

Nash County Farmers Market

INFORMATION



Day of Market Opening, Closing and Operations



- April 4, 2020 - November 21, 2020
- Saturdays 8am – 1pm
- Tuesdays 3pm to 6pm in June, July and August
- Vendors should be in there space and ready to sell their products at 8am on Saturdays
- At this time all special events and music are postponed
- Due to Covid-19, please leave when you have sold all of your product
- Holiday Market - December

Continuing this Season at the Market



● WIC and Senior Vouchers

- Market application has been submitted for 2020
- Checks are only for produce, not for other food items
- Produce vendors wishing to take these checks for the first time must attend a training session in order to accept them as payment
- Produce vendors who accepted these checks in 2020 must attend a refresher training session
- Paperwork will be forthcoming, please let me know if you want to participate.

Continuing this Season at the Market



● EBT

- Started accepting EBT in the summer of 2019
- We will continue accepting EBT for 2020
- Total EBT sales for 2019 - \$1000 +
- Plan to advertise more

EBT

Token



- Sales expected to increase and become a vital part of the Nash County Farmers Market
- All vendors who have eligible food must accept EBT at this Market. Those vendors are also required to complete a W-9 for Nash County.
- Eligible foods include:
 - Breads, Cereal, Baked Goods. Grains, Mixes and Spices
 - Fruits and Vegetables
 - Meat, Poultry and Fish
 - Dairy Products
 - Eggs
 - Honey
 - Canned Goods
 - Seeds and plants which produce food
 - Popcorn, lemonade, sodas, ice cream
- Vendors may not accept EBT for items that are not eligible.
 - Hot foods or foods eaten on site
 - Beer, wine, liquor or tobacco products
 - Vitamins or medicines
 - Soaps, lotions or balms
 - Non food plants
 - Pet Foods
 - Crafts

New Tokens and Procedure



- Snap/EBT customers will swipe an EBT card for \$20 and receive \$40 in \$1 tokens.
- The EBT customer will then use the market tokens to buy SNAP-eligible food items from market vendors.
- New double bucks tokens can only be used for produce.
- The customer does not have to use all the tokens that day. They can keep them and return to the market another time and spend them later.
- Change can not be received for the tokens. If a customer's items total \$1.50, an extra item like perhaps an extra tomato should be given to get them to an even dollar amount.
- Likewise a customer may not “cash in” EBT tokens with a vendor. Such activity will result in the vendor’s suspension.



Procedure for EBT

- Vendors will return the tokens to the market manager at the end of the month and receive a copy of a dated receipt for the tokens collected.
- The market manager will verify the amount received by each vendor. An envelope for your tokens will be provided to each vendor.
- An accounting spreadsheet will be submitted to the Nash County finance department.
- A check will be issued once a month by the Nash County for your EBT credit.
- Questions?

New at the Market in 2020



- Fresh Bucks Grant from RAFI – Double EBT Tokens
- Grant to Allow for Voucher Program from Albemarle Regional Health Services Coming this Summer
- AgVentures Grant was Awarded to the Nash County Farmers Market in the Amount of \$6000

Guidelines



- Vendors must be the original producer of at least 70% of items being sold April –August.
- Starting the first market day in September vendors will be allowed to follow the 50/50 rule.
- Items not produced by the vendor must be produced by a NC farmer.
- Absentee forms must be completed for each product not grown by the vendor.
- An absentee vendor growing produce will be accepted. Those producing food items and plants will be permitted. Those producing artisans/crafts will not be allowed
- Signage must indicate where the absentee farmers product is grown.
- Farm visits will be conducted to verify compliance later in the season when the quarantine is lifted.
- Vendors selling food items are required to show evidence of satisfying food safety requirements of the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Craft items being sold at the market will be temporarily suspended.
- Vendors selling any item other than an unprocessed agricultural product are required to provide the market with a copy of their NC Dept. of Revenue “Certificate of Registration” in order to attend the Market.
- Failure to comply with any of the guidelines will result in suspension from the Market.

Guidelines

- Space assignments are made based on the production of agricultural products, vendor seniority, attendance and advanced payment. Vendors from Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash and Wilson counties will be given priority for use of market space.
- A market space is considered occupied only when both the vendor and products are present.
- Vendors will pay \$10/day per market space, \$5/day for half space. All vendors must give notice to the Market Manager by 5pm on Thursday if they are planning not to attend on Saturday.
- There will a \$10 NO SHOW fee for non-compliance.
- Transfer of market space assignment by vendors is prohibited.
- Vendors must display a sign that includes their name, address and telephone number. Minimum size is 8 1/2 by 11 inches and no larger than 12 feet square.
- All items must have a visible sign displaying the price
- For all items sold by weight, vendors must provide scales that have been inspected for accuracy by NC Dept. Agriculture, Standards Divisions.
- Vendors are responsible for cleaning their space before departure from the Market.

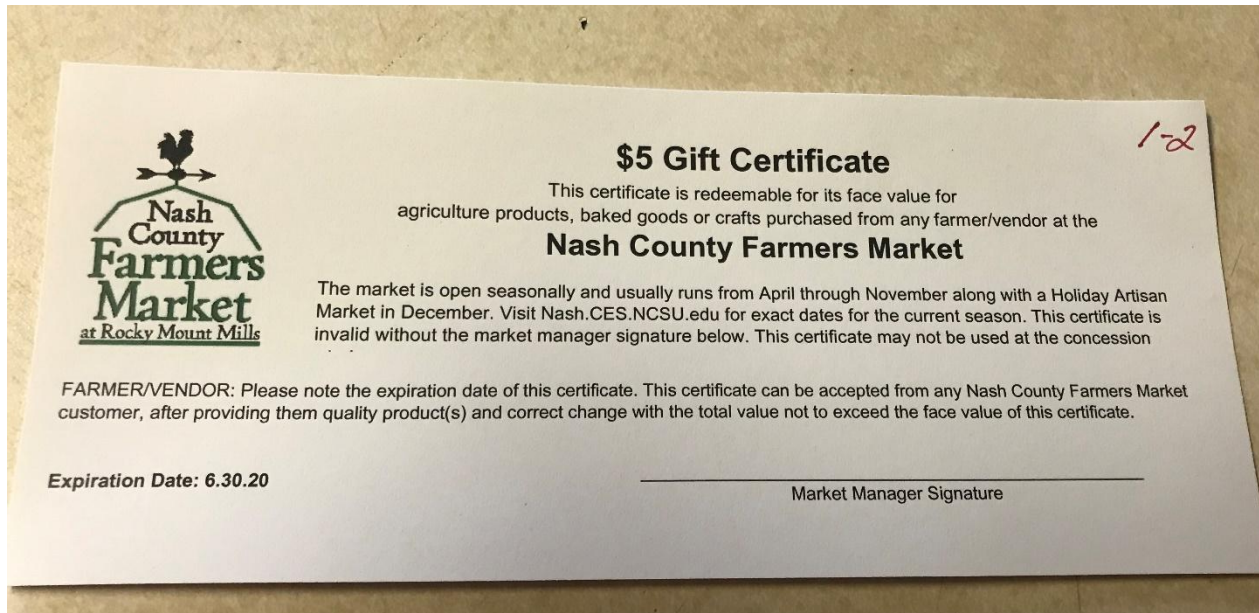
Guidelines

- The Market Manger may ask a vendor or customer to leave the Market , if it is determined thy are disruptive to the atmosphere or mission of the Market.
- The Market Manager will not accept personal gifts from vendors, nor attempt to influence product pricing.
- Situation will arise that are not published in the guidelines. The Market Manager will use their discretion to address these issues.
- By signing the vendor certification for the Nash County Farmers Market you assume all liability arising for the sale of your products.
- All vendors are required to provide sales and/or service to all market customers regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or disability. Failure to do so will result in lose of market certification and suspension from market participation

Gift Certificate



- Gift Certificates - \$5 – Can be taken for all products



Questions?



- This situation is unlike anything every experienced in our nation or community
- Please come to me with questions or concerns!!!