



North Coast Growers' Association

Humboldt County Farmers' Markets

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TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN SELLING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AT NCGA CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS IN 2024

The North Coast Growers Association (NCGA) was formed in 1979 and operates the longest continually running farmers' market in California. Membership in the NCGA is open to residents of Humboldt County who produce agricultural products in Humboldt County, and we welcome new members!

There are currently ten Certified Farmers' Markets in Humboldt County operated by the NCGA.

Arcata Plaza	Saturdays 9am-2pm, Apr 1 - Nov 23 / 10am-2pm, Nov 30 - Mar 30
Miranda	Mondays 2-6pm, May 1 - Oct 30
Old Town	Tuesdays 10am-1pm, July 02 - Oct 29
Shelter Cove	Tuesdays 11am-3pm, May 7 - Oct 29
Fortuna	Tuesdays 3-6pm, Jun 4 - Oct 29
Henderson Ctr	Thursdays 10am-1pm, Jun 6 - Oct 31
McKinleyville	Thursdays 3-6pm, July 18 - Oct 31
Willow Creek	Thursdays, 4-7, Jun 6 - Aug 29
Garberville	Fridays 11am-3pm, May 3 - Nov 15
Friday Night Market	Fridays TBD

2024 membership dues are as follows

- \$150** Members attending Arcata Plaza Main Season and any weekday market(s)
 - \$100** Members attending any weekday markets other than Arcata Plaza Main Season
 - \$35** Supporting Members: Attend 6 or less markets per location, or only as a 2nd producer.
- Note: Supporting members cannot accrue seniority or vote in association business.*

Several requirements must be met in order to sell at an NCGA Certified Farmers' Market:

- 1. Only agricultural products that you grow yourself in Humboldt County can be sold** at our Certified Farmers' Markets (CFMs). No crafts, handmade items, etc. are permitted in the CFM designated area. Exceptions will be made for allowable processed agricultural products like jam, produced from raw products you grow. Fresh eggs, meat and cheese from animals you raise are also allowable but require special processing and registration.
- 2. You must obtain a Certified Producer's Certificate (CPC)** for certified agricultural products from the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 707-382-4064.
- 3. If you sell plants, you must also obtain a nursery license or exemption** from the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 707-382-4064.

4. If you sell taxable items, you must have a **resale license** from the California Department of Tax & Fee Administration.

5. If you sell products by weight, you must have an approved scale that is certified annually by the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 707-382-4064.

6. If you are interested in selling **processed agricultural products** (like jam), you must also obtain the required **health certificates and permits** from the Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health. The sellers of such products must be the agricultural producer whose resulting processed product contains their own raw materials. Facilities for producing non-certified products, such as dried fruits, honey, or cheese, must be approved by the County Environmental Health Department.

7. **Signage and Labeling.** All vendors must display a sign with their farm name and location, as well as adhere to proper product labeling guidelines. Any products sold in closed containers must include the IRQ (Identity, Responsibility, Quantity).

8. Other regulations are outlined in the "**NCGA Certified Farmers' Market Rules and Regulations.**" In addition, you are required to know and comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.

California Code of Regulations: CCR 1392

[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I6BF78E10D45811DEB97CF67CD0B99467&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I6BF78E10D45811DEB97CF67CD0B99467&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default))

Food and Agriculture Code: FAC 47000

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayexpandedbranch.xhtml?tocCode=FAC&division=17.&title=&part=&chapter=10.5.&article=

9. You must obtain a **City of Arcata Business License** through NCGA or the City of Arcata if you wish to participate in an Arcata market. This application will be provided when you apply to the NCGA. If you wish to sell at the McKinleyville market, a Humboldt County Business License is required.

10. Before showing up at a market, you must contact the Market Manager at least two weeks in advance to make sure space is available. Stall spaces are assigned based on seniority at each market. The Saturday market on the Arcata Plaza is often full at the height of the season. The weekday markets have space for new growers more often than not. Check with the individual Market Managers by calling (707) 441-9999.

11. **Stall Fees** - Market fees are to be paid to the Market Manager by the closing of each market. Stall fees are subject to change per membership vote at Spring member meetings.

2024 Fees NCGA Agricultural Members

Arcata Plaza Main Season Market: Flat Rate: \$50 full space; \$30 half space

Arcata Plaza Winter Market: Flat Rate \$45 full space, \$30 half space

Weekday Markets: 10% of sales up to \$200, then tiered up to \$1,000. Minimum \$5 (\$0-\$50 in sales), maximum \$35 (\$1,000+ in sales)

Thank you for your interest in the NCGA Certified Farmers' Markets! Please call our voicemail at (707) 441-9999 or email laura@northcoastgrowersassociation.org to get in touch with a staff member if you have any questions

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