

## PARAGOULD FARMERS MARKET RULES & REGULATIONS 2023

- Market Season: Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm. (Market may close early if all products are sold out)
- Vendor check in and set up will begin at 7:00am. Vendors MUST be in place by 7:45am. No late entry will be allowed.
- Vendors/Volunteers must park on gravel parking lot once unloaded
- Application must be filled out each year with current contact information
- Must contact Market Committee if not attending the market.
- Booths 10x10—fee: 10% of gross sales up to \$200 (most paid is \$20/day)
- Tables, displays must be provided by vendor
- Vendor is responsible for cleaning his/her booth and hauling off own trash
- Taxes/Department of Health regulations—vendor's responsibility
- Must have a sign indicating location where products/produce are from or grown
- Prices must be displayed for buyers to see
- Vendors choosing to sell produce MUST be a grower—only produce growers or their employees are allowed to sell produce
- 100% produce must be grown by the vendor—**NO resale** unless Market Committee perceives product is limited causing a higher demand. They will make weekly adjustments if needed.
- All produce, meat, and eggs MUST be grown within 100 mile radius of Greene County or within the state of Arkansas
- Produce vendors MUST own or rent/lease land (Rented/Leased—must have written proof of ownership of the garden by land owner) Market Committee will inspect produce, meat, and eggs at place of origin during market season.
- Produce can be sold by weight ONLY if certified scale is used to determine weight
- Produce/products must be sold by the piece, box, basket, bunch, dozen, or bushel
- All produce/products must be cleaned, wholesome, and reasonably priced
- All produce/baked goods must be elevated to 18 inches above ground
- According to Arkansas Freedom Food Act, labeling must now include:
  - (1) The date that the homemade food or drink product was manufactured, produced, or processed;
  - (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the producer of the homemade food or drink product, or an identification number provided by the Department of Agriculture if requested by the producer to protect the producer's safety;

- (3) The common or usual name of the homemade food or drink product;
- (4) The ingredients of the homemade food or drink product in descending order of predominance; and
- (5) The following statement: "This product was produced in a private residence that is exempt from state licensing and inspection. This product may contain allergens."

Labeling must include words "This product is home-produced" in 10pt type. It must NOT make any nutritional claims.

- Items allowed without permit: Bakery items, brownies (containing legal ingredients), cakes (without cream icing), cookies, jam, jellies, maple syrup, sorghum, fruit butter, honey, farm fresh eggs (must be refrigerated & in unmarked container), frozen meats (commercially inspected, passed, labeled USDA; kept frozen in freezer units until sold; held, stored, transported in clean sanitary environment; labeled USDA, name of product, net weight, USDA safe handling instructions)
- Items requiring a Department of Health Permit: cheesecake, cream cheese based frosting or filling; custard pies; cured meats; dried fruits, dried vegetables, dried herbs; dried meats; juices; meringue pies; milled grain, flour, meal; pickled vegetables; salad; shelled peas, nuts; smoked meats; sprouted beans, seeds. Pickles, relish, salsa, and canned vegetables are only allowed if proper Ph balance is certified as required by Arkansas law.  
**(These items are restricted by the Arkansas Health Dept. and may have more requirements in addition to the commercial kitchen. Some items may still not be allowed at the Paragould Farmers' Market. Any item on this list should be discussed with Market Committee and Health Dept. officials)**
- Items **NOT** allowed at the market to sell: homemade cheeses, raw milk, wild harvested mushrooms, or live animals (Arkansas law).
- Crafts must be handmade and approved by the Market Manager
- No re-sale arts & crafts permitted
- Crafters must present pictures to Market Committee for approval before bringing to the market
- New crafters may be placed on a waiting list
- All permits must be approved by Market Committee
- Market Committee will conduct farm inspections throughout season
- No pets are allowed with vendors
- Vendors are not allowed to smoke in the market area  
No tobacco products are allowed in the market area
- No firearms allowed on the premises
- The Paragould Farmers' Market Taskforce will approve a fair number of like craft and handmade items each year. If there is a waiting list for an item to be sold in the Market the Paragould Farmers' Market reserves the right to place an approved vendor on the waiting list if that vendor has no-showed three consecutive weeks of the market.
- All photos sent to the Farmers Market Committee become property of the Paragould Farmers' Market and can be used by the Market Committee for future promotions.
- All rules and regulations are at Market Committee's discretion