

HARRISON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

RULES FOR OPERATION

The purpose of the Marshall Farmers Market is to benefit both growers and consumers. It provides a marketing outlet for local growers and a place for local consumers to purchase farm fresh produce. By working together in a wholesome and neighborly manner, we can help each other. By helping each other we help our community, our county, and our economy.

1. Who can sell on the market:
 - a. Any Texas Farmer that resides in Harrison County or surrounding county (Marion, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Panola) with his or her own agricultural products can sell at the market. This includes sales by the producer, his or her family members and/or employees. All members farms will be inspected by the association, this will include new members as well.
 - b. Dealers (anyone who buys for resale) will not be allowed to sell on the market. Farmers that grown their own agricultural products are allowed to buy other products to supplement their own supply and variety and can sell this on the market along with the products they produced. Quality control will be practiced and controlled at the discretion of the market committee. This will be done to establish a quality product public image. Bad (returned) produce that is brought back to the market by a customer will be refunded, if the bad produce is returned. If the seller is not present, the Market Master will refund the amount and charge the producer who sold the produce in question. At least 50% of the produce sold must be grown by the member.
 - c. All products sold at the market are subject to local health and state licensing regulations.
- II. A suggested selling price list will be provided to each farmer. This list will be used in an effort to help each farmer be aware of fair and equitable prices at the time throughout the year. Prices on the list will be derived from current local prices and marketing information from the Dallas Fruit and Vegetable Market News, Texas Department of Agriculture or local prices. Quality should be a determining factor in the decision making process for suggested price. Prices will not be changed unless voted on by the membership as a whole. ***This is a suggested price list only*** and is decided and voted on each year at the Harrison County Farmer's Market Association Annual Meeting each February!!
- III. The market will be open each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. until sellout. An effort should be made by each farmer to harvest in a manner to sell on those days. However, should a farmer need to sell goods on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday or Friday, the market facilities can be used by members of the market at those times. A member is a farmer that is eligible to sell on the market that has completed and returned a membership application form and have their farm inspected.
- IV. Growers must maintain the space used by them in a clean and sanitary condition.

Upon leaving the space used by them, sellers must remove all tables and equipment, leftover product, trimmings, wrappings, cups, containers, etc.

- V. Courteous behavior is required of all sellers. Any problems with the public, other sellers or of any other nature will be referred to the market committee. Any decisions rendered by the committee will be final.
- VI. Sellers should do all in their power to make the market a pleasant place to work and sell, make the area hazard free, and should follow instructions given by market officials and property owners in ensuring traffic and public safety.
- VII. In and for the consideration of the use of the market property, sellers shall hold the property owner (Harrison County) and market officials harmless from any claims or other liabilities associated with the sellers use of the market.

These Will Be The official Bushel Weights Used:

Item	Pounds per Bushel
Cream Peas	24
Purple Hull Peas	24
Snap Beans	30
Okra	26
Lima Beans	32
Potatoes	50
Tomatoes	55
Peaches	48 to 50

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