to residents. The Market strives to be a 'producer only' market.

B. Market Locations and Hours

1. Calvert County Fairgrounds (140 Calvert Fair Dr., Barstow)
Saturdays from May 6 to Nov. 18, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
2. Solomons (parking lot adjacent to Riverwalk, north of Solomons Pavilion)
Thursdays from May 11 to Nov. 16, 3-6:30 p.m.
3. Calvert Memorial Hospital (130 Hospital Road, Prince Frederick - parking lot adjacent to Route 4)
Tuesdays from May 9 through Nov. 21, 3-7 p.m.

C. Set-up and Sell Times

1. Calvert County Fairgrounds (Barstow) - set up begins at 7 a.m., selling begins at exactly 7:30 a.m.
2. Solomons – set up begins at 2:30 p.m., selling begins at exactly 3 p.m.
3. Calvert Memorial Hospital (Prince Frederick) – set up begins at 2:30 p.m., selling begins at exactly 3 p.m.
*No sales or bagging are allowed before the start time of the Market. Members who violate the selling time will be subject to dismissal from the FMA.

D. Fees

1. The member fee for the 2017 Market season is \$25. This entitles members to sell at all Markets selected on their application.
2. Members selling product from another local supplier must pay an additional \$25 for each supplier used.
3. Checks should be made payable to "Calvert County Farmers Market Association".

E. Vendor Expectations and Responsibilities

1. All vegetables, fruits, herbs, tree nuts, meats, flowers, plants and other products sold at the Market must be grown and/or produced by a local farmer.
2. A minimum of 75 percent of product offered for sale by a member must be produced and/or grown by the member. For example, if you sell cantaloupe, watermelon, sweet corn and tomatoes, you must produce and/or grow three of the items offered for sale.
3. Members who sell product that is produced and/or grown by another local supplier must disclose this information on the yearly Market application. Additional fees apply.
4. Members agree to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and obtain any and all necessary licenses and permits. Non-compliance with any federal, state and local laws and regulations may result in immediate termination from the FMA. Copies of all licenses and/or permits must be submitted with the Market application.
5. Members are expected to set up and sell on most Market days. If an absence is unavoidable, the member should inform the Market Manager two days prior to the Market date, or as soon as possible. Market Managers are as follows:
Calvert County Fairgrounds (Barstow) - Mike Cox, 410-535-5259
Calvert Memorial Hospital (Prince Frederick) - Mike Cox, 410-535-5259
Solomons - Dion Etherson, 443-532-0722

6. Members are required to display the following information at their stands:
 - A sign identifying the farm name and location
 - A price point sign for each item
 - Point of sale signage that indicates product origin (name and location of farm, if other than your own farm)
7. FMA members will be issued a FMA membership certificate and wallet card. The membership certificate must be displayed at your stand each Market day. You will not be allowed to set-up or sell at a Market without your FMA certificate or wallet card.
8. The resale of any auction or gleaned produce is prohibited. Violators will be subject to immediate dismissal from the FMA.
9. Members will maintain their stands in a neat and orderly fashion and remove all debris from their area at the end of each Market day.
10. Members will operate their stands in a safe manner and make immediate safety changes as directed by the FMA. All awnings, canopies and pop-up tents must be secured for safety.
11. Any member, who is in possession of FMA property, including flags and signage, must return the property to the Department of Economic Development within 7 days of the market closing date.

F. Space Management

1. If space limitations exist, first consideration is given to previous season participants.
2. Additional members will be accepted on a first come first served basis or as determined by the FMA.

G. Inspections

1. The FMA has the right to conduct on-site inspections of growing operations and will notify the member in advance of the inspection.
2. Failure to allow an on-site inspection will result in member termination.

H. Enforcement

1. All vendors are expected to know and follow the operating rules of the FMA.
2. If a member violates the operating rules, they will be given a written warning. Each warning will state which rule(s) was violated, the specific nature of the violation and the potential consequences of further violations. The issuing party will sign the warning. The offending member will sign stating that they understand the nature of the violation and the consequences of further violations. If the offending vendor refuses to sign, then the refusal will be noted and a witness will be asked to sign.
3. If a vendor receives three warnings in a market season their membership may be termination. Membership termination means vendors will not be able to set-up or sell any items at any FMA market location.
4. Warnings are cumulative. Three warnings received in a season, no matter which market location they are issued from, will count toward the total of total per season.
5. The Market Manager has the responsibility to implement policy on all operations on the day of the Market.
6. Causes for immediate termination are noted in the applicable section of the operating rules.

I, the undersigned, agree to comply and abide by the terms defined in the Farmers Market Operating Rules.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

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