

Farmers Market Registration

Purpose:

Registration of a Farmers Market with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry will entitle vendors at the market who sell non-potentially hazardous farm food products and whole shell eggs to be exempt from licensing requirements of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. To be eligible a market must comply with the definition of a Farmers Market as defined by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and submit their registration application to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry.

Definition:

"Farmers Market" means a designated area in which farmers, growers or producers from a defined region gather on a regularly scheduled basis to sell at retail non-potentially hazardous farm food products and whole shell eggs to the public. A portion of the raw food ingredients used by the individual vendor to produce a product must have been grown or raised by the vendor. The individual vendors wishing to process food as defined by Chapter 260 of the regulations must obtain a state food processor's license. A Farmers' Market must have written operational guidelines and a minimum of six vendors along with a designated market manager or advisory board who will be responsible for distribution of a copy of the guidelines to the vendors. Farmers' Markets must be registered by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and comply with the *Food Service Establishment Regulations*, Chapter 257, and/or *Good Manufacturing Practice*, Chapter 260. This definition does not include individual farmers who grow and sell unprocessed fruit and/or vegetables from the farm, roadside or truck. Any vendors who prepare or sell any potential hazard foods at the Farmers' Markets must abide by all applicable sections of Chapter 257 of the regulations.

Registration Duration:

Market registration will be valid from January 1 thru December 31 of each calendar year and must be renewed on an annual basis. There will be no fee required for registration.

For assistance please call Justin Whitmore at (405) 522-6194.

Mail completed applications to:
Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry
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Farmers Market Registration Application

Name of Market _____ Location _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Months of Operation _____ Hours of Operation _____

Days of the Week Open _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone number _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ Market Website _____

Please attach the following information:

1. Copy of Markets guidelines and/or by-laws
2. List of vendors participating in market indicating exemption status.
3. Market manager contact info and or Advisory Board members

Markets must agree to provide all vendors with a copy of the Farmers Market guidelines established by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Vendors participating at the market that have not grown or raised a portion of raw food ingredients used by the individual vendor to produce their processed products are not eligible for exemption and must maintain licenses as required by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Vendors participating in the market selling potentially hazardous foods are not eligible for exemption and must maintain licenses.

Loss of Registered Status:

- Farmer Markets may lose their registered status if they no longer meet the provisions of the Farmers Market definition.
- Vendors at the market who are exempt, but are found to be in violation of Health Dept regulations and fail to come into compliance.

I hereby agree that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. (_____) agrees to comply with the requirements necessary to
Market Name

maintain its membership as a registered market with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry. I also understand that failure to comply with all of the provisions of the registration requirements may result in the market losing its registered designation.

Signature _____ Date _____