



## Mississippi Certified Farmers Market Membership 2024 Application

Factors that define the term “Farmers Market” and distinguish farmers markets from roadside stands, grocery stores, and from other types of food marketing outlets include groups of farmers selling produce and food products they raise or home process to individual customers at a temporary or permanent location, often on public property, such as a street or parking lot on a periodic basis, typically once or twice a week for a set period, usually 3 or 4 hours. This generally occurs during the local growing season, usually 5 or 6 months and is operated by a government or non-profit organization.

**Farmers Market:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Market Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Days and Hours of Operation of Market:** (*i.e., Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Beginning and ending days and dates of market's season:** (*i.e., Saturday, May 4 – Saturday, October 12*)

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**City and Location of Market:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County of Market:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical address of Market:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Facebook Page:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Twitter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Instagram:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Market operated by: (*check one*) \_\_\_ Grower's Association \_\_\_ Non-Profit Corporation

\_\_\_ Government Entity \_\_\_ other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

- *For grower's association, please provide name* \_\_\_\_\_
- *For Non-Profit please, include documentation when returning your application*

How many vendors do you average on a regular market day? \_\_\_\_\_

How many vendors do you average on a slow market day (early or late season)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many active vendors are Mississippi growers? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your market's produce is grown in Mississippi? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the process by which your growers/vendors are certified to sell at your market?

\_\_\_ On-site inspection \_\_\_ Telephone verification \_\_\_ Written confirmation

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Does your market allow farmers to co-op? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (*i.e. one or more farmers who work together to sell his/her goods as well as their own*).

Does your market allow farmers to purchase produce from an outside source and re-sell?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. *If yes, what is the percentage?* \_\_\_\_\_

Does your market offer the following at any time during the year? (*Please check*):

\_\_\_ Eggs \_\_\_ Meat Products \_\_\_ Dairy \_\_\_ Shellfish

Does your market have a Board of Directors or Advisory Board? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. *If yes, please provide the names and contact information with application.*

Does your market have a retail food establishment located within or in partnership with your market?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. *If yes, please provide the name of the establishment.* \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your market have vendors that re-sell processed food products? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

*If yes, how many?* \_\_\_\_\_

Does your market have written bylaws or market rules? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. *If yes, please provide a copy with the application.*

Does your market have the capability to accept EBT as a form of payment? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No.

*If yes, please specify who has the EBT device.* \_\_\_ Market \_\_\_ Individual Vendors \_\_\_ Both.

Does your market participate in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program?

WIC \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. *Senior Program* \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No.

**NOTE TO APPLICANT:** Each question included in this application for membership in the Certified Farmers Market Program is very important. Therefore, it is necessary that you answer every question entirely and provide additional copies and/or information where requested.

By my signature on this form, I hereby certify that the above provided information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby consent to all the terms of this certification and agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and policies of the State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi Certified Farmers Market.

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Market Manager Signature

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Date