



Abbeville County Farmers Market Rules

1. The Abbeville County Farmers Market is open to Vendors each Friday of the Calendar year.
2. The hours of operation will be 7AM-12PM each Friday. No products are permitted to be sold at the market at any other time. Vendor set up time is between 6AM -7AM. Vendors are REQUIRED to reach out to the Farmer's Market prior to attending to ensure compliance with the Market's rules and requirements for the selling of products. (EX. Vegetables, fruit, handmade crafts or baked goods)
3. Vendor spaces during growing season will be assigned using a lottery system. Regular vendors participating outside of growing season may select a space on a first come first basis, outside of growing season.
 - a. The lottery will be conducted on the last Friday of May and Vendors will be notified of the results. The City of Abbeville special events committee will coordinate the lottery. Vendors wishing to participate in lottery must have registered by final Thursday of May at 5PM. *Regular vendors should be in their booth space by 6:45AM each Friday or the tent space may be claimed for that day by another vendor.
 - b. *Growing Season is defined as the first Friday in June until the final Friday of October
4. Tent space not assigned during the lottery may be reserved by vendors who wish to sell on a week to week basis (examples: vendors who sell once per season only or vendors who sell every third week or any other irregular schedule.)
5. Vendor must provide table and table covering. Any crates or baskets displaying produce around the tables must not impede the flow of foot traffic.
6. Vendors must meet the 50/50 rule: At least 50% of a vendor's products sold at the Abbeville County Farmers Market must be grown or created within Abbeville County, Greenwood County, McCormick County, Laurens County, Anderson County, or Edgefield County. Other products must be grown or created within a 100 mile radius of Abbeville County. All products sold at the Abbeville County Farmers Market must be SC products. If a vendor is not able to meet the 50/50 rule due to special circumstances, pre-approval of market manager/ special events committee must be obtained in order for vendor to sell at the market.

7. Each vendor is required to provide signage for products sold that clearly indicates the type of product available, origin, and the price. Vendors are responsible for signage. If vendors are certified to accept USDA Farmers Market Nutrition Program or WIC vouchers, current certification must be prominently displayed.
8. The following items are prohibited for sale at the Abbeville County Farmers Market: **live animals, yard sale items, items that display vulgar language and/or images, items that do not stand in approval with the market manager due to questionable nature for any reason.**
9. Vendors must be in compliance with SC Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Environmental Control rules and regulations (if applicable.) Examples of these types of products include but are not limited to eggs, baked goods, jams/preserves, meat, and milk.
10. Complaints against vendors: 3 strikes rule
All complaints against vendors must be presented to the market manager in writing. Forms for complaints against vendors may be obtained from the City's Special Events Committee. Incomplete forms and forms without signatures will not be considered. Completed complaint forms will be considered by the Farmers market oversight committee.
 - First complaint deemed in violation: Verbal warning
 - Second complaint deemed in violation: One week suspension from the Abbeville County Farmers Market
 - Third complaint deemed in violation: Expulsion from the Abbeville County Farmers Market.
11. Farmers Market debris may be placed in the North Main Street parking lot dumpster. Tent spaces must be left clean.
12. The Abbeville County Farmers Market will not discriminate against any individual based on that individual's race, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
13. The City of Abbeville, Abbeville County, the Clemson University Extension Service, nor the Abbeville County Farmers Committee shall be responsible for any accident at the Abbeville County Farmers Market. It is the responsibility of the vendor to maintain his/her own personal liability insurance as it pertains to the products which s/he is producing and selling.

