

MCCULLOCH COUNTY FARMERS MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS

MARKETING REQUIREMENTS:

Vendors shall be Texas farmers, ranchers, and/or crafters. There is no participation fee. All vendors must submit annually a Market Vendor Application listing items to be sold and agreeing to these Rules and Regulations. Approved vendors will receive a Vendor Number that must be displayed at the market.

Applications and Rules and Regulations may be obtained at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 114 West Main St., Brady, Texas, online at mcculloch.agrilife.org or txmg.org/centraltexas.

Completed applications should be returned to the Extension Office at the address listed above or emailed to centxmga@gmail.com.

All vendors must identify themselves and their products by displaying their vendor number and a sign. The sign should display the vendor's name, address, contact telephone number and show where the products are grown or produced. A copy of the approved Vendor Application may be displayed in lieu of a sign.

PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE SOLD:

Raw agricultural products: Products grown or produced by the vendor or his immediate family, including, but not limited to, fruits, vegetables, nuts, herbs, grains, flowers, trees, bedding plants, and eggs.

Re-Sale agricultural products: Products grown or produced within 100 miles of McCulloch County and not typically produced in McCulloch County.

Products Sold Via Agency: CTMGA may sell products for vendors who cannot attend the market and will charge 10% of gross sales. Prior arrangements are required. Any vendor may designate an agent to sell his products.

Value-added agricultural products: Raw agricultural products that have been processed and licensed, inspected or otherwise regulated by the federal government or State of Texas. These products include, but are not limited to, honey, syrup, sorghum, vinegars, jelly, salsa, soap, etc. Vendors must abide by all applicable federal, state and local health regulations and must adhere to federal guidelines on all labels.

Crafts: Only local handmade crafts will be allowed. Such items may include, but are not limited to, wreaths, swags, dry flower arrangements, pressed flowers, scented sticks, potpourri, furniture, handbags, quilts, jewelry, etc. The product must meet basic expectations of product function and safety.

Animals: Animals being sold must be separated from food vendors and contained in crates or cages, etc. Examples of animals allowed: chickens, ducks, guineas, rabbits, goats, lambs.

Informational Booths: To further the educational purposes of the market and to help promote tourism in Brady, McCulloch County and surrounding areas, local non-profit and volunteer groups are encouraged to participate at the market. However, a Market Vendor Application must be completed and submitted.

PRODUCTS THAT MAY NOT BE SOLD:

No flea market items.

No garage sale items.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

The Farmers Market will be open one day per week for 2 hours per day during the summer. Times and dates will be posted at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 114 West Main St., Brady, Texas, and on the McCulloch County Farmers Market Facebook page. These Rules and Regulations will be in effect at all times. Absolutely no vending is allowed except during the posted times and dates. No Exceptions.

LOCATION:

All vendors must set up in a designated area of the Courthouse Square. A canopy is recommended for each sales area and, if used, must be anchored on all four corners. However, absolutely no stakes may be driven into the ground.

PRICE FIXING:

Vendors are free to set their own prices but should be within acceptable limits.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Produce may be sold by the pound, provided scales are certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Otherwise, produce shall be sold by the piece, pint, quart, peck or another generally accepted measure of quantity.

QUALITY CONTROL AND SANITARY CONDITIONS:

Vendors are required to clean their area before leaving for the day. All refuse must leave with the vendor. Smoking should be away from the products and the public.

SAFETY:

Vendors may not block the walkways.

CONDUCT:

All vendors shall conduct themselves in a professional manner while at the Market.

ENFORCEMENT:

Central Texas Master Gardeners Association has been designated by the Chamber of Commerce and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to oversee operations of the Farmers Market. Any member of the Association has authority to enforce these Rules and Regulations. Anyone who refuses to follow these Rules and Regulations will be asked to leave the premises.