



# CHARLESTON FARMERS MARKET

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## **2013 CFM FARMERS & GROWERS APPLICATION/PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

***Deadline: February 8th, 2013 by 4:00p.m.***

***Questions? Call the Farmers Market Manager, Harrison R. Chapman at  
(843) 724-7309 or email farmersmarket@charleston-sc.gov***

The Charleston Farmers Market (CFM) is dedicated to the support and advocacy of the Lowcountry farmers and growers and provides direct access for the farmers to bring local, fresh and sustainable produce to the residents of the Lowcountry.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime #: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of products (i.e. "local produce" or "organic herbs"): \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **FARMERS & GROWERS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- The Charleston Farmers Market (CFM) is a producer-only Market. Exceptions are noted during the non-harvest seasons outlined in the Rules and Regulations and then the produce must originate in the regional Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group designated states consisting of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky and Mississippi (SSAWG). **At no time can produce grown outside the SSAWG region be purchased for resale by the CFM farmer/grower and sold at the Charleston Farmers Market.**
- The local boundaries for farmers/growers participating in the Market are from the North Carolina border to the Georgia border and east of I-95 to the Atlantic Ocean with preference given to farmers in the Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester and Berkeley counties.
- To be considered an eligible participant in the Farmer/Grower category, vendors must be involved in either full-time or part-time agriculture. A Farmer/Grower is one who grows produce from seed propagation, plugs or established tree crop orchards and harvests it for sale. Individuals who solely buy and resell agriculture produce are not considered farmers/growers and are therefore excluded from participation in the CFM.
- The City of Charleston, in cooperation with Clemson Extension Services, will determine eligibility. Scheduled field site visits will be conducted for all participants and site inspections and document inspections will be conducted randomly throughout the season.
- Fish Vendors are included in the Farmers/Grower Rules and Regulations. There is no resale of fish; the fish, including shrimp, must be harvested by the fisherman holding a SC commercial boat license and sold by the fisherman or members of the immediate family. Fish vendors are subject to the rules and regulations outlined by DHEC and DNR.
- Value-added produce such as jams and jellies, honey and sauces may be sold by the farmer/grower and fisherman. The product must be made by the eligible CFM farmer/grower, fisherman or a member of the family and is subject to DHEC rules for production and packaging.

### **NEW IN 2011 – THE 75/25 PERCENT RULE**

- **The 75/25 Percent Rule IS in effect during the two Lowcountry harvesting periods when a great variety of fruits and vegetables can be grown locally: May 1 - July 15 & September 1 - November 30.** During these designated times, 75% of the fruits and vegetables that you offer for sale must be grown on your farm within the CFM county boundaries. The other 25% must be purchased from other local or regional farmers in South Carolina with the SC Grown designation clearly labeled.
- **The 75/25 Percent Rule IS NOT in effect from April 9-30; July 16-August 31; and December 1-18.** During these designated times, the produce that you sell, which is not grown on your farm, must originate from South Carolina or from the SSAWG region and must be appropriately labeled (identify to CFM Management the name of the farm, mailing address, telephone number and contact person). Examples of appropriate produce include oranges grown in Florida and apples, pumpkins and gourds grown in North Carolina. The CFM Management reserves the right to question the origin of any produce being sold in the Market and to make a decision on whether the produce in question can or cannot be sold in the Market.
- When the 75/25 Percent Rule is in effect, produce can be purchased as part of the 25% but it must be purchased from a grower within South Carolina and be designated as SC Grown. This rule remains in effect



### FARMERS & GROWERS CERTIFICATION:

- I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the **2013 Charleston Farmers Market General Rules and Regulations** as well as the **Farmers & Growers Rules and Regulations**.
- I understand the violations and sanctions, including suspension and disqualification.
- I certify and understand that 75% of the products I offer for sale in the Charleston Farmers Market, as per the attached crop list, will be products grown/harvested/produced by me or my family for direct sale to the public. I understand that at certain times of the year the SSAWG rule will be in effect.
- I understand that if requested by CFM Management I must be able to produce paperwork that outlines the origination of the product sold including name and address of farm and contact person.
- I understand selling privileges can be revoked by the City of Charleston at any time.
- I understand that **no farmer or grower is guaranteed acceptance in the CFM and is subject to acceptance into the 2013 Charleston Farmers Market by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs.**
- Farmers & growers that are accepted in the 2013 CFM will be notified by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs as soon as a decision has been made.
- I understand that a mandatory vendor meeting will be scheduled at a later date.
- If selected as a 2013 CFM Food Vendor, I agree to be bound by the attached Rules and Regulations.**

### FARMERS & GROWERS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed, signed application form including list of items proposed for sale
- I have attached a crop list for 2013. I understand that I must have an approved application and crop list justifying what is being sold at the CFM on file with the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs prior to participating in the CFM.
- A copy of the vendor's 2013 DHEC or Department of Agriculture certification.
- If accepted, a copy of vendor's City of Charleston 2013 business license will be required before the beginning of the Market.
- A \$20 non-refundable fee must accompany this application; **DO NOT SEND CASH** – please include a check or money order made payable to City of Charleston.
- Proof of vendor's insurance will be required by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs invites farmers and growers to participate in the 2013 season of the Charleston Farmers Market in accordance with the guidelines and criteria outlined in this application/participation agreement. While we anticipate the CFM will soon face additional space constraints arising from construction projects on sites adjacent to Marion Square and the park's overall capacity, the Office of Cultural Affairs remains committed to ensuring the continuing success of this vital resource, and encourages participating farmers and growers from the 2012 season, as well as eligible farmers and growers who have not participated in past seasons, to apply for the 2013 season. While specific locations within the market or a specific number of tents cannot be guaranteed, farmers and growers will continue to receive priority consideration for access to the CFM and may contact the Farmers Market Manager at any time to discuss specific requests or special needs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND/DELIVER COMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND FEE BY 4P.M. ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 2013 TO:**

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