



Catskill Mountainkeeper Farmers Markets Rules and Regulations

I. Terms and Conditions of Sales

- a. Vendors must comply with the latest guidelines set in place by NYS Ag & Markets to ensure a healthy and safe space for commerce to ensue
- b. Producer Only Market: 75% of the farm products offered for sale must be grown by the member on lands or in production facilities they own or operate within the region. The 25% not produced by the member must be agricultural products not currently offered by any member at the market. Artisans must produce and sell 90% of their products unless approved by the CMKFM. Proof of origin of resale goods is required and must be posted at market.
- c. Members may sell only those products they themselves have helped produced according to paragraph 1. The sale of any goods not grown or produced by the seller, the reselling of goods, or the sale of goods that have been traded or bartered for is not permitted unless otherwise permitted according to paragraph 1 above. All sellers must abide by and all products must comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.
- c. Vendors are encouraged to sell items at the CMK Farmers Market approved for the NYS Farmers Market Nutrition Program. To be eligible for FMNP the farmer must (a) grow fruits and vegetables and offer them for sale at the market and (2) produce at least 50% (by volume) of the fruits and vegetables offered for sale at the market.
- d. All persons desiring to sell items at the CMK Farmers Market will submit a completed Farmers' Market Application/Inventory List ("Application") on a form provided by the Market and each person must sign a statement indicating that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules of the Market. In the event that a Vendor would like to modify his/her List, an amended inventory list must be submitted to the Market Manager for approval. New items identified on the amended inventory list may not be sold prior to the market manager's approval.
- e. Only products certified by a USDA National Organic Program accredited certifying agent that certifies farm operations and processors may be labeled "organic."

All processed foods should comply with the requirements set forth by federal, state and local laws, regulations and rules.

- f. Specialty Vendors-CMKFM reserves the right to allow a limited number of Artisan and specialty food vendors
- g. Each vendor is responsible for providing and removing any and all equipment and supplies at the Market. This includes signs, tables, chairs, products, and equipment utilized for clean-up purpose

II. Prices and Signs

- a. Prices for all items for sale shall be posted clearly on a sign. No item shall be sold unless the price of the item is clearly displayed.
- b. End of the day discounting is not allowed. Willful and/or significant price undercutting is not allowed. As a guide, produce and products sold at the market should be priced above the level of current wholesale prices.
- c. Items may be sold by the pound, bunch, piece, or measured container. Scales utilized at farmers' markets must be inspected and sealed annually by the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Each Vendor must post the name and location of his/her farm or business at his/her assigned selling area in the Market.

III. Daily Operation

- a. If a Vendor cannot attend the market, the Market Manager must be notified at least 24 hours in advance at telephone number: Market Manager 631-332-7948
- b. Selling at the market shall begin promptly at opening time, and no selling may take place before this time. (If there are prearranged CSA drop offs, chef/restaurant Pickups, etc. sale may be accepted)
- c. Vendors shall arrive no earlier than 1 ½ hour prior to start set up displays.
- d. Vendors must agree to sell for the entire market day.
- e. Vendors must vacate the selling area no later than 1 ½ hour after and all clean-up must be completed.
- f. No Vendor shall engage in solicitation, collection drives, political or religious activities in the market. No loud hawking of items is allowed.
- g. Vendors must keep the vicinity in and around their selling area clean at all times and remove all refuse and unsold items at the end of each Market day.
- h. Vendors must provide an approved trash receptacle when selling ready-to-eat items.
- i. No Vendor shall smoke tobacco, drink alcohol and/or possess or use any controlled substance while at the Market.

IV. Grievances

- a. In the event of a dispute regarding any aspect of the Market, the Market Manager shall make a decision. Any failure to abide by the Market Manager's decision may be sufficient grounds for excluding the Vendor from the Market.
- b. A Vendor may file an appeal from the Market Manager's decision, in writing, to a committee made up of officials, Vendors, sponsors, community groups or like entities of the market and established by the Market. Decisions will be made within 10 business days of appeal submission.

