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We are pleased that you are considering being a vendor at the Nicholasville Farmers' Market, a Kentucky Proud member.

## Mission Statement

The Nicholasville Farmers' Market will provide:

- a family friendly gathering place for community members
- support for sustainable agriculture and regional small farms, artisans, and value-added producers
- information about the needs and resources in Jessamine County
- education for the customer on nutritious food choices and the value of supporting local farmers
- access to affordable healthy and fresh foods for people of all income levels through assistance programs and partnerships with local hunger relief agencies

## Vision Statement

The Nicholasville Farmers' Market imagines a community

- where farmers and producers in our region thrive economically,
- where low-income families have access to affordable and wholesome foods,

- where citizens know the origin of their food and who produced it,
- where family cooks are at ease with a multitude of diverse recipes that uses fresh foods,
- where the quality of the land, water and air in the county is excellent,
- where the health and well being of every resident is outstanding,
- where new relationships are created and old friendships are enhanced,
- where family connections are strengthened

In order to comply with the laws of Kentucky and to maintain the integrity of the Nicholasville Farmers' Market, a detailed application is required. We value the time and effort that you will be spending in completing this application.

Your full completed application must be received and membership approved by the Nicholasville Farmers' Market Membership Committee at least 7 days before your first market day.

## **Vendor Application Categories and Documents Required**

**Farmer Vendor :** You are selling produce, plants, or agricultural products grown on your farm.

- Application which includes a Farm Plan (best guess estimation with approximate harvest amounts).
- Copy of approved labels and certificates if you are selling eggs or meat.
- Copy of Sampling Certificate if you plan to offer food samples. This certificate is required of each person giving samples at your vendor table.

**Value-Added Vendor:** You are selling processed farm products such as canned food, baked goods, jams and jellies, body products (soap, lotions, balms, etc) and/or pet treats.

- Application
- Copies of KDA, health department and /or other certificates
- List of all products to be sold.

**Prepared Food Vendors:** You are selling ready-to-eat food at the market.

- Application
- Farmers Market Temporary Food Service establishment permit or permits required by Jessamine County
- Sampling Certificate and Menu plan
- Prepared Food Vendors must demonstrate a direct farm impact, offering menu items that contain ingredients sourced from local Kentucky farmers.

**Artisan Vendor:** You are selling hand crafted art/products that you created.

- Application
- Photos of your work if not already approved by the Membership Committee ( new members only)