

Statesboro Main Street Farmers Market – Vendor Information

Thinking of becoming a vendor at the Statesboro Main Street Farmers Market?

Here's what you need to know about participating in Saturday markets or Market2Go.

We have three types of vendors.

- (1) Farmer/whole food vendors (vegetables, fruit, dairy, honey, meat, eggs, etc). We like to keep a balance at market of more than 50% whole food vendors. The vendor must be producing the food or (by exception) representing a local food producer. Preference is given to food producers using sustainable practices.
- (2) Prepared food vendors (jams & jellies, bakery goods, coffee/tea, popcorn, candy, condiments and any cooked food). All food purveyors are required to have a certified kitchen and approval by the health department OR a Georgia cottage industry permit.
- (3) Artisans (woodwork, soaps, candles, jewelry, painting/photography, decorative items, or other artisanal products/services). All products in this category must be made locally by the artisan, with preference for those incorporating local materials and themes.

The goal of the market is to showcase vendors with authentically local products -- grown or made locally, using as much local ingredients or material as possible -- and products that add diversity to our market offering, not just more of the same. Potential vendors must submit an application, which is reviewed by committee for these characteristics. Arts & crafts vendors are asked to submit a sample of work for the review process.

Approved vendors pay an annual market membership of \$50, which gives them access to both Saturday markets and the on-line "Market2Go". As a bonus, market members are also allowed to participate in the annual holiday event, Shopping by Lantern Light, at no extra charge.

For Saturday markets, approved vendors also pay a weekly booth fee of approximately \$10/week. There are 34 Saturday markets, this year, April 6 -- November 23. We ask that booth fees be paid quarterly (\$85 for 8 weeks), twice-yearly (\$170 for 17 weeks) or annually (discounted to \$306 for 34 weeks). Vendors approved for ONE TIME participation pay a flat fee of \$40, with no membership fee.

Community organizations and educational institutions are invited to set up a booth at the Saturday markets for purposes of education or public service. There is no charge for educational booths; however education vendors must submit an application describing their intent and providing a schedule of dates for participation.

For the on-line Market2Go, market members pay no weekly fee, but product sales include a 10% charge for licensing and maintenance of the market. Normally vendors adjust their pricing to include the fee; for example, if a vendor wants to get \$4.00 for a product, she might set the market price as \$4.40 so that she still receives \$4.00 and the market receives \$0.40. Market2Go is open year round, with the exception of Thanksgiving week and Christmas week.

Applications for Vendors and Educational Exhibits are available at the DSDA office at #10 Siebald Street in Statesboro, or we can email you a digital version of the appropriate application – Whole Food, Prepared Food, Artisans, or Education Exhibit. If you have questions or need help, email the market manager at Statesborofarmersmarketmanager@gmail.com.