

2010 Decatur Farmers Market Membership Application

I am applying for the Wednesday Market 4-7 p.m _____ **yes** _____ **no**

I am applying for the Saturday Market 9 am - noon _____ **yes** _____ **no**

Farm/Company name & Owner(s) name(s) _____

Representatives at market and relation to market member (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (Home and Cell) _____

Email _____

1. Your Operation Type (Please check one):

Farm _____ Value-added food _____ Artisan _____ Other (specify) _____

2. Months you plan to attend Decatur Farmers Market (we are open year round)

3. Desired payment option: _____ One-time annual \$250 fee _____ \$10/wk

4. Your level of environmental certification (Please check one):

a. _____ I am a certified organic farmer/producer and a copy of my certification is attached

b. _____ I have a form of sustainability-based certification (e.g. all natural, etc.) and a copy of this certification is attached

c. _____ I am not certified

5. If you checked c. above please elaborate below:

a. _____ I plan to pursue certification. Please elaborate. And put estimated target date for certification. The DFM wants all its producers to move toward sustainable production

b. _____ I do not plan to pursue certification. Please elaborate (e.g. Are you under the annual sales amount to become organically certified? New to farming? Etc.) _____

Please answer all that apply to you in as much detail as you can:

Produce

1. Please describe how you manage and build nutrients in your soil. Be specific with products/inputs used and the geographic location of their original source of production.

2. Please describe your system(s) or practices for managing pests.

Livestock, Dairy and Eggs

1. Where are your products from?

2. How are your products an example of ecologically responsible food production?

3. If you plan to sell eggs, do you have an egg candler's license required by the GA dept. of Agriculture?

Value Added Food Products (Jams, Breads, Prepared Foods, etc)

1. Are you part of and/or intimate with the production process of your products? How?

2. Who/Where are the producers that provide the inputs for your product?

3. How do your products support or promote responsible environmental and/or social stewardship?

Artists & Non-food vendors

1. Are you part of and/or intimate with the production process of their product? How?
2. Who/Where are the producers that provide the inputs for your product?
3. How do your products support or promote responsible environmental and/or social stewardship?

Decatur Farmers Market Vendor Biography

The information you provide below will be used for the Market’s Bio Board and website. The bio board details everyone’s information in a short paragraph posted next to their photo. The following questions serve as a guide but PLEASE add any additional information that you want to share!

1. Size of farm (If applicable) _____
2. Location of farm/business _____
3. General Product list:
4. When did you start your business?
5. What motivated you to go into business?
6. When did you plan to start selling at the Decatur Farmers Market
7. Special events/other markets you participate in/sponsor:
8. Other exciting news, stories, and information?

Decatur Farmers Market Membership Policies 2010

Mission of the Market

The Decatur Farmers Market (DFM) is an integrating space for Georgia's sustainable food and craft producers and consumers. This market provides the Decatur community with the opportunity to buy from and speak directly with local farmers and producers who offer goods produced by sustainable methods. Simultaneously, the market is an important commercial outlet for Georgia's growers and value added producers. Buying locally and organically produced food supports a new model for food systems that enriches cultural standards, protects ecological integrity, supports regional economies and decreases our dependence on nonrenewable resources.

Dates and Hours of Operation

DFM meets every Wednesday & Saturday, year round. Wednesday hours During daylight savings time (spring/summer), hours are 4-7pm. During the winter, hours are 3-6pm.

Saturday Hours are 9 - noon all year.

Who Can Sell

1. DFM operates as a member market community. All sellers must be paid members in good standing of the DFM. All sellers must apply, and be accepted to market prior to selling at market.
2. All sellers must have required certifications and licenses. (See seller application for details.) DFM does not require sellers to be certified organic. However, preference is given to sellers with this status. DFM is a place for those who support sustainable food production. DFM reserves the right to visit all seller's food production locations without prior notice to ensure that these standards are upheld.
3. All produce must be local and sold directly by the producer or someone approved by DFM. Local is defined as within 200 miles of DFM. Meats, eggs, dairy, and value added products will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to producer-direct operations, operations that source locally, and vendors whose business operations take place locally. Transparency is key!
4. Artists and other non-food vendors must create their wares themselves, or be integrally involved in the production side of the business. Those who do not fit these criteria will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to those who source locally and organically, practice sustainable production methods, and incorporate ideals of environmental stewardship into their products. Again, the transparency of operations is key!

Fees and Attendance

1. There are two options for the payment of member fees:
 - A. \$250 annual fee. This amount can be paid once at the start of the year

B. \$15 weekly fee (May - October) \$10 weekly fee (November - April) paid one week in advance.

Sellers must notify market manager of their absence by noon on the day before market. If proper notification is given, the prepaid weekly fee will be applied to the following week. However if proper notification is not given, the week's fee payment will be forfeited.

2. Sellers able to commit to regular attendance during the months of May-November will receive a designated booth location. This is regardless of sellers' fee payment option. These spaces will be assigned at the beginning of the year based on seniority and market needs.

3. DFM may give booth spaces of absent sellers' to pre-approved temporary vendors for the week.

4. Each regular booth space is 10.75 ft wide. Each seller must stay within the designated space..

Set-up and Parking

Sellers must have booth set up with their vehicle moved to the appropriate parking area 15 minutes before market start time. Please unload your vehicle and park before setting up your booth. This will prevent a build up of cars in the market area. Sellers should park in lot next to ours accessed from the next drive over on Church St. One of the key assets of our market location is readily available customer parking. We must keep spaces in our lot open for customers.

Decision Making and Enforcement

DFM is in the process of achieving non-profit status. When this is accomplished an advisory board will be created. Until then, all decisions will be made jointly by the market founder and manager, Greg Coleson and Duane Marcus respectively. Those able to commit to regular attendance during the months of May-November have voting rights at member meetings. If the need for a member meeting arises, it can be called for by any voting member, Greg, or Duane. DFM reserves the right to determine enforcement options if a seller is in violation of any of the rules.

I agree to abide by the terms and conditions described above:

_____ **date** _____

Please complete and mail to:

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Stone Mountain, GA 30083**

**Contact: Duane Marcus 770-527-0395
duanemarcus@mac.com**

Market website:

www.decaturfarmersmarket.com

Please join our yahoo group at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/decaturfarmersmarket/>