



# Rules & Regulations

## GENERAL MARKET RULES:

- Market will be held every last Saturday of each month from 9:00AM until 2:00PM at 30 Oyster Creek Road, Swan Quarter, NC 27885 during the months of May thru November.
- Market will take place rain or shine.
- Vendors shall be solely responsible for the cleanliness around and under their space and stand at all times.
- Vendors shall be responsible for setting up their stand in an attractive manner; keeping boxes and supplies stored from sight. Prices shall be posted prominently. All baked goods require cover.
- The market manager will have full power to enforce all rules and regulations within the market area.
- No more than one space is allowed per family, farm, or group.
- Vendor spaces are on a first come basis. There are no reserved spots, although "regular" spots shall be honored by other vendors.
- Vendors shall complete a registration form and pay a \$10 annual fee plus \$5 per Saturday or \$25 for all 2016 market days. Approved registration will be valid throughout the calendar year. Registration forms must be available for public inspection while vending at the market.
- Vendors must submit liability insurance certificates with the annual registration form.

## PRODUCT AND VENDOR RULES:

- Vendors may sell farm produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, and other handmade goods approved by the Hyde County Farmers Market Advisory Board.
- Everything for sale is encouraged to be home grown, home baked, or handmade.
- Farmers who sell meat, poultry, and eggs, must comply with North Carolina State and Federal laws designed to ensure the meat and poultry products sent into commerce are wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled.
- The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA & CS) enforces these laws.
- Any farmer who receives, stores, transports and /or sells (wholesale or retail) meat or poultry products must register as a meat handler with the NCDA & CS. Sellers must have a copy of their meat handler's license on file with the market manager.
- Vendors selling processed foods (baked goods) must call the Department of Agriculture and get an inspection. Call (919) 733-7366 and ask for any compliance officer.
- All crafts must be hand crafted by the vendor or a member of the vendors' farm or craft unit.
- New crafts must be reviewed and approved by the Hyde County Farmers Market Advisory Board.
- Crafts must be the product of a home or cottage type industry. To be considered "hand crafted", the item must show evidence of manual skills obtainable only through a significant period of experience and dedication.
- Craft Vendor Cap: For every 3 food vendors there can be 1 craft vendor.
- Vendors may also include nonprofit groups such as schools and churches performing fundraising projects such as bake sales.
- Vendors must contact the market manager prior to each market to reserve their spot at the market. **Priority will be given to vendors who confirm their attendance early.** (It is acceptable for vendors to provide the market manager with a schedule of market days that they plan to attend at the start of the season.)