



1006 Peachtree Street
Rocky Mount, NC

Vendor News

January 2023

2023 Market

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November through December - Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
New in 2023! May through July - Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday, February 2nd - Johnston County Cooperative Extension Center, 2736 NC Highway 210, Smithfield, NC 27577**
Tuesday, February 14th - Currituck County Cooperative Extension Center, 120 Community Way, Barco, NC 27917
Produce Safety Alliance Training with Chip Simmons - Cost is \$50 This is a one day training course for growers on the Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) standardized curriculum that meets the regulatory requirements of the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. This training will enable vendors to participate in the CSA box program. Please sign up at: <https://ncfreshproducesafety.ces.ncsu.edu/2021/11/produce-safety-alliance-trainings-2/>
- **Monday, February 6th 4:00pm – Informational Meeting for CSA Box Vendors** - If you would like to participate in the CSA boxes or if you have been participating in this program, please attend.
- **February 21st -23rd 1pm to 3:30pm - NC Homemade Entrepreneur - Virtual - Cost is \$50** Learn how to prepare foods in a home based kitchen. For more info on this program, please contact the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Nash County Center at 252-459-9810.
- **Tuesday, March 7th 4:00 pm at Nash County Agricultural Center, Accepting Electronic Payments at the Farmers Market Workshop - Ayra Sundbom, Owner Operator of Bearadise Farm** Learn how to take credit cards and electronic payments for your products at the market.

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- **Saturday, March 25th 5:00 pm at Nash County Farmers Market Free Concert with Chandler James and Meredith Davis Johnson** – Free Food & Free Live Music!
- **Wednesday, March 29th 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm – Mandatory Market Vendor Meeting** – Come and hear our exciting plans for the 2023 season!
- **Wednesday, March 29th 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Weigh Scales Inspection** - Annual inspection of your weigh scales is required for market participation for produce vendors who sell produce by weight. An inspector from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences will be at the market to certify the accuracy of your weigh scales. If you do not bring your scales to the market during this time, you will need to make other arrangements to certify your scales for accuracy with NCDA.
- **Wednesday, March 29th 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Vendor Setup** - Please plan to set up for Opening Day during this time. If you are unable to set up at this time, there will be ample time to setup on Opening Day.
- **Saturday, April 1st 8am to 1pm – Opening Day!** Vendor setup can begin at 6:30 am. We are looking forward to a fantastic season at the Nash County Farmers Market!

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Annual Free Concert – Chandler James & Meredith Davis Johnson

The Nash County Farmers Market will host the Annual Free Concert on Saturday, March 25th. The event will begin at 5:00 pm and will feature Chandler James and Meredith Davis Johnson. This free *indoor* event is open to the public and we will offer complimentary BBQ with fixins, desserts, and hot dogs for the kids, plus door prizes.

NC Arts Council, Nowell Family Farm and HS Howell Farms are the primary sponsors for this event. This event is free and helps to kick-off the upcoming market season. As a Market vendor you are invited to support this event - see enclosed Free Concert Sponsorship. Please return this completed form by March 20th, 2023. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving, desserts and clean up. Please indicate on the sponsorship form if you can volunteer and/or provide desserts. Thank you in advance for your support.

CSA Box Program

The Nash County Farmers Market implemented a pilot CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program in 2020. Due to the pandemic, this program proved to be very beneficial to market customers. In 2021 and 2022 the CSA program greatly expanded due to grants awarded in the amount of \$202,373, \$181,716 and \$460,000. The Market will continue to fulfill the CSA grants in 2023. In order to participate, vendors will be **required** to provide a \$500,000 liability insurance certificate. Produce vendors also **must** complete Food Safety Training or GAP certification. Other food vendors must have all certifications required by local, state and federal laws regarding the products to be included in the CSA box program. Please fill out the attached CSA application, if you are new to the program and are interested in participating in the CSA box program. Please submit copies of requested forms and certifications with application.

Vendor Certification Form

For returning vendors completed 2023 Vendor Certification forms are due by March 20th.

If you are planning to take advantage of the discount with the One-time Payment Offer, payments must be included with your Vendor Certification Application form **by March 20, 2023**. For your convenience, a copy of the updated Market Operational Guidelines for Vendors, market information and a self-addressed envelope are included in this packet. If you have questions, please contact the Market Manager, Maurine Brown at 252-904-3250 or the NC Cooperative Extension office at 252-459-9810. If you need additional forms they can be found on our website at <https://nash.ces.ncsu.edu/> under the Farmers Market tab.