

Humble Farmer's Market
800 Main Street and Ave G.
Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce
110 Main Street
Humble, TX 77338

Farmer's Market Application

Every Wednesday

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Registration Information (please print)

Name _____

Farm/Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

County _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Vendor Contract/Fees

Vendor participation requires the commitment to the market. Your fee of \$15 (This fee will be re-evaluated in March, 2010) covers one stall (the equivalent of a parking space). Asphalt surface will not accommodate any equipment that must be staked. Space is limited and will be assigned on first come-first serve basis after acceptance. Stall fees must be received by 7 pm on day of market. All checks should be made payable to Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce. Humble Farmer's market does not accept credit cards.

Vendor Questions

Please circle the category(s) that best suits your product (see policies & procedures for explanation)?

A. Farmer

1. Fresh and dried fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers
2. Top quality plants (flower & vegetable starts, shrubs, trees, hanging baskets)
3. Nuts
4. Firewood cut by seller

B. Processor

1. Bakery/Confections
2. Condiments (honey, jam, pickles)

C Gardener's Corner

Room will be available in the selling area for community gardeners to sell in a cooperative manner. The weekly fee will be \$10. Once the sales exceed \$150 for any gardener at this space for at least two consecutive weeks,

the vendor then must become a “regular vendor” in the market.

NOTE: No Wholesale Vendors are permitted

Please use additional sheets of paper for your answers:

2) What specific products will you sell?

3) What is your selling season, if any?

4) What are your growing practices? Certified Organic Certification #: _____
 Chemical Free Conventional Not Applicable

5) Please include or attach any information about yourself and your product. (Use additional sheets paper if needed)

I certify all items indicated are produced by me on land either owned or leased by me. I also agree to sell only items approved by The Humble Farmer’s Market. I understand a \$15 non-refundable processing fee must accompany this application (stall fees are payable upon notification of acceptance). I understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance. I acknowledge I have received and read “Vendor Policies & Procedures for the Humble Farmers Market”.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Instructions for Application Submission

Please return your application to the address below. Payment of a \$15 non-refundable processing fee must accompany application. Please make checks payable to Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mail application to:

Humble Farmer’s Market

Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce

110 Main Street

Humble, TX 77338

Please direct any questions about The Humble Farmers Market to lois.bean@att.net or call 281-319-8907

Humble Farmer's Market Rules, Policies and Procedures

Our Mission

The main goals of the market include:

- Promoting the sustainable production, marketing, and consumption of local agricultural produce
- Educating the community about local growing conditions and food crops as well as sustainable and organic growing practices
- Promoting the nutritious locally grown produce and culinary benefits of eating local produce in season
- Strengthening the local economy by redirecting consumers' food dollars to local growers and producers
- Incubating new, small, food-based businesses
- Providing a community gathering place

Who May Sell at the Market?

Who may sell at the market is determined by the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce as explained below.

1. Farmers, growers and producers of agricultural products grown or produced within 200 miles of Houston providing:

- Their vendor application has been submitted to and approved by the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce
- They are growing or producing their own local product; no re-selling is permitted.
- Hold all required permits, licenses, and insurance policies necessary for their business operation.
- Sign the indemnity agreement included in the vendor application, holding the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce harmless.
- Allow market representatives to inspect their farm and production facilities prior to selling at the market and from time to time.
- Pay the weekly/monthly vendor fee.

2. Value-added vendors, those who are not growing the ingredients, but who obtain and process ingredients to produce food or craft items within 200 miles of Humble may sell their products at the market, providing:

- Their vendor application has been submitted to and approved by the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce
- They are growing or producing their own local product; no re-selling is permitted.
- Hold all required permits, licenses, and insurance policies necessary for their business operation.
- Sign the indemnity agreement included in the vendor application, holding Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce harmless.
- Allow market representatives to inspect farms and production facilities prior to selling and from time to time.
- Pay the weekly vendor fee.

3. Non-profit groups may participate at the market as space permits, at the discretion of the Market Manager. Such groups may set up information-only tables

free of charge or if they sell the cost is \$10.00.

Gardeners Corner: An educated guest business/individual will be invited to a booth with no charge in supplying customers with information about gardening and the option of purchasing garden supplies such as soil, organic compost, seeds, etc.

What Can Be Sold

Agricultural products grown or produced by the seller, including but not limited to:

- Vegetables
- Fruits, nuts, berries
- Plants and flowers
- Eggs
- Milk and cheese
- Meat and poultry
- Seafood, either farm-raised or wild-caught
- Honey
- Edible plants and plant starts
- Other agricultural products

Value-added products produced by the seller, including but not limited to:

- Prepared foods
- Jams and jellies
- Pickles, vinegars, salsa
- Seasoning mixes, sauces
- Baked goods
- Herbal lotions, soaps, teas, etc.

All vendors must comply with all applicable city, county, state, and federal health regulations at all times. The Market Manager will keep in each vendor's file copies of all applicable permits and licenses. It is each vendor's responsibility to provide current copies to the Market Manager, as well as to keep copies with them at the market to be available for inspection by government officials.

Market Operations

The market will operate year round, rain or shine. Market times will be every Wednesdays from 4 to 8pm. A stall is a selling area 10 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The Vendor may occupy more than one stall if the amount of product brought justifies the need and if the market can accommodate it. Requests for additional stall space must be made in advance. Each additional stall incurs an additional day fee.

The Market Manager will assign stalls based on the best interests of the market as a whole. While vendors may have a customary location, this location is subject to change at the discretion of the Market Manager. The Market Manager will consider the various needs of particular vendors and accommodate them to the extent possible, particularly for space to park a truck containing backup merchandise and for need for access to electricity.

Vendors will determine their own pricing.

All vendors must represent their products in honest and non-deceptive manner at all times, both in written form

on signs and in oral form during conversation.

All items sold or labeled as organic must meet the requirements of the National Organic Program. Only certified organic growers or as allowed by law may display signs using the word “organic.” If a vendor offers both organic and non-organic items in the same stall, individual signs should make it clear which items are organic and which are not.

Prepared foods, unless sold by a licensed mobile food vendor, should be labeled with the producer’s name and address, quantity or weight of contents, and a list of all the ingredients, with the highest proportion ingredients listed first in descending order. Each vendor must display a large sign or banner identifying their farm or business.

Additional educational signs and materials will help their sales and are strongly encouraged, including photos of the farm, descriptions of growing practices, history of the farm, biographies of the growers, and other material likely to be of interest to customers. Farm open house days are strongly encouraged as well.

No reselling is permitted. Vendors may only sell products that they have grown, raised or produced themselves or for a vendor for whom they act as an agent.

All vendors must keep their stall in a safe, clean, and hazard-free condition. At the end of market, each vendor must leave their selling area clean, with all trash removed.

All vendors must conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner. Vendors must treat all customers, staff and volunteers of the Farmer’s Market, and fellow vendors with respect at all times.

No loud or aggressive promotion is permitted. Radios or stereos may only be operated with the permission of the Market Manager.

No smoking is permitted at the market. No consumption of alcohol beverages or illegal drugs is allowed at the market.

Vendors must arrive early enough so that they are completely set up and ready for business by the market’s opening. Vendors must remain set up until the close of market, even if they have sold out.

Vendors must supply their own tents and tables. For the safety of all present at the market, tents must be secured with sufficient weights or other attachments at all times.

No storage space for vendors is available at the market site. Vendors should be prepared for all kinds of weather.

Vendors must inform the Market Manager concerning planned attendance. If a vendor is unable to attend a market which they planned to attend, they must notify the Market Manager as soon as possible.

Non-compliance with market rules will result in disciplinary action which may include exclusion from the market for a period of time as well as termination of the vendor’s participation in the market.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Humble Farmer's Market

The undersigned Vendor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce and all agencies with which The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce has agreements, from and against any and all claims and demands resulting from Vendor's acts and omissions, whether for injuries to persons, or loss of life, or damage to property, on or off market premises, arising out of the use or occupancy of the market premises by Vendor, and shall defend at Vendor's own expense any actions brought, or damages assessed, against The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce and any organizations or persons with which The Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce has a contractual agreement, including its employees, volunteers and agents.

Vendor: _____
Print Business Name

By: _____
Vendor Signature and Title

Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City, State and Zip

Phone: _____

Date: _____