

2021 Muhlenberg County Farmers Market (MCFM)

Membership

- Membership fee for the 2021 season will be \$30 (per farm). Membership fee MUST be paid on or before April 17, 2021; otherwise, member will not be allowed to sell.
- Members are REQUIRED to attend 30% of market meetings (e.g. 3 out of 10 meetings).
- Anyone wishing to join the market during the course of the 2021 season and not having any prior history with the MCFM, i.e. a brand new member, may do so at any time by paying the required membership dues and with the requirement of attending one market meeting prior to being allowed to sell at the market.

Authorized Representative

- Paying members may have an immediate family member or employee sell their produce. Person selling MUST know and adhere to the MCFM rules.

Selling

- Regular market location will be the MCFM Pavilion.
- MCFM 2021 season will begin April 17, 2021 and end October 30, 2021.
- Market hours are as follows: Regular season hours will be Saturdays from 8 AM to 12 PM (or sellout). Winter hours (based on availability) will be Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM on November 6, 13, and 20, 2021.

Pricing/Selling

- Produce prices will be set by participating market members on any given market day AND before any sales occur.
- Produce shall be priced and sold by the bunch, ear, dozen, bushel, peck, etc. or otherwise sold by use of a government approved/certified scale provided by the seller.
- Market member or their authorized representative MUST know and adhere to current prices AND abide by market rules.
- Members will sell the same quality produce at the same price. NO undercutting.
- Processed goods can be priced at members' discretion.
- All produce being sold by a member or their authorized representative MUST be from a paying member's farm.

Other

- All produce MUST be kept off the ground in containers.
- No spoiled produce will be offered for sale. Quality and freshness are the two key selling points.
- Members will provide their own tables and their own bags/containers for customers.
- Members should ensure their vehicle(s) are free of mud, manure, etc. Image is a vital part of the sell.
- Members are responsible for clean-up of their selling space at the end of the day. They will remove any garbage and take it to a market trash receptacle.

KDA Regulations

- Members MUST have completed and received a certificate for the Farmers Market Sampling Program if they allow sampling/tasting.
- Produce offered for sell MUST meet the required amount of days since last spraying of pesticides. Pesticides include all herbicides, fungicides, or insecticides. For member/grower safety, records should be kept so they can be referred to if a customer should ask.

Types of Products (See attached KDA Manual pages)

- All fruit and vegetables must be locally grown in Muhlenberg County.
- All handmade items must be made locally in Muhlenberg County and by the paying member.
- Bedding, potted plants and cut flowers (subject to sales tax; the sellers/members responsibility.)
- NO live animals, fresh meat, fish, milk, or milk products.

- Baked goods are allowed (bread, cakes, fruit pies, and cookies; pecan pies are also allowed.)
- Jams, jellies and preserves (low sugar/non-sugar/sugarless or vegetable jams are excluded e.g. hot pepper jelly or garlic jelly.)
- Fruit butters (e.g. pear butter)
- Dried herbs, spices, and nuts
- Honey and sorghum
- In order to sell Homebased Processing items on this list, PBPT Certified vendors must grow a key ingredient or source the ingredient from another PBPT Certified market member.

The following products **MUST** follow specific guidelines per the Farmers Market Manual and Resource Guide:

- Handmade Soap (page 92)
- Eggs (page 78 and pages 81-84)
- Meats (pages 87-90)
- Homebased Micro-processing (pages 73-74)

Violation of Rules and Guidelines

Non-compliance of any member to adhere to the above rules and regulations will result in a violation. Violations will be enforced and handled by MCFM officers. Once an officer has been made aware of a violations or observed a violations, the following steps will be taken:

- 1st Violation – a verbal warning from the officer
- 2nd Violation – a written warning from the officer
- 3rd Violation – a written warning from the officer and the violator will be asked to leave for the remainder of the day
- 4th Violation – violator will not be allowed to sell at the MCFM and annual dues WILL NOT be refunded.

Commitment

I, the undersigned, have read the rules and regulations governing the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market Association, Inc. I agree to adhere to the rules and regulations as above. I will not hold the county of Muhlenberg or the property owners responsible in the event of an accident in connection with the operation of the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market. Also, I the undersigned, have received a copy of the above referenced pages of the Kentucky Farmers Market Manual and Resource Guide and agree to follow all guidelines set forth in the document.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: KY Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Farm Name: _____

Email: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Each member of a farm needs to sign and return a form. The copy attached to Kentucky Farmers Market Manual and Resource Guide information is yours to keep for reference.