

BRAZOS VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Membership in the Association is required to sell at the Brazos Valley Farmers' Market unless special permission is granted by the Executive Committee. Membership will be in effect from January 1 – December 31 of each year. Each member shall display their membership card while at the market.

2. Membership Dues

Membership dues are \$45 per year if paid on or before March 1st of each year. Dues paid after March 1st will be \$70. Day vendors pay \$ 25 per day, instead of a yearly fee, to participate in the market.

3. Products for Sale

Members are allowed to sell farm products that are grown and/or made by themselves including fruits, vegetables, potted plants, cut flowers, and processed food. (Note: Members may offer handcraft items for sale if they are selling, or have previously sold, other farm products.) Products purchased from wholesalers are specifically excluded. All products sold at the market are subject to local and state licensing regulations.

4. Days of Operation

The official (Grand) opening of the market will be the first Saturday in June. The opening and closing dates of the market will be selected by the Executive Committee.

5. Hours of Operation:

Official hours of operation of the Saturday market will be from 8 a.m. until noon. However, members may begin selling at anytime in the morning and continue to sell after noon unless directed otherwise by the Executive Committee or Market Manager. The official hours of operation of the Monday & Wednesday markets will be from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be no sales until 4 p.m. and no entry into the Pavilion until 3:45 p.m. to set-up.

6. Market Locations:

The Brazos County Health Department's main parking lot at the corner of Texas Avenue and William J. Bryan (25th Street) will serve as the market site of the Association on Saturdays. College Station Central Park's main pavilion will serve as the market site of the Association on Wednesdays. Village Foods (formerly the Appletree Supermarket on Briarcrest Drive) will serve as the market site of the Association on Monday afternoons. Other temporary and special markets will be specified by the Executive Committee.

7. Sanitary Conditions of Sales Area:

Each member agrees to maintain his/her market space in a neat, orderly and sanitary manner and confine his/her produce and equipment to his/her market space. No produce shall be placed on the ground. Each member is responsible for the disposal of his/her waste. Growers will be permitted to cut or slice produce, but may not sell cut or sliced produce.

8. No member shall have the right to sub-lease, sell, transfer or permit any other farmer to use his/her membership card.

9. Securing a sales tax permit and reporting sales tax is the responsibility of the member.

10. Sales shall be conducted in an orderly business manner. No shouting or other objectionable means of soliciting trade shall be tolerated.

11. Willful failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in temporary or permanent suspension of membership and forfeiture of fees.

12. Quality Control

The Market Manager and other officers have the right to ask that bad quality goods be removed from the market. Sellers will be asked to give refunds to customers that are dissatisfied with products they have purchased.

13. Compliance

All members selling in the market agree to obey all local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and rules and regulations of the Brazos Valley Farmers' Market Association, Texas Certified Farmers' Market Association, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Texas Department of Health.

14. Parking

Members have priority in parking spaces over day vendors.