



## MARKET RULES AND PROCEDURES

2024

***MISSION STATEMENT:*** *To provide opportunities for farmers and artisans to sell their produce/goods directly to consumers while supporting the vibrancy and history of downtown La Grange as a commerce destination. This ongoing activity increases and expands the economic strength/viability of local growers and small business within our county while also contributing positively to the health and wealth of our residents.*

1. The La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans (LFMA) was created and is operated under the authority of the La Grange Kentucky Main Street Program. The purpose of La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans (LFMA) is to provide freshly grown produce, quality food products, and hand-crafted goods to the public. Because the primary function of the market is food based, the market will limit the number of Artisans only vendors to no more than **20%** of the number of total vendors for any one year.
2. The LFMA will have either a Market Manager or LFMA (Committee) members to make decisions on the day-to-day operations of the market. (The Committee will consist of at least 8 (eight) members, made up of active Farmers, Artisans vendors, plus local individuals who have interest in the success of the market and the Market Manager. There are no term limits for the Committee Members. Should a Committee Member resign the existing Committee will select a replacement from volunteers. Each member of the Committee will have one vote.)
3. Read these market rules and procedures carefully before signing your application. Keep a copy of your records - these market rules and regulations are a part of your agreement with La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans (hereinafter "LFMA"). Failure to observe these market rules and procedures may result in the suspension or termination of your LFMA participation. If you have questions regarding these market rules and procedures contact the Market Manager or any LFMA Committee member. The market rules and procedures set out below shall be a part of the agreement between the vendor and LFMA and by signing the application the vendor agrees to be bound by them.
4. The term "vendor" or "member" means anyone growing/producing within a 60 miles radius of La Grange, KY, and within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of KY. Children under the age of 16 may participate in the market but only if supervised by a parent or another adult. "Allowable goods" include

flowers, dried flowers, vine wreaths, gourds, body care products and beeswax candles (for which all materials must be found, grown, or produced on the vendor's farm or land). Other allowable goods include vegetables, fruit, honey (in accordance with "Sell Honey at Kentucky Farmers Markets" 2023-2024 Kentucky Farmers' Market Manual), meat (must be processed in a USDA - inspected facility and bear the mark of USDA inspection), dairy (all dairy products must be manufactured under a "commercial" permit), eggs (according to Small Producer's Guidelines for Handling and Selling Eggs 2023-2024 Kentucky Farmers' Market Manual) and poultry (must be processed in a USDA - inspected facility and bear the mark of USDA inspection) grown, produced or raised by the vendor, or processed, baked and canned goods produced by the vendor. Home-processed meat and poultry and/or custom-processed meat and poultry, including wild game, may not be marketed, or sold at LFMA according to the 2023-2024 Kentucky Farmer's Market Manual.

5. Persons who shall be allowed to market goods include farmers and growers who raise their own produce, eggs, meats/poultry, and vendors who are approved to sell processed, baked, or canned goods (as defined by HB391 located in the 2023-2024 Kentucky Farmers' Market Manual), and approved Artisans. All produce or products must be grown or produced by the individual. No commercial produce is allowed. No items from the Louisville Produce Terminal, or any other wholesale outlets, are allowed. No brokers or re-sellers are permitted as members of LFMA. The market will provide an outlet for the sale of fresh picked produce, related agricultural, horticultural and craft products that have been grown, harvested, produced, or made by the member. A high standard of quality and freshness is expected. The Market Manager or LFMA Board has the right to prohibit the sale of any unacceptable item.

6. Participation in LFMA requires the submission of an application, reading the La Grange Kentucky Main Street Program, LFMA Market Rules and Procedures 2024, reading the 2023-2024 Kentucky Farmers' Market Manual, payment of fees, and selection by the LFMA Board. Vendor selection shall be determined by the LFMA Committee. You must list all products to be sold on your application for approval. Adding new products after original application approval requires La Grange Farmers' Market Committee approval. Any 2023 vendor shall have priority for approval but will be reconsidered by the LGFM Committee upon submission of the 2024 application. Any new vendor shall be voted upon by the LGFM Committee. Upon selection, vendors will receive written confirmation from LFMA.

7. All vendors of produce, in event samples are given, and all vendors of baked goods, nursery plants, eggs, cheeses, meat and processed foods shall comply with any city, county, state and federal rules for inspection and handling, shall obtain all necessary permits and certificates, and show proof of same by providing copy to the LFMA with application. LFMA requires permits and/or certificates to be displayed on market days. Vendors selling processed food must be permitted through the Kentucky Department for Public Health - Food Safety Branch and have a current Home-based processing or Home-based Microprocessor permit. A copy of the permit must be provided to the LFMA Committee to be retained on file.

8. The market shall operate every Saturday at La Grange Springs Park Farmers' Market Pavilion, La Grange KY 40031 between **April 20 and October 26, 2024**. The hours shall be from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The LFMA has been granted the use of the pavilion, and only members shall be allowed to set up and sell within this designated area. Please note: Vendor participation directly impacts the success of our customer count, which you need to be successful.

9. Vendors may supplement produce from their farm by no more than 20% with produce from neighboring farms. The farms must be within the 60-mile radius of La Grange, and within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of KY. If you choose to supplement, you are responsible for the product as if it were your own. **The La Grange Farmers' Market Committee reserves the right to conduct Farm and Facility inspections on a case-to-case basis.**

10. Application process and fees:

All vendors shall be required to submit a signed application, no later than March 1, and mail or deliver their fees, copies of permits and certificates at that time. The fee schedule is as follows: \$100.00 per season for an 8' X 8' space located inside of the market pavilion. Note: only one space will be made available inside the pavilion. A vendor fee for a 10' x 10' space outside the market pavilion is \$100.00. Returning vendors will be given priority in locations over other vendors. Decisions as to location of vendor space will be made based on active participation during the 2023 market as well as the number of weeks the vendor will be selling. Those vendors who schedule participation for the entire season will receive priority for spaces. All decisions as to location will be made by the Market Manager and/or LFMA Committee. Charitable organizations must apply as a Vendor but can request a waiver of fees. Application approval and fee waiver will be based on LFMA market needs.

11. Fees are due before the Annual Kick-Off Meeting. Failure to pay by the deadline will mean the applicant will lose priority in space allocation. Please note that there is no guarantee that you will have the same space that you had during the 2023 season.

12. The LFMA is sponsored by La Grange Kentucky Main Street Program, and the responsibility for development of rules and procedures is delegated to the LFMA Committee. In turn, The LFMA Committee or the Market Manager is responsible for day-to-day enforcement of compliance with the rules and procedures. The duties of the Market Manager/LFMA Committee are set out separately and may be modified from time to time by the Board as the need arises, but generally, the Market Manager/LFMA Committee will ensure all vendors are in the correct location, have their permits/certificates, prices, and identification prominently displayed, and are not engaged in activities prohibited by these rules and procedures. The Market Manager/LFMA Committee will issue any warnings or sanctions and will handle disputes between vendor/vendor and vendor/customer.

13. LFMA requires the following documentation (if applicable) from its members: Pre-Packaged Retail Sales Permit from the local health department, Home-based processing permit, Home-based Microprocessor permit and copies of recipes supported by the permit, Sampling certificate and organic

certification (third party certification according to USDA standards by a recognized organic certifying agency). All permits and certificates must be prominently displayed at your stand during market hours of operation. You are responsible for your own Sales and Use Tax Permit issued through the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Revenue.

14. The following rules apply to the operations of the market:

- a. Selling time shall be from **9:00 a.m.** to **1:00 p.m.** Set-up time **7am to 9am**
- b. Vendors to remain in the designated space unless the Market Manager and/or LFMA Committee approve the change.
- c. Non-participation in accordance with the schedule represented on the vendor's application will result in a change of assigned location. Non-participation due to adverse weather conditions will not be considered a voluntary miss.
- d. Members **will** notify Market Manager and/or LFMA Committee member if they **will or not** be participating for any date, by calling or emailing **Russ Morris 502-243-3721** or **wvrussnky@live.com** by 6:00 pm the **Wednesday** before, so their space may be filled in for the day. So long as an attempt is made to call, there will be no permanent change of space.
- e. It is mandatory that parking by vendors parked away from the front of the market pavilion; except for vendors who keep inventory in a truck or other vehicle and need to periodically unload it to replenish stock during the market. Vendors shall be permitted to park in front to set up their booths.
- f. Samples of raw produce or other foods may only be given if all requirements of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture have been met as represented by the Samples Certificate. Sanitation (hand washing and cleaning of implements) stands shall be set up as required by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services, Food Safety Branch.
- g. All vendors are responsible for their signage. Each vendor shall display price, name, and address, permits and/or certificates, and LFMA sign designating them as LFMA members (signs to be provided by LFMA).
- h. Food safety and food handling requirements must always be maintained.
- i. Pets on leashes or restraints are allowed in the market area, but any vendor may post his booth with a sign prohibiting pets from their designated area.
- j. Members are responsible for the clean-up of their individual space and shall leave it in a clean and undamaged condition. In the event a vendor sells consumable goods, he shall keep a trash receptacle at his booth. Members will display their products neatly and attractively, with consideration for the other members and the public.

- k. No live animals shall be sold at the market.
- l. No drugs are allowed on the premises.
- m. All participants are required to read the 2023-2024 Kentucky Farmers' Market Manual, available at [www.lagrangefarmersmarket.com](http://www.lagrangefarmersmarket.com) or [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com). Also available by calling the Kentucky Department of Agriculture at 502-564-4983.
- n. Operate your stand in a safe and sanitary manner. Keep the aisle areas clear.
- o. Please be honest and courteous and act in a respectful and civil manner. It is recognized that although members sell as individuals, the market is a cohesive unit, and its success depends on the cooperation and joint effort of all the vendors.
- p. All complaints are to be put in writing through the La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans Complaint Form 2024 available upon request. Resolution will be by the Market Manager and/or LFMA Board. Any subsequent appeal shall be made to the LFMA Committee. There shall be no disputes or "bad mouthing" vendors during market hours.
- q. The LFMA Board reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling at the LFMA if guidelines are not met.
- r. **Vendors will refrain from smoking within the Farmers' Market Pavilion and around the spaces outside of the pavilion. If you need to smoke you can either go to your car, parking lots, or the West side of the restrooms.**

15. The following procedures apply to rule enforcement:

- a. A member will be given notice for violation of market rules and regulations, pricing, health and safety issues, and open disputes.
- b. First Offense is a verbal warning
- c. Second Offense is a one-week suspension
- d. Third Offense is expulsion from the market for the remainder of the year

16. All applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations are incorporated into these Market Rules and Regulations 2024, and each member agrees it is their responsibility to comply with the same.

17. Each member agrees to hold harmless La Grange Kentucky Main Street Program, Market Manager, and La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans Committee members, from any damages caused by consuming the vendor's product, or damages resulting from the negligence or intentional acts of that member. This agreement covers any expenses or attorney fees incurred by the above entities in

defending themselves from any such claims arising from the member's acts. La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans reserves the right to refuse membership in the Market to anyone.

18. All members are expected to follow any local and state rules for sampling and handling.

19. Other provisions:

a. The use of legal scales for trade is encouraged but is not specifically required unless complaints are received about misrepresentation of items sold by weight. In that event the member may be required to use legal scales.

b. By LFMA opening day (and at future dates to be determined by the Market Manager and/or LFMA Committee minimum pricing for fruit and vegetables will be set. This price shall be the minimum for the rest of the season, or until it is changed by the Market Manager and/or LFMA Committee. Members may not sell for less than the minimum but are free to sell at any price above it.

c. Product Liability Insurance will not be required but members are **strongly urged** to consider it. Members are subject to a hold harmless agreement (paragraph 17).

20. By submitting a signed application to be a member of the LFMA, the vendor agrees to be bound by these La Grange Crossroads District, La Grange Farmer' Market & Artisans, Market Rules and Regulations 2023.



