

FARMERS OF ORANGE

SPECIALTY VENDOR APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in becoming a specialty vendor of the Farmers of Orange (FO) market. We are accepting applications in all vendor categories: farm, prepared foods and baked goods, and crafts. The following procedures are meant to make the application process as fair and simple as possible.

Specialty vendors must have very specific seasonal crops or products that are not represented or are under-represented by regular members. Specialty vendors' farms/facilities must be inspected. Specialty vendors may attend the market on a 'space available' basis and will be assigned a weekly stall fee for the privilege of participating in a FO market. These fees will be set by the Board of Directors. Guest vendors are not members of Farmers of Orange. The weekly stall fee is currently \$25.00 for Saturday and \$10.00 for Tuesday.

Please use the following steps to apply:

1. Read the FO Market Rules and Regulations.
2. Fill out the application form completely, including the Membership Products Schedule for farmers. Forms not filled out completely will not be considered.
3. Applications may be submitted at any time but must be received by 9 January 2010 to begin selling at the first market of the 2010 season (3 April).
4. Submit your application along with the non-refundable \$25.00 application fee to:

Farm ers of Orange
P. O. Box 5
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Review Time Line:

- Applications are reviewed at each monthly Board of Directors meeting.
- Following review, letters of rejection or provisional acceptance are sent. FO representatives will inspect the farm/business as soon as can be scheduled.
- The Board votes to formally accept or reject applications based on inspection reports at the next Board of Directors meeting, and final letters of acceptance or rejection are sent.

Are you applying for Saturday guest vendor status? _____ and/or Tuesday only? _____

Farm or Business Name _____

Name(s) of owner(s) - a farm unit is defined as one business: _____

If others will be selling at market on your behalf, please list: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number (area code) _____ Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Address of production location (if different from above) _____

How many weeks in a calendar year do you anticipate selling at the market? _____

PRODUCTS

Check all categories that apply, indicate approximate % of total sales, and **give examples of specific products** that you sell in each category. Indicate any products that you consider to be your major focus.

___ **Raw or minimally processed farm products:** _____%
(e.g. produce, eggs, honey, herbs, plants, cut flowers)

___ **Processed Foods that require a NCDA kitchen inspection:** _____%
(e.g. jams, baked goods, juices, coffee, tea; copy of inspection required)

___ **Products requiring more stringent inspections, regulation, and usually refrigeration:** _____%
(e.g. meats, acidified foods, cheeses; copy of inspection required)

___ **Crafts:** _____%

(Please indicate if crafts produced are predominately from materials grown or harvested by craft person an/or obtained locally)

Background Information (help us get to know you better so we can serve you better)

How much land do you have in production? _____ Production facility? _____

How long have you been farming/practicing your craft? _____

How do you currently market your products? _____

Do you sell at other farmers markets in the area? Which ones and for how long? _____

Do you sell at your farm (have self-pick, or buy-on-site?) _____

How does the Farmers of Orange market fit into your marketing plans?

In what ways do you contribute to the local farming community or promote local agriculture to the greater community?

Is there anything else you want us to know about your products, experiences, or plans?

I acknowledge that I have been provided with a copy of the “Rules and Regulations” of the Farmers of Orange market and that I will abide by these rules. I certify that I grow, produce, or make all products that I intend to sell. I further agree to allow representatives of the Farmers of Orange to visit the premises where the products I intend to sell are produced.

SIGNATURE

DATE

MARKET STAFF USE ONLY: applicants do not write below this line

Application received by _____ Date _____

Application Fee paid: Y/N Date _____

Site visit made by _____ Date: _____

Site Visit Results/Comments:

Application: ____accepted ____rejected

Brief summary of decision:

Acceptance or rejection letter sent: Y/N

Date sent:

Sent by: