



North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market

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Open every day 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, except Christmas Day

2026 Farmer Operational Guidelines Addendum

Effective January 1, 2026

Welcome to the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market! We thank you for choosing the Market to sell your products. The following guidelines have been developed to permit fair and equal opportunity for all vendors and to ensure quality products for buyers. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please ask Market Management. Market Management will always take time to address your questions and any concerns you have.

Please know that should any vendor violate these guidelines; Market Management may deny that vendor's operating privileges. The process for addressing violations is outlined in your 2026 All Vendor Guidelines. It is our belief that through the collective endeavor of growers, vendors, customers, management, and staff, we can all enjoy a thriving and prosperous 2026 season. Cheers to a great year ahead!

1) Process for Selling Another Certified North Carolina Grower's Product(s):

- Certified Farmer Vendors wishing to supplement the sale of their products with agricultural commodities from another Certified North Carolina Grower must first meet with Market Management to request doing so and provide the necessary information for the certification of all products to be sold (e.g., Specific commodities to be sold, scheduling Growers' Certifications Inspections, providing purchasing invoices, etc.).
- For Certified Growers who are approved to have a Certified Farmer Vendor sell their products at PTFM, they forfeit their privilege to sell separately on the Market for the calendar year.
- Certified Farmer Vendors who sell commodities for an approved Certified Grower are required to maintain a minimum of 51% of their own product that is for sale in their rented space when also selling commodities from the Certified Grower.
- Both the Certified Farmer Vendor and Certified Grower must complete Growers' Certification Inspections from Market Management each year.

2) Renting Space:

- A Certified Farmer wanting to rent selling space must do so in person. Vendor employees or representatives may not make the initial space rental of the season/year.
- Vendors may rent space from 4:00am until 1:00pm each day. If special arrangements need to be made, please contact Market Management.
- Vendors who wish to retain space for the duration of a week or longer must be present and actively selling on the Market for at least 6 days a week.
- Vendors are limited to two A spaces in the Farmers' Areas 1 and 2 (three A spaces may be rented when demand for space allows).
- In Farmers' Areas 1 & 2, an A & B space must be rented before a second A space is rented during peak season.
- Vendors/Vendor's employee or representative may rent a B or C space after 6:00pm.

- If a vendor has rented all the available spaces permitted, they will be allowed to rent one parking space directly behind their rented spaces for the sole purpose of parking a truck or trailer to be used for storing product.
 - o The rent for storage space will be \$5.00 per 200 sq.ft. per day.
 - o If the vendor does not wish to rent the space, they will have until 10:00 am, regardless of arrival time, to unload product and relocate to an approved parking location.
 - o Any truck or trailer occupying a parking space after 10:00am will be considered used for storage and the rent will be assessed.
- Any vendor who needs to leave a vehicle or trailer on the Market overnight will need prior approval from Market Management. All unapproved vehicles are subject to towing at the owners' expense.
- Vendors with rented space may restock at any time.
- In the event a vendor sells out of all products, they are to notify the Gatehouse Associate on duty if they wish to hold the space or clean and vacate it. If vacating, everything (e.g., vehicles, trailers, tables, containers, waste, etc.) must be removed from the Market.
- Vendors are not to hold spaces with vehicles, trailers, or small amounts of produce. Such items may be removed by Market personnel.

3) Selling Guidelines:

- Farmer vendors may supplement the sale of their produce and/or plants with functional items such as handcrafted birdfeeders, baskets, dried flower arrangements, etc. (i.e., functional items that are handcrafted from natural products on their farm). Items such as, but not limited to, plastic picture frames or clothing not handspun is not permitted.
- Plants needing to be sprayed should be returned to your farm for treatment (i.e., spray treatments are not permitted at the Market).
- All live nursery stock (winter hard trees, shrubs, vines, perennial bulbs, turf grass, narcissus bulbs, strawberry plants, iris, and daylily plants, rose plants, etc.) offered for sale must be properly certified by the state where they were produced to be apparently free of injurious plant pests and free of quarantined plant pests.
- A nursery license must be maintained on-site for all nursery stock on hand and for non-nursery stock plants originating out-of-state.
- For Certified Farmer Vendors who intend to sell Meat and Eggs please reference the SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR SELLING MEAT, POULTRY AND EGGS IN THE FARMERS AREAS. Contact the Market Management for a copy of these guidelines.
- Value-added products will need to be approved by Market Management. Examples: Jams, jellies, salsas, cheeses, soaps, etc.
- To sell value-added products, you must produce the raw product from which the products are made (e.g., 1] a strawberry grower can sell strawberry jelly or jam, 2] a goat farmer can sell goat cheeses or goat's milk soap). Vendors must have proper certification to produce these products.
- Value-added products may not be more than 25% of the product display within your selling space.

4) Forklifts:

- Operators must have an operator certification to have a tow motor (forklift) operating in the Farmers' Areas. This is required by the N.C. Industrial Commission and NCDOL.
- A copy of the operator's certification must be on file in the office prior to operation.
- Proof of liability insurance for your forklift must be provided to the office.