

# Dickson County Farmers Market 2017 Vendor Application



**Please read and complete the entire application.** If there is a part that does not apply to your operation please mark as N/A.

Submit completed application and applicable certificates via one of the following methods:

1. In person to a board member of the Dickson County Farmers Market Association at the market located at 284 Cowan Road (behind EMS Station). Board member names are listed at the end of the application.
2. Scan and email to [tracy@maplespringstn.com](mailto:tracy@maplespringstn.com)
3. Mail to David Dewese/500 Porter Lane/Cunningham TN 37052

Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the applicant will be notified regarding approval status and payment can be made.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a vendor at the Dickson County Farmers Market before? If yes please include the last year you participated. yes, in 20 **No, this is my first application.** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a guaranteed space for an additional \$100.00? \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

Address where products are grown/produced if different than home address.

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(All products must come from Dickson County or a bordering county. (Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Williamson, Hickman, Cheatham)

What specific items do you intend to sell at the market? (Attach additional page if needed.)

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There are many regulations and laws associated with the sale of farm based products. Have you made an effort to familiarize yourself with any laws or regulations that may apply to your products?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes I have.** \_\_\_\_\_ **No I haven't**

The following link has Tennessee Department of Agriculture State Compliance Guide for Farmers Markets:

<https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/agriculture/attachments/AgFarFMRules.pdf>

You can also contact the Dickson County U.T. Extension Agent as follows: [vwitcher@utk.edu](mailto:vwitcher@utk.edu) or phone 615-446-2788

Individual liability insurance is *recommended* for all vendors at the Dickson County Farmers Market. A policy that covers incidents off the farm in case of injury or property damage would benefit all parties involved at the market.

Please list anyone who will represent/assist you with sales at the market.

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List any of your products that are certified organic? \_\_\_\_\_

**Release, waiver, and assumption of risk:**

I, the undersigned, am fully aware and understand the potential risks involved with my participation in the Dickson County Farmers Market. Specific dangers include damage to personal property, loss of personal inventory, serious physical injury or death. Additional dangers include but are not limited to damages due to inclement weather and other reasonably anticipated risks that accompany participation in such events. I acknowledge that I voluntarily participate in this event. I hereby agree to assume all risk of injury, damage to persons and property and/or death, and to hold the County of Dickson and its volunteers, officers, agents, elected officials, and employees harmless from any and all liability for any injuries, or claim for damage, damage to goods or death that may arise in connection with my participation in this market, and agree to indemnify the County of Dickson for damages (including attorney's fees) sustained or incurred by it in defending any claim or action brought against the County of Dickson by me or any guest, invitee, or customer of the Dickson County Farmers Market. This Hold Harmless Agreement also pertains to any actions of negligence by the County of Dickson and its volunteers, officers, agents, elected officials, and/or employees which may have caused or contributed to the injury, damage or death of me or any guest, invitee, or customer of the Dickson County Farmers Market. This agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, successors, and assigns. I participate freely and voluntarily in this market and expressly assume all of the risks of the event. I have also read and agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the Dickson County Farmers Market implemented from time-to-time. Further, I acknowledge that my right to participate in the Dickson County Farmers Market is pursuant to a revocable license that may be revoked at any time, and that I shall have no claim against any person or entity for improvements made or expenses incurred by me in my participation in same.

**By signing this document I certify that I have read the rules and procedures attached to this application, and the above waiver. I understand the rules and procedures and agree to abide by them.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Members for the 2017 Market Season are:**

1. David Dewese- Maple Springs Farm
2. Meg Edwards- Heritage Glen Farm
3. Ray Clifton- Clifton Farms
4. Kevin McClung- Zmac Farm
5. Doyle Clark- Clark Family Farm

If you have additional questions please contact one of the following people and they will be happy to help.  
David Dewese- 931-387-4511 or email to [tracy@maplespringstn.com](mailto:tracy@maplespringstn.com)  
Meg Edwards- 813-230-6510 or email to [heritageglenfarm@aol.com](mailto:heritageglenfarm@aol.com)

# Dickson County Farmers Market Association (DCFMA)

## 2017 Rules and Procedures

1. DCFMA is a producer only market. No products can be bought and re-sold.
2. All vendors must submit an application to be approved by the board. Upon approval a 50.00 season fee will be collected. Guaranteed spaces are available at an additional cost of 100.00. Vendors who purchase a guaranteed space in 2016 will retain their location upon payment. Location assignment of newly purchased guaranteed spaces will be made by the board. Vendors must occupy assigned spaces by 8:00 a.m. during regular season and 10:00 a.m. in winter season or forfeit the use of that space for the day.
3. Certificates are required for the following:
  - a) plants with the exception of vegetable plants
  - b) organically grown produce
  - c) meat (beef, lamb, pork, goat, etc)
  - d) low acid and acidified foods (including pickles, other pickled vegetables and salsa)
4. A current state certification and a copy of your last inspection must be attached for any of the above certificates. The application is incomplete without these and will not be processed. You must comply with state regulations as follows or you will not be permitted to sell. Vendors who manufacture non-potentially hazardous foods such as baked goods, candy, jams and jellies without inspection and permitting by TDA must display a sign (8.5" x 11" with a .75" font) at place of sale and on the product label stating, "These food products were made in a private home not licensed or inspected." These items must also be labeled with manufacturer's name, address, name of food, date of packaging and list of ingredients in descending order of weight. **This does not include low acid canned vegetables or acidified food which cannot be sold without proper certification.** It is the responsibility of the vendor to adhere to all food safety rules and regulations both state and federal.
5. A vendor or their registered representative must sell all products. A vendor may not act as a broker for another vendor and thus sell another producers products.
6. Only individuals may apply for active participation as a vendor (no co-ops, partnerships, etc)
7. Each vendor will be required to participate in the functioning and maintenance of market business by either serving on a committee or attending a market event (Home & Garden Show, Old Timer's Day, etc.)
8. A vendor must agree to allow a representative of the DCFMA rules committee accompanied by either an officer or a board member to inspect the farm or home upon request to verify that the vendor is growing/producing all products offered for sale.
9. At market close vendors are responsible for cleaning up the immediate area around their space. The last vendor to exit must shut and latch gate upon leaving.
10. Vendors will not reduce prices or give away free products at the end of the market day unless it is to other vendors.
11. Scales will be certified to be accurate by an official of the Weights and Measures Division of Tennessee Department of Agriculture. All scales must be 'for trade' scales in order to pass certification.
12. Vendor displays should be professional, appropriate and aesthetically pleasing.
13. Live animals of any kind cannot be sold at the market.
14. Each registered vendor will be given a name badge that must be worn at all times when selling at the market.
15. All vendors must enter and exit through the designated market entrance.
16. Crafts will be allowed but must be created/made by the vendor.
17. No pets are allowed in the farmers market with the exception of service animals.
18. Use of alcohol, tobacco or E-cigs/vaping is prohibited in vendor stalls. Please limit use of smoking/tobacco products to areas near parked cars adjacent to your booth.
19. Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in exclusion from the market.