

2009 Market Rules

Eno River Farmers' Market

Hillsborough, NC

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 during the season. Each member shall provide file copies of any required public, county or state inspections to the Secretary of the ERFM Board.
3. Members must pay a \$75.00 annual membership fee. Membership fees are due upon approval of new member applications. For returning members, fees are due by the earlier of one week before the first market day each spring or March 1, which ever comes first. For returning members, renewal fees paid between March 1 and May 1, will be \$100. Membership fees must be paid by all vendors except for the occasional guest vendor. Guest vendors will be admitted to the market at the discretion of the Board or the Market Manager with any questions referred to the Board.
4. The daily stall fee for members is \$5. The stall fee for guest vendors is \$20. These fees apply to all Saturday, mid-week and winter markets.
5. Spaces within the market will be assigned by the Board based on participation and desired market mix. A minimum participation in 13 regular season Saturday and mid-week markets during the year is **required** to remain a member in good standing and maintain a reserved space for the following year. Members who fail to attend 13 markets during the year must submit a New Member Application the following year.
6. Responsibility for space assignment at the Public Market House rests with the Board. The priority for reserved spaces at the Public Market House are listed here in order.
 - a. a member in good standing 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 number of years selling as a full member at the ERFM and then total number of ERFM markets attended since March 1, 2008.
 - d. Space in the Public Market House 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 Saturday market by the first Saturday in May or lose the right to reserve that space for the remainder of the season unless he or she 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 best effort to notify a member of the Board if they are unable to attend.
9. The market will operate from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from the beginning of April through Thanksgiving. The Board will announce hours for extended markets and for any mid-week or winter markets.
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 his or her 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: 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; 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 his or her 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 labeled in compliance with the regulations. Members must have a copy of all applicable inspections and certifications on file with Secretary of the Board, 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 Secretary of the Board as well as with them when selling at market. Only certified organic growers may display signs using the word "organic."
19. Animals are not to be sold or given away at the market.
20. Pets are allowed only in the designated areas near the Public Market House.
21. So as not to impede vendor business and to encourage the public's enjoyment of shopping at the ERFM Market, the Board will designate an area for musical entertainment and free speech (visits from politicians, voter registration, etc).
22. Applications for renewal of membership will be accepted immediately following the close of the prior year's market and will remain open until March 1 or one week prior to the spring opening of the market, whichever occurs first. The fee for a renewal application received between March 1 and May 1 is \$100. A request to renew membership after May 1 will be considered and treated as a new member application.
23. New member applications will be accepted at the start of each new calendar year and will be responded to by the Board within 45 days.
24. Stall fees are payable at each market opening to the Treasurer or his or her representative.