

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## MOUNTAIN FRESH PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

### TAILGATE MARKETS

1. **DEFINITION OF A MARKET:** The Mountain Fresh Tailgate Markets are designated areas where producers may sell directly to the public in accordance with the applicable federal, state and county regulations.
2. **DEFINITION OF A PRODUCER:** A Mountain Fresh Producers Association member who has raised or prepared, in the mountain top area, the items offered for sale.
  - a. **DEFINITION OF A VENDOR** (person physically selling): A producer, a member, a member of his/her family, or an employee.
3. **ITEMS FOR SALE:** Items which can be sold at the Mountain Fresh Tailgate Markets can include fresh vegetables, fruits, berries, cut flowers, dried flowers, herbs, plants, eggs and crafts. Sale of value added or processed foods, which includes baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, and maple syrup will be allowed provided they meet all applicable association, county, state, and federal regulations. Flea market type items will not be allowed.
4. **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:** Occupants of space at the Mountain Fresh Tailgate Markets must, at all times, conform to the rules and regulations of the market as established by the Mountain Fresh Producers Association Board of Directors. The Market Coordinator, or a designated Board member, will collect fees, assign space to producers, and enforce market rules and regulations.
5. **SPACE ALLOCATION:** Reserved spaces, for the Oakland Market only, to be assigned at the Board's discretion. To be eligible for a reserved space, membership dues and prepaid season fees must be submitted prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. All unreserved spaces will be assigned by the Market Coordinator between the hours of 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Members with reserved spaces should notify the Market Coordinator by 9:30 am on the day when space is not going to be used or if they will be late.
6. **SPACE RENTAL FEES:** Space rental fees for the Mountain Fresh Producers Association Oakland and McHenry markets are explained on the Market Fee Schedule. All fees must be paid when space is assigned.
7. **PRICING OF PRODUCTS:** Individual producers will set their own prices. Producers are urged to sell by the piece or by volume rather than by weight. If scales are used, they must have a current inspection sticker from the MDA.
8. **DISPLAYING AND SELLING GOODS:** **THERE WILL BE NO SALES PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.** Goods may be sold directly from trucks. Producers must furnish their own tables, chairs, and other display arrangements. Each producer is responsible for the cleanliness in and around area occupied. At the close of the day, all trash and waste is to be removed by the producer.
9. **SPECIAL MARKET DAYS:** During special market days: Ice Cream Social, Corn Roast, and 3-day Autumn Glory market, nonmembers will be allowed to set up according to the fees explained on the Market Fee Schedule and conforming to all rules and regulations.
10. **MARKET SCHEDULE IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:** Membership year is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, membership dues must be paid on or before the first membership meeting of that season. July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the final deadline for membership and season fees. Reservations for special market days must be made 15 days prior to the event.
11. **MARKET SLIPS:** All vendors must turn in their completed Market Sales Slip to the Market Coordinator either at the end of the market day or at the beginning of the next market they attend.
12. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Failure to comply with rules and regulations of the Mountain Fresh Tailgate Markets will result in the removal of the offending producer from the market for the day, and may result in the banning of that producer from the market indefinitely.

*These rules have been written and approved by the Mountain Fresh Producers Association Board of Directors. The Mountain Fresh Tailgate Markets are held in cooperation with the Greater Oakland Business Association and the Town of Oakland*