



2026 SEASON

Location	N. 1st Street Easley, SC 29640
2026 Operating Season	Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm May 9 th , 2026 – August 29 th , 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Thank you for your interest in the Easley Farmers Market. The Market has been in operation since 2009 and is in Downtown Easley, also known as the History Easley District.

The Market will be in operation every Saturday (excluding July 4th, 2026) from 9:00am – 12:00pm, unless otherwise advised.

Information within these guidelines is intended to assist Market vendors and the public. For questions and/or concerns, please contact the Program and Events Director.

Rules & Regulations

The Rules & Regulations of the Easley Farmers Market are enforced by the City of Easley. Rules may be modified as needed without prior notice.

VENDOR INFORMATION:

Vendors seeking to be Accepted:

- Farmer/Producer/Nursery/Plant: Farmers are persons or entities that raise produce (vegetables, fruits, nuts, and grains), herbs, flowers or nursery crops from seed or plants. Beekeepers, poultry, eggs and livestock producers and fish and/or shellfish producers are considered farmers.
- Processors: Processors are persons who offer fresh food products such as breads, candies, jams, jellies, etc.
- Crafters: Crafters produce original, unique, high quality, safe, garden/farm/environmentally related items which bring some added value to the Easley Farmers Market. All products must be the actual work of the crafter.
- Non-Profit: For non-profit organizations/ associations seeking to set up information booths about their organization.

All vendors will be considered on an individual basis with regards to subject matter and space available and on a first come-first served basis. We try to limit the number of vendors selling the same products, i.e. bath and body products, crocheted/knitted, candles, etc. This is to be fair to all vendors in order for you to be successful.

Applying to become a vendor:

1. Fill out an application. [Application process can be found here.](#)
2. Once applications are received, your application will be placed in a selection process, and you will be contacted if the application is approved.
 - a. We have the capacity to allow for 40 vendors this year.
3. Once approval of your application has been announced to you, you will then be able to pay the fees due for the Farmers Market booth.

Vendor Permits (must submit with application)

To be considered, you must submit all documentation with your application. See application for further information. This is your responsibility, and the City of Easley does not aid in gaining any type of permit. A reference sheet for your convenience has been placed on the next page.

- Vendors must be licensed to conduct business in the state of South Carolina. The state requires all vendors (including resellers), with the exception of farmers, to secure a SC retail license and post it at their booth each week for the entire season. Please see <https://dor.sc.gov/tax/registration/faq> for more information.
- Vendors are responsible for their own taxes (including sales tax), necessary permits, inspections (food, agricultural & nursery plants), and license liabilities.
- All vendors planning to sell any food product, please see the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Requirements for Selling Manufactured or Processed Foods at Farmers Markets.
- Any vendors planning to only sell retail (meaning you are only selling directly to the end consumer) will now be covered under SCDHEC. Any vendors also planning to do wholesale (meaning you are selling to other stores/vendors) are still covered under SCDA.
- Canned/jarred/bottled products require analysis by a recognized processing authority, Clemson University. Products must be produced in a permitted DHEC approved facility. The permit must be submitted to the market manager at application.

Contact Clemson Food2Market

<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/food/food2market/>

Kimberly Baker, PhD, RD, LD or

Adair Hoover

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864-359-3386

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- Non-amenable meat species (rabbit, quail, etc.) are under SCDA and require an RVC registration and inspection. This must be provided to the market manager at application.
- Eggs: Requires an SCDA Egg License. Eggs must be washed, graded, sized, and properly labeled and refrigerated at 45 F or below at all times. A copy of your license is to be displayed at your table and a copy provided to the market manager at time of application.
- Mushroom cultivation and processing are under SCDA guidelines.

VENDOR GUIDE – Licenses & Certifications

Agricultural Sellers

Corn Meal and Grits – corn checked by SCDA, Grist Mill Inspection SCDA, Inspection

Report/Registration Number SCDA, approved SCDA labeling

Dairy (including cheese) – SCDHEC Dairy regulations

Eggs – SCDA wholesale license, approved USDA labeling / washing / inspection / grading

Honey – Honey House inspection SCDA, approved SCDA labeling

Meat (poultry, beef, pork, and lamb) – SC Meat & Poultry registration, inspection,

Meat (rabbit, quail, alligator) – SCDA certification registration

Non-Agricultural Sellers

Ocean Fish (whole and unprocessed) – contact DNR, Wholesaler License

Ocean Fish (processed, dressed) – course/plan HACCP FDA, facility inspection/registration SCDA, wholesaler or commercial fisherman license, liability insurance

Boiled Peanuts (off-sight) -- SCDA or SCDHEC inspected and registered facility, approved SCDA labeling

Baked Goods, Candy, Nuts -- SCDHEC or SCDA registration, approved SCDA labeling Owners of DHEC approved bakery / restaurant: SCDHEC catering or retail food license, retail Grade “A” permit

Canned, Jarred, Bottled Foods – required analysis at Clemson or NC State, SCDHEC or SCDA approved and registered manufacturing facility

LOCAL LICENSING AGENTS:

SC Department of Agriculture (SCDA) Derek Underwood <https://agriculture.sc.gov/>

Baked Goods, Candy, Covered Nuts (803) 737-9690

Canned, Jarred, Bottled Foods (803) 737-9670

Honey (803) 737-9690

Corn Meal & Grits (803) 737-9700

Eggs (803) 737-9690

Grist Mill Inspection (803) 737-9690

Meat (poultry, beef, pork, lamb) (803) 737-9690

Certified SC Grown Program (803) 734-2200 <https://www.certifiedscgrown.com/> Department of Natural Resources (DNR) <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/>

Fish Whole & Unprocessed (803) 734-3886

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) <http://www.scdhec.gov/>

Bakery/ Restaurant (803) 896-0640

Dairy (803) 896-0644

SC Meat and Poultry Inspection Division (SCMPID) (803) 788-8747

<http://www.clemson.edu/public/lph/scmpid/>

Fish Wholesaler License (843) 953-9036

Question regarding SCDA registrations and approval contact Angie Culler-Matthews at 803-734-7321,

aculler@scda.sc.gov or Samantha Houston at Shouston@scda.sc.gov

Questions regarding DHEC requirements contact Sandra Craig at 803-896-0640 or craigsd@dhec.sc.gov

Questions regarding meat and poultry contact Dr. Suzanne Southworth at ssouthw@clermson.edu or call 804-788-8747.

VENDOR INFORMATION:

Vendors are chosen based upon the following guidelines, please review so that your application will be considered:

1. **A completed 2026 application submitted with a detailed description of products to be sold and ALL certifications, permits, verification forms, and licenses included.**
Any applications missing proper licensing and/or permits will not be considered.
2. **Type of product:** The desired ratio of vendors is as follows:
50% farmer/producer/nursery
30% processor/added value
20% crafter
3. **Quantity/Quality of Product:** All items to be sold by the applicant will be reviewed and must be of high quality, safe, of suitable quantity, and enhance the Easley Farmers Market.
4. **Where the product is grown/produced:** Priority is given to LOCALLY grown, produced, processed, and crafted products within 50 miles of Easley, SC. The Easley Farmers Market Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to this rule based upon quality of product, vendors' history with the market, and lack of product availability within 50 miles of Easley.

FEES:

To become a vendor, you must pay for a booth. **This does not include Nonprofit vendors.** We offer the following options:

Crafter/Farmer Booths

\$15.00 (10'x10')

Season Pass

\$200

Payments are required to be paid by the Wednesday before the Saturday Market. We are only allowing a max of 40 vendors per Saturday.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

The Market is rain or shine. Conditions that threaten the public safety may cause cancellation and/or early termination of the market upon the determination of Market Manager. Weather conditions will be monitored 24 hours prior to the event and a decision will be made by 5pm Friday for complete cancellations. Unforeseen circumstances, however, will have to be considered.

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE:

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Easley, its employees, officers, agents and/or contractors for any and all damages, losses, suits, liability, and/or causes of action resulting from property damage, and/or from personal injury, including death, of myself arising out of or in any way connected with our participation in the Easley Farmers Market. I further permit the City of Easley to use photographs of me for the promotion of the Easley Farmers Market.

VENDOR POLICY:

By signing below, you are agreeing to everything within the information packet.

1. The Market Manager reserves the right to prohibit anyone from selling and/or refuse any product from being sold.
2. The Market Manager reserves the right to refuse participation to vendors who do not comply with Market regulations or do not meet Market standards which include, but are not limited to, following all local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
3. The Market staff have the authority to move and reassign vendor space to enhance or facilitate Market operations and to limit the number vendors selling the same specialty products.
4. Pets have always been welcomed at our market, please keep them on a leash and away from the food you are selling. Our market area is not their bathroom, so please walk them away from the market area. Food safety is of the utmost importance.
5. Children must be supervised at the Market site at all times.
6. The Market is not liable for any injury, theft, or damage to either the buyer or seller, or their property, arising from or pertaining to preparation for or participation in the market.
7. The Market does not guarantee the marketability of the vendors' goods the success of the vendors' efforts.
8. Each vendor operates as an individual entity and is responsible for setting his/her own prices. Clearly post your prices each week at your booth.
9. Vendors are required to have a banner or sign with your business name clearly displayed each week.
10. Spaces will be assigned on a first come-first served basis.
11. If you are going to be absent from the market, please let the Market Manager know at least 48 hours in advance. If you have not arrived at the market by 8:30 AM, your space can be assigned to someone else.

Further information should be directed to:
The Market Manager/Program and Events Director
farmersmarket@cityofeasley.com

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Vendor Signature and date