

## 2018 MUHLENBERG COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET

- Open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until sold out, and every Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 PM beginning April 14, 2018 and lasting through October 27, 2018 at the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market Pavilion. One special market will be held on Wednesday July 4, 2018 beginning at 8:00 AM and lasting until 12:00 PM. The Market vendors will move to the Courthouse square on the day that the Clodhopper and Squash and Gobble Events are held in lieu of the original market location.
- Membership Fee: annual fees will be \$30.00 (Dues paying members can have an immediate family member or employee selling their produce; however, the person selling must be knowledgeable of the rules and current prices. Furthermore, the produce being sold must be from the dues paying members' farm. **Dues shall be paid before person sells any produce.**
- Members must attend at least thirty percent of the meetings from January 1 to market opening of each year.
- A member may sell produce for a second member providing the second member adheres to all other rules and regulations of the Muhlenberg Farmers Market Assoc.
- Dues are to be paid by April 30 of each year.
- Space will be provided on a first come, first served basis within the designated area for farmers market members.
- Type of Produce to be sold: (**Locally Grown in Muhlenberg County**)
  - All fruits and vegetables
  - Bedding and potted plants, cut flowers (are subject to sales tax; the **sellers** responsibility).
  - Baked goods are allowed (included bread, cakes, pies, etc).
  - Jellies and Jams, Honey, Sorghum (salsa, relishes canned produce from fresh produce i.e., tomatoes, green beans, corn).
  - Eggs.
  - All Meat and Chicken that has been processed and inspected at a USDA certified plant or state inspected. Meat has to be frozen.
  - **NO** live animals, fresh meat, fish, milk, or milk products.
  - Soap is allowed (homemade)
- Produce must be kept off the ground in containers.
- Produce shall be priced and sold by bunch, ear, dozen, bushel, peck, etc. or otherwise sold by use of a government approved scale provided by the seller.
- Produce prices will be determined and set by participating market members the day of and before any sales occur.

Processed goods can be priced at vendors discretion

- It is the participant's responsibility to know prices and abide by market rules
- Participants will sell same quality produce at same price, no undercutting.
- No spoiled produce will be offered for sale.
- Quality and freshness are the two key selling points for the grower.
- Market Vendors must have completed and be certified for the **Farmer's Market Sampling Program** if they allow tasting.

Produce offered for sale **MUST** meet the required amount of days since last spraying of pesticides. Pesticides include all herbicides, fungicides, or insecticides. For grower's safety, records should be kept so that they can be referred to if a customer asks.

Cleanup: All sellers will be responsible for their garbage receptacle, will clean up their own selling space, and will remove their garbage at the end of the selling day and take it with them.

- Participants should make sure their truck is free of mud, manure, etc. Image is a big part of the sale.
- Participants will provide their own tables.
- Participants will provide their own bags or proper containers for their customers.
- Any seller not in compliance with the above regulations will be given, first – a warning: second – will be asked to vacate the premises.

I, the undersigned, have read these rules and regulations governing the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market Association, Inc. and agree to the above. A violation of the above gives the Muhlenberg County Farmers Market Association, Inc. members the power to end my privilege to sell and revoke the membership privileges, no fees refunded.

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 Farmer's Market.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**KEEP ONE COPY OF THE RULES AND RETURN A SIGNED COPY WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE**