
Membership Info

TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN SELLING AT THE NORTH COAST GROWERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS:

The North Coast Growers Association (NCGA) was formed in 1978 and operates one of the longest continually running farmers' markets in California. It organized and started the first Certified Farmers' Markets in Humboldt County. Membership in the NCGA is open to residents of Humboldt County who produce an agricultural product in Humboldt County. Annual dues are \$75 for grower members and \$60 for supporting members.

There are currently five Certified Farmers' Markets in Humboldt County operated by the NCGA:

April 12 through November 22

Arcata Plaza..... Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

June 3 through October 30

Old Town Gazebo, Eureka..... Tuesdays 10:00am to 1:00pm

Henderson Center..... Thursdays 10:00am to 1:00pm

Wildberries Market Place Tuesdays 3:30pm to 6:30pm

McKinleyville Market..... Thursdays 3:30pm to 6:30pm

There are several requirements, which must be met before a person can sell at an NCGA Certified Farmers' Market:

1. Only agricultural products can be sold at a Certified Farmers' Market (CFM). No crafts, handmade items, etc. are permitted in the CFM designated area. Exceptions will be made for processed products produced from raw products you grow. Please ask for a "Non-certifiable ag" form if this pertains to you.
2. You must obtain a Certified Producer's Certificate from the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.
3. If you sell plants, you must also obtain a nursery license or exemption from the County Agricultural Inspector Bruce Bryan @ 441-5271.
4. If you sell taxable items, you must have a resale license from the State Board of Equalization.
5. If you are interested in selling a processed agricultural product, you must also obtain the required health certificates and permits from the County Environmental Health Office. 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.
6. Other regulations are outlined in the "NCGA Certified Farmers' Market Rules and Appropriate Conduct". In addition, you are required to know and comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.
7. Before showing up at a market, you must contact the Market Manager at least two weeks ahead of time to make sure there is space available. Stall spaces are assigned based on seniority at each market. Priority is given to Humboldt Co. growers.

The Saturday market on the Arcata Plaza is full. The Thursday morning market at Henderson Center in Eureka and the Wildberries Market on Tuesday afternoons are full at peak season (approx. July -Sept). The Tuesday morning market at Eureka's Old Town has space for a few new growers, and the McKinleyville Market also has space available.

8. Out of county certified growers may sell at the NCGA Certified Farmers' Markets by requesting permission from the NCGA Board of Directors. Request for permission to enter each market must be submitted to: N.C.G.A. Board of Directors, Box 4232, Arcata, CA 95518

Requests must be made at least one month prior to entry into any market. Please include the markets you would like to attend, the dates you will be attending and the crops/product you plan to sell. Confirmation will be given. Entry is based on space availability. Each crop will be individually considered with priority given to short season specialty crops. Final decision for space assignments rests with the Market Manager.

Thank you for your interest in the NCGA Certified Farmers' Markets! Please call our voice mail to talk with a market manager if you have any questions. 707-441-9999