

THE CLINTON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS 2008

WHAT CAN BE SOLD

1. Participants may sell only those products which they themselves have grown. However, growers will be allowed to sell a percentage (not greater than 25%) of produce provided by other growers. All produce or farm products must come from Clinton County and/or immediately adjacent counties. The market reserves the right to visit the site of production in order to assure compliance with this market rule. Any grower not following these rules can be expelled from selling at the market at the discretion of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee. Sales of bedding plants, potted herbs, flowering plants, Honey, Homemade Jams and Jellies, Vinegars, Apple Cider and Maple Syrup, Dried Flowers and Cut Flowers, Meat Products, Eggs, Poultry and Baked Goods are permitted (Subject to required permits/licenses). If you have questions please contact the chairperson of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee or the Clinton County Extension Office.
2. Growers are expected to sell only quality goods. The Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee may, at any time, inspect a growers' stand and produce. If goods are of low grade, the chairperson of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee may prohibit the sale of these goods.
3. All edible products must be displayed off the ground a minimum of 12 inches for sanitary purposes.

DAYS and HOURS of OPERATION

- 4a. The Saturday Clinton County Farmers' Market will be available to growers, with the starting date of June 14, 2008 (Father's Day Weekend) and continue as the season dictates. The market will be open on Saturdays only from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Growers will be allowed to set up no later than 9:00 a.m.
- 4b. The Tuesday Clinton County Farmer's Market will be available to growers, with the starting date of June 17, 2008 and continue as the season dictates. The market will be open on Tuesdays only from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Growers will be allowed to set up no later than 2:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS AND SPACES

5. In order to acquire a membership for the season, growers must complete a Membership Form and pay the required fee in advance. FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE!! Members must display their window permit at the market as proof of membership. Members must be from Clinton County and adjacent counties to Clinton County, i.e. Highland, Brown, Warren, Fayette and Greene.
6. Growers who have reserved space but are unable to come to Market on a given Saturday or Tuesday are urged to contact a member of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee (see attached phone list) by 4:00 p.m. Friday for the Saturday market and 4:00 p.m. Monday for the Tuesday market.

7. Sales tables, trucks and trailers must be confined within the sales space boundary lines, 7 foot by 15 foot parking spot, as defined by the chairman of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee, to insure safety of market customers. All sales must be from a display table. No stakes can be driven into the ground and all shelters MUST be self supporting.

8. Growers will set their own prices with the discretion of the grower group, but must display them clearly in writing. Growers are encouraged NOT to under-value their products: "price wars" and underselling will result in a grower being banned from the market for the remainder of the season. This will be at the discretion of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee. No drop in the price as the day goes on, unless agreed upon by all growers present that day!

9. All growers will display a sign stating at a minimum their farm name and town. Minimum dimensions of the sign will be 8 ½ inches by 11 inches.

10. Growers are encouraged to carry product liability insurance.

11. Growers are responsible for removal of all refuse such as vegetable scraps, husks, silk, signs, containers, etc. Growers are required to clean up their stalls when they are finished for the day, before reporting to the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee that they are leaving the market. Growers who do not clean up their stalls will not be permitted to return to sell at the Market for the remainder of the season.

12. Weights and Measures, i.e. scales etc., need to be certified by the county Weights and Measures office. Contact the Auditors office in Clinton County at (937) 382-2250.

13. Vendors license requirements. If you sell a product on which sales tax is collected, you are required to obtain a vendor's license. For information contact the Clinton County Auditors office at (937) 382-2250.

14. Growers selling product labeled as "ORGANIC" must be in compliance with the National Organic Program. Contact your county Ohio State University Extension Educator for Organic certification information.

15. Violation of any of the above Clinton County Farmers' Market Rules and Regulations may cause forfeiture of the right to continue as a Market participant. The Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee will give verbal notice of a violation to the grower. If the violation is not immediately corrected then the grower will be expelled from the market. Growers have a right to appeal. Appeals may be taken to the Clinton County Farmers' Market Committee for review. Contact the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee, to arrange a meeting by calling the Clinton County Extension Office at 937-382-0901 or contact Tony Nye at 740-606-0031.

16. All vendors are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and in a manner of good conduct. Sellers will be appropriately dressed. There will be no arguments, harassment, name calling, profane language, or fighting within the Market Sales area. Violations are grounds for dismissal and revocation of market privileges. This policy will be enforced by the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee as determined by the Farmers' Market Committee.

RESERVATION AND COST INFORMATION

OPTION ONE: Seasonal Membership Fee: \$110.00 for both Saturday and Tuesday markets.

The grower must complete a Membership Form (copy enclosed) and send it to the OSU Extension Office, Clinton County, in advance of Friday, June 6, 2008, with your full payment. Register early to ensure your reserved space! When your payment is received the Farmers' Market Committee will send you a confirmation letter.

**OPTION TWO: Seasonal Single Market Fee: \$55.00
Saturday or Tuesday**

The grower must complete a Membership Form (copy enclosed) and send it to the OSU Extension Office, Clinton County, in advance of Friday, June 8, 2008, with your full payment. Register early to ensure your reserved space! When your payment is received the Farmers' Market Committee will send you a confirmation letter.

The grower can choose to participate in either the Saturday or Tuesday market. The grower cannot change from initial choice. If a grower so chooses to participate in both daily markets, then the grower will be charged an additional \$55.00.

Any market fees paid after the deadline must adhere to a 21 day waiting period before the seller is allowed to sell in the market.

The Clinton County Farmers Market invites comments and suggestions from the Farmers' Market growers and participants on how we can better serve the farmer and the local community. If you have suggestions or questions regarding Farmers' Market operation please contact the chairman of the Clinton County Farmers' Market Operations Committee or Tony Nye at the Ohio State University Extension, Clinton County, 111 S. Nelson Avenue, Suite 2, Wilmington, Ohio 45177, or phone (937) 382-0901.

Thank You

**Clinton County Farmers Market Operations
Committee**

Eric Beard 937-383-3949

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2008 Clinton County Farmers Market Membership Form

NAME: _____

FARM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

PHONE: _____

Directions to your farm from the Clinton County Farmers' Market (Clinton County Extension Office)

I want to reserve space for (check off periods during which you want to reserve):

Option One: Two Market Seasonal Membership,
Fee \$110.00 for both Saturday & Tuesday _____

Option Two: Single Market Seasonal Membership, Fee \$55.00
_____ Saturday _____ Tuesday (Please check one)

GROWERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO RENT ONE SPACE. A SECOND SPACE RENTAL WILL DEPEND ON SPACE AVAILABILITY

Please list below what types of produce/products you plan to bring to Market:

When completed, return this form along with your check, payable to **Clinton County Farm Market** and mail to:

OSU Extension, Clinton County
c/o Tony Nye
111 S. Nelson Avenue
Suite 2
Wilmington, Ohio 45177