



BOONEVILLE FARMERS' MARKET 2024 Rules & Regulations

Dates: Kick off on Thursday, June 6, 2024, and every Thursday thru September 29, 2024, NO market July 4th.

Hours: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. or when you sell out.

Market Manager: Booneville Main Street Association (Contact Lori or Debb)– 662-416-9278.

Market Booth Information

Seasonal Vendor: Vendors do not have a reserved space to set-up at each Market. **Application of items sold at market must be approved prior to arrival at the market. Calling on day of Market to set up that day will NOT be accepted. You may be approved to set at the following Market.**

*Space is approximately 12 feet wide by 12 feet deep. All Vendors will need to unload and set-up tents and tables within the 12 x 12 space. No selling out of the back of vehicles unless your only item is corn or watermelons and have gotten prior approval. Once unloaded please move vehicle to allow customers available parking. All Vendors should be completely set up by the time the Market opens at 4:00 pm. NO selling will take place until the bell rings at 4:00 pm.

The Farmers' Market Commitments

- The Farmers Market is NOT a certified market through MS Dept of Agriculture.
- Marketing for The Farmer's Market - The Booneville Main Street Association is here to promote YOU the farmer and artisan. Advertising has been done and will continue during the Market season.



- Parking, trash cans, and restrooms are all available at no additional charge.
- You will receive periodic emails on seminars available, please let us know your contact information for these services.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Sellers must reside and grow/produce the items they sell within a 60 mile radius of Booneville, MS.
- NO RESALE of any items unless prior approval from market manager has been obtained.
- NO live animals may be sold or given away at the Market or on the premises.
- All products must meet state and local health regulations and Cottage Food Laws. It is the vendor's responsibility to obtain and follow these guidelines; the market will regulate as such.

Operational Guidelines

1. No items may be sold before The Market opens at 4:00 pm. The Market Manager will ring a bell to open the Market. NO selling can begin before the Market Bell rings.
2. Vendors are encouraged to post their business sign or farm name.
3. Only certified organic growers may use the term "organic" in their advertising at the Market. The use of the term "organic" is not permitted unless the producer can show that he has a Certificate from the State of Mississippi that his produce is in fact, organic. Vendors may use "pesticide free" and/or other terms, but the use of the word "organic" is controlled by State and Federal law.
4. Tables and chairs are NOT available at the Market for Vendor use. Vendor must bring their own tent if they so choose to use. During peak market season tents are encouraged.
5. No on-site storage is available for vendors.
6. Vendors are responsible for their own change and for collecting payment for their own products. Any exchanges/refunds are at the vendor's discretion. Vendors determine their own prices.
7. Vendors are prohibited from distributing or displaying political materials or items of similar nature. Any displayed items should directly relate to the items being sold and displayed by the vendor.
8. Vendors are responsible for maintaining their spaces in a clean and sanitary condition and are responsible for cleaning and disposing of any debris at the close of business.
9. Vendors are prohibited from any music. The Market will provide music entertainment.
10. No firearms allowed on premises. No firearms or handmade knives may be sold at the Market.
11. The Booneville Farmers Market is a smoke free Market. **NO SMOKING AT THE MARKET.**
12. The Market will not be responsible or liable for any lost, stolen, or vandalized property of the Vendor during the Market, including set-up time and actual hours the Market is open. The Market is not responsible, and the Vendor will assume full responsibility, for any injuries to persons as a result of Vendors booth display or negligence on Vendors' part.
13. The Market Manager reserves the right to cancel or change any space assignment when it is considered to be in the best interest of the Market operations.
14. Selling snow cones, ice cream , etc. needs prior approval from the Market Manager.



Collection and Payment of Sales Taxes-

- Section 27-65-103 of the Mississippi Code provides an agricultural exemption for the payment of sales tax for farmers selling products grown on their farm, grove, or garden when such products are sold in the original state or condition at the time of sale.
- Except for farmers selling such products in their original state as harvested from their farms, all vendors must collect the Mississippi Sales Tax required by law and remit same to the State of Mississippi. The Booneville Farmers' Market knows of no other exceptions to the requirement of the collection and remittance of sales tax. Therefore, if the vendor leasing the space from The Farmers' Market is selling merchandise that was not grown on the vendor's farm or is not in the original state as it existed when harvested on said farm, sales tax must be paid and collected.
- Questions about this requirement should be addressed to the Mississippi State Tax Commission. The local tax commission phone number is 662-449-5150 in Hernando, MS.
- It is the responsibility of the Farmer's Market to collect tax money and to submit it to the State Tax Commission.

Remember:

- The Booneville Farmers' Market promotes the sale of locally grown agricultural and other handmade products to achieve a successful unique market atmosphere.
- All items must be grown or produced by the vendor, a family member, or employee who is selling at The Market.
- Arts & Crafts vendors MUST make the items they are selling. All food items MUST be made from fresh ingredients (no mixes) and follow the Cottage Industry Laws (attached).

Any variation from the set guidelines may result in a vendor's expulsion from The Market. With the authority given by the Booneville Main Street Association and the Market Manager has the authority to enforce these regulations and to exclude non-conforming Vendors.



Products which may be sold at The Booneville Farmers' Market:

Direct Farm Products:

- Locally raised produce, fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, and limited animal products
- Vegetables grown from seeds, sets or seedlings
- Fruit, nuts, or berries grown on land owned or leased by the vendor
- Plants grown by the vendor from seed, bulbs, transplant, or cuttings
- Bulbs propagated by the vendor
- Cut and/or dried flowers, herbs, or seeds, raised by the vendor
- Honey and bee products from the vendor's bees
- Eggs from poultry raised by the vendor
- Poultry, meat, and fish must be USDA certified and inspected
- Dairy milk and cheese producers must be inspected by the Health Department
- Items may NOT be purchased elsewhere and resold at the market.**

Value Added Products:

- Pickles, preserves, jams, vinegars, etc., made by the vendor. No "low acid" canned foods such as green beans, corn, peas, carrots, etc., may be sold. High acid or acidized foods (pickles, tomato products, etc.) may be sold if the vendor meets all Mississippi Health Department standards.
- All fresh baked goods prepared by the vendor or family member may be sold but must also meet all regulations of the Mississippi Health Department. Frozen or baked goods from a retail store are not permitted.
- Compliance with the Mississippi Health Department regulations is the sole responsibility of the vendor. The Market will monitor if Vendor is in compliance.
- Soaps, herbal body care and candles hand produced by the Market vendor

Crafts Statement:

- Originally intended to supplement income for farms, the sale of crafts at the market is permitted. The number of craft market vendors is limited as the sole reason the market formed was to sell farmer's produce.
- Seasonal Vendors selling crafts must be approved by the Farmer's Market Committee as well. Please attach pictures to your application. All crafts must be hand made by the vendor. Vendors may not resale crafts made by others.
- Crafts vendors wishing to participate on a daily (not seasonal) basis, must be approved by the Farmers' Market Manager prior to the market day.
- Acceptance of craft applicants will be based on space availability.