

# FARMERS OF ORANGE NC Inc.

## 2011 Market Rules and Regulations

1. Members must reside and produce the items they sell within a 60-mile radius of Hillsborough, NC. Priority for membership is given to residents of Orange County.
2. Members must be the original producer of all items sold. No buying and reselling of produce or other products is allowed.
3. Leasing of land is allowed, but perennial crops and long-lived animals must be under the member's control for at least one growing season.
4. Representatives of the Farmers of Orange NC Inc. must be allowed to visit an applicant's farm/business before an application will be considered for final membership approval. The farm/business may be revisited at any time during the season.
5. The annual membership fee is \$75.00.  
*For returning members*, this fee, along with outstanding fees from the current year, must accompany the Returning Member Application for the upcoming year and be received on or before January 31, 2011. Failure to submit the Returning Member Application and fees by this date will be treated as a resignation from the market. **Late applications will not be accepted.**  
*For new applications* a \$30.00 non-refundable application fee and the \$75.00 membership fee **must** accompany the application. Applications without paid fees will not be considered. Only one annual membership fee is required no matter how many markets a seller attends.
6. All market members approved to sell at the Saturday market are also eligible to sell at the Tuesday Market. The Board may, at its discretion, approve new applicants to sell at the Tuesday Market only, without granting the right to sell at the Saturday market.
7. Full and Seasonal Members (see Bylaws for definition) pay a Saturday market selling fee of \$10.00 for one space; using multiple spaces is not allowed. Saturday Guest Vendors pay a daily selling fee of \$25.00. The Tuesday market selling fee is \$5.00 for Full and Seasonal members and \$10.00 for Guest vendors.
8. Spaces within the Saturday market will be allocated based on members' previous market participation. A minimum participation in 13 Saturday markets during the year is **required** to remain a member in good standing and maintain a reserved space for the following year. A member who failed to attend 13 Saturday markets during the year and wishes to continue selling the following year must submit a New Member Application. Returning Members may retain their current spaces if they so desire. Choice of remaining open spaces is determined by seniority, which is determined by cumulative Saturday market attendance since April 5, 2008. Attendance at the Tuesday market does not affect seniority for Saturday market. Seniority for the Tuesday market accrues separately, and is cumulative from May, 2009. Space selection by returning members is made at the annual membership meeting, which will be Sunday March 27, 2011. New member spaces will be assigned by the Board based on generic space designations (e.g. crafter, baker, large/small farmer) to provide a distributed market mix.
9. A member must occupy a reserved space at the Saturday market by the first Saturday in May or lose the right to reserve that space for the remainder of the season unless s/he notifies the market manager before the first Saturday in May of intent to begin selling at a later date. All exceptions are to be at the manager's discretion.
10. Notice of Saturday market absence must be made by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the missed market or member will be charged the weekly fee for that week. Reserved spaces will be held until 7:30 A.M. Notice of Tuesday market absence should also be made by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the missed market.
11. The Saturday market will operate from 8:00 a.m. to noon from April through Thanksgiving and 10:00 a.m. to noon from December through March.  
The Tuesday market will operate from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from May through the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, under the same rules as Saturday market except that in addition, there will be no selling allowed before the Tuesday market start time.
12. All vehicles must be in place 30 minutes before the Saturday market start time. The market will be closed off at this time and no further traffic will be allowed into the market area. Vendors arriving less than 30 minutes before the start of market must park outside the market area and carry in their things. In addition, no vendor set up will be allowed after the market opens. Exceptions are at the market manager's discretion.
13. **No** vehicles are allowed on the northwest (tall trees) side of the Saturday morning market. Members assigned stalls on this side must unload no later than 30 minutes before market start time and park vehicles outside the market area.
14. Vendors must use a 10' X 10' canopy at their space. Vendors must also have their canopies adequately

secured. Vendors who lose control of their canopy will be expelled from that market and not allowed to return without an adequate method of securing their canopy.

15. All vendors' products should be within their canopy space. Large product displays or signs that extend into the customer traffic are not allowed.
16. Members must maintain a "market presence" for the entire market. Members may not take down their canopies or move vehicles out of the market area during market hours. Members may not leave prior to closing time. All exceptions are to be at the market manager's discretion.
17. Each member is responsible for cleaning up the area around his/her selling space.
18. While staffing your space, a 'No Smoking' policy must be strictly observed.
19. Prices must be clearly posted for all items sold.
20. Products that may be sold include:
  - a. vegetables grown by the member from seeds, sets, or seedlings
  - b. fruits/nuts/berries grown by the member from trees, bushes, or vines
  - c. plants grown by the member from seed, seedling, transplant or cutting
  - d. bulbs propagated by the member
  - e. eggs produced by the member's poultry
  - f. honey produced by the member's bees
  - g. fresh (not frozen) baked goods made by the member
  - h. preserves, relishes, jams, jellies, etc. made by the member (no "low-acid" canned foods such as green beans, corn, peas, carrots, etc. may be sold, and high-acid or acidified foods (pickles, tomato products, etc.) may be sold only if the seller has passed the FDA certification course)
  - i. fresh cut or dried flowers grown by the member
  - j. firewood cut by the member
  - k. compost produced and bagged by the member (no topsoil or un-bagged compost may be sold)
  - l. poultry and livestock meats from animals raised by the member
  - m. meats from aquatic animals raised or caught by the member
  - n. wild-crafted products, such as edible wild plants/berries and mushrooms, harvested by member on their property, or with permission of property owner.
  - o. cheese from animals raised on the member's premises or made from milk purchased from a local farm (less than 60 miles from Hillsborough)
  - p. non-farm crafts produced by the member.
21. Only crops or other products described in the membership application/product schedule may be sold at market. Any major new item(s) introduced must be approved by the Board and may require re-inspection.
22. All products sold at market must be of top quality. If the Market Manager or a Board member brings to the attention of the Board that a member consistently brings poor quality products to market, the Board may suspend the member from the market pending review and re-inspection.
23. All prepared food items, meat, fish, and cheese sold must meet state and local health regulations including the inspection of the prepared foods seller's kitchens by NCDA health inspectors and labeling in compliance with regulations. Sellers of meat and fish must have valid licenses. Members must have a copy of licenses/certifications with them at market and on file with the market manager. No water or ice that comes into contact with meat or fish may be deposited or allowed to drain onto the market premises. Wild harvested products must adhere to all NC and federal laws.
24. All items sold as organic must meet the requirements of the National Organic Program. Only certified organic growers may display signs using the word "organic". Sellers of organic items must have a copy of their certification with them at market and on file with the market manager.
25. Vendors may use only certified scales. Use of uncertified scales will result in vendor being barred from selling for the remainder of that market and not allowed to return to market until certification is documented.
26. No live animals may be sold or given away at the market.
27. Members may not bring their pets to the market
28. Only complaints submitted in writing will be considered and brought before the board at the next board meeting. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.