

SMITH COUNTY FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

OFFICERS

All officers shall have a term of one year. Elections to be held at the first meeting of each year. The duties of the officers are as follows:

The President shall chair meetings, serve as contact for outside groups, appoint committees and conduct votes.

The Vice President shall assume President's role in the absence of the President. He/she will oversee lottery selection at the Farmer's Market, and assist the President as needed.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall record minutes and give an account update at every monthly meeting. Also, he/she must open a local checking account in the Smith County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association name and keep records of all transactions. All checks written over twenty dollars must be approved by vote of charter members. The treasurer must also assume the responsibility of collecting annual dues and any fees collected for weekend booths at the Farmer's Market for non-members. This job may be split at a future date if so voted upon.

ANNUAL DUES & FEES

The annual dues shall be \$20 and shall be paid to the Treasurer in April of each year. New members coming in after April 30, will be expected to pay the \$20 membership fee if they wish to sell at the Farmer's Market. If a vendor wishes to participate in the Farmer's Market he/she must first become a member with one exception: A vendor who only wishes to sell one or two weekends a year, he/she may pay a booth fee of \$5 per weekend. Application should be available at the Farmer's Market from an officer.

SMITH COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET GUIDELINES

PRODUCTS

The products sold at the Farmer's Market are limited to:

- Fruit or Vegetables
- Herbs
- Fruit Baskets/variety
- Bedding Plants*
- Potted Plants*
- Cut, dried flowers
- Baked Goods*
- Eggs (must be kept cool)*
- Christmas trees*
- Honey, Sorghum*
- Fruits, cider*
- Jams, Jellies, Preserves*
- Ornamental produce
- Plant arrangements

*Subject to Tennessee Department of Agriculture inspection, permits and regulations. No sale of these items without required permits. For information please contact John Sanford at TDA (615-476-4541).

Products not sanctioned above should receive clearance from members prior to sale at the market.

Products may be sold by each, count, bunch or container. **Any item sold by weight must be weighed on tested and certified scales.**

Products which will not be sold include:

- Any live animals or fowl
- Produce or products purchased for resale
- Tools or any "Garage Sale" type items

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY

All vendors must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations including:

- Approval seal of weighing devices
- Pesticide licensing and safe use
- Product labeling

PRODUCER MUST RESIDE IN SMITH COUNTY AND PRODUCE MUST BE SOLD BY THE PRODUCER, HIS/HER FAMILY, OR AUTHORIZED AGENT.

Trash and litter around the booth from any source is to be taken home by the vendor before departure at the end of each day.

GUIDELINES FOR SALE

- Offer high quality, fresh, clean products
- Keep the appearance of the stand as neat and clutter-free as possible
- Clearly indicate the price of the product
- Remind staff to dress and behave in a non-offensive manner
- No permanent structure may be placed at the Farmer's Market. All structure such as canopies, tables, and displays must be removed within two hours after closing the final day of sale.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are to be used at the market by any vendor or staff member.