

Market Rules

Eno River Farmers' Market

Hillsborough, NC

Updated: March 2024

1. Members must reside and produce the items they sell within a 60-mile radius of Hillsborough, NC. Members must also be the original producer of their items. Reselling is not allowed.
2. Representatives of the Eno River Farmers' Market ("ERFM") will visit the member's farm, kitchen, or other place of business as part of the application process. A farm, kitchen, or place of business may be revisited at any time. Each member shall provide file copies of any required public, county, or state inspections to the market manager.
3. All fees must be paid by all vendors according to the table below. Guest vendors will be admitted to the market at the discretion of the Board. A request to renew membership after April 1 will be considered and treated as a new member application. All new member applications will be responded to by the Board within 45 days.

| Membership Type | Fee Type | Fee Amt | Due date | Late Fee |
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| Regular Season Returning Member | Annual Dues | \$100 | Jan 31 (submit with renewal application) | Additional \$25 |

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| Regular Season New Member | Application Fee | \$35 | Jan 31 (submit with application) | |
| | Annual Dues | \$100 | Must be paid within 2 wks of acceptance | Additional \$25 |

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| Guest Vendor | Application Fee | \$35 | Anytime (submit with application) | |
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4. The daily stall fee for members is \$20.00 for regular season and \$15.00 for winter markets. The stall fee for guest vendors is \$35.00 year-round. Stall fees are collected by the market manager at each market.
5. A minimum participation in 24 markets per year is required to remain a member and earn the right to vote at the annual meeting the following year. Members who fail to attend the required markets during the market year must submit a New Member Application the following year. The "market year" is defined as the time between annual meetings.
6. Responsibility for space assignment at the Farmers' Market Pavilion rests with the Board. Members must participate in a minimum of 24 markets to earn the right to a reserved space. Remaining priorities for reserved spaces at the Farmers' Market Pavilion are listed here in order.
 - a. A member who participated in a minimum of 24 markets during the preceding season will be reassigned his or her space from the immediate past year.
 - b. Space assignment for a member requesting a different space will involve seniority after all other returning members and before any new members are assigned spaces.
 - c. Seniority is accrued by counting the total markets attended as a full member at the ERFM since March 1, 2008.
 - d. Space in the pavilion for newly approved member applications will occur after assignment for existing members and will involve market mix, preference to farmers and residents of Orange County, and available spaces.
7. A member must occupy a reserved space at the market by the first Saturday in May or lose the right to reserve that space for the remainder of the season unless the member notifies the Secretary of the Board or market manager in writing before the first Saturday in May of intent to begin selling at a later date. All exceptions are to be

at the discretion of the Board.

8. Reserved spaces will be held until 15 minutes prior to market opening. Members will make their best effort to notify the market manager if they are unable to attend.
9. The regular season market will operate from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from the beginning of April through December. At the board's discretion, newly admitted vendors may be allowed to attend market before April and pay the regular stall fee. The winter season market will operate from 10:00 a.m. to noon from January through March. The holiday market schedule is at the discretion of the Board.
10. Vendors may not leave prior to closing time. Rare exceptions are to be at the discretion of the President of the Board or the market manager.
11. Each member is responsible for cleaning up the area around the member's selling space.
12. While staffing the ERFM market, a "No Smoking" policy must be strictly adhered to. Members must leave the market area to smoke.
13. Prices must be posted for all items offered for sale. Price fixing, collusion, is illegal.
14. Products that can be sold include the following: vegetables grown by the member from seeds, sets, or seedlings; fruits/nuts/berries grown by the member from trees, bushes, or vines; plants grown by the member from seed, seedling, transplant, or cutting; bulbs propagated by the member; eggs produced by the member's poultry; honey produced by the member's bees; fresh (not frozen) baked goods made by the member; preserves, relishes, jams, jellies, etc. made by the member; fresh cut or dried flowers grown by the member; firewood cut by the member; and fish and meats, cheese, and non-farm crafts produced by the member. Note: compost produced and bagged by the member can be sold, but topsoil or un-bagged compost may not be sold.
15. Leased land within 60 miles of Hillsborough may be considered part of the member's farm if the farmer has been responsible for all aspects of production for more than a year.
16. For goods and services such as cheese, bakery goods, and crafts, as much of the ingredients (raw material) as available should meet the 60-mile requirement. In all cases, the value-added component of the goods and services must be that of the member and the member's family or employees.
17. All prepared food items, meat, fish, and cheese sold must meet state and local health regulations including the inspection of the prepared food member's kitchen(s) by NCDA health inspectors and/or the Department of Environmental Health and labeled in compliance with the regulations. Members must have a copy of all applicable inspections and certifications on file with the market manager, as well as with them when selling at market. No water or ice that comes into contact with meat or fish may be deposited or allowed to drain onto the market premises.
18. All items sold as organic must meet the requirements of the National Organic Program. Members selling organic items must have a copy of their certification on file with the market manager as well as with them when selling at market. Only certified organic growers or artisans using certified organic ingredients may display signs using the word "organic" or any derivative word. Vendors must be clear about which parts of their products are organic.
19. Animals are not to be sold or given away at the market with the exception of compost worms.
20. Pets are allowed only in the areas and at the times designated by signs or by the market manager at the Farmers' Market Pavilion.

- 21. So as not to impede vendor business and to encourage the public's enjoyment of shopping at the ERFM, the Board will designate an area for musical entertainment and free speech (visits from politicians, voter registration, etc.).**
- 22. Prepared food vendors are required to post, display, or provide an ingredients list for all products to be sold.**
- 23. All market members must sign the code of conduct annually.**
- 24. Vendors must weight and/or secure their tents on windy days.**
- 25. All vendors (whether member or guest vendor) must accept ERFM SNAP tokens for purchases of items that are eligible for purchase using SNAP funds. Appropriate signage must be displayed.**