

**Rotary Club of Statesville**  
**2026 Farmer's Market Farmer/Vendor Guidelines**

Our Farmer's Market in Statesville is a market of "original producers". Vendor may sell only products that are grown, created or verified by the vendor in the local area. The **local area** is defined as the following counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Surry, Wilkes or Yadkin. Any exception to this will need approval from a Farmer's Market committee representative.

Each year farmers/vendors must sign a **Grower's Certificate**, that is also signed by their local County Extension chairperson/officer and lists the location of their farm and the produce they will be bringing to the market. In the case of a violation of this guideline of "original producer", a farmer/vendor will receive a warning and if the violation continues, they will be asked to leave the Market. These guidelines apply equally to those with reserved spaces and single day farmers/vendors.

The Market will be held each scheduled day, rain or shine, so refunds will not be given for prepaid reservations in the event you do not attend the Market.

**SAFETY WARNING** All farmers/vendors using pop-up tents or canopies will be required to securely tie down or weigh them down. Weights such as sandbags could be used for an example.

Products allowed to be sold at the Market are vegetables, fruits, baked goods, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, honey, meats, eggs, mushrooms, cheeses, crafts, plants, flowers and related products.

Products **NOT** allowed to be sold at the Market are, but limited to, concession foods such as canned/bottled drinks or hot foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Hot foods are also referred to as any food that requires heating on the site of the Market. Also, not allowed are "low-acid" **canned** foods such as green beans, corn, potatoes, peas, carrots, soups, etc. Tomato products created from "low-acid" varieties may not be sold.

The follow are items that need to be addressed and identified on products being offered:

- 1)Prewrapped foods (including jams, jellies and preserves) must be labeled with at least the following:
  - Common or usual name of the product
  - Net weight in pounds/ounces if the product is solid or semi-solid and in fluid ounces if the product is a liquid
  - List of ingredients in the product by decreasing order of predominance per weight of each ingredient
  - Name and address of the person responsible for the product
- 2)All meats offered for sale shall be produced by the seller. Sellers of meat and/or poultry products shall obtain and maintain in good standing a current North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Registration for Poultry and Meat Handlers.
- 3)Vendor of dairy products shall have appropriate licenses.
- 4)Vendors of baked and canned goods for sale must maintain certification of inspection of their kitchen/home site of preparation/storage of these goods offered for sale.

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Farmer's Market Vendor Guidelines continued:

In past years the state has had the **Senior Farmers Market Nutritional Program (SFMNP)** and the Rotary Farmer's Market is one of the local markets who have participated in this program. This is a state supported voucher program to encourage the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables for selected senior citizens, who register for the vouchers at our local community centers. This program should be offered again for 2026 and information will be available as soon as it becomes available.

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**Rotary Club of Statesville  
2026 Farmer's Market Farmer/Vendor Registration**

Location: City lot at the corner of W. Front St. and S. Meeting St.

Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Duration: Market will open May 9 to October 31

Reservation Options:

Daily pay (no reserved space).

Money will be collected on the day of the market \$5.00 per day

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Monthly with payment in advance (can reserve a space\*) \$30.00

\$100 for the season

Checks should be made payable to **Rotary Club of Statesville**

For monthly reservations please indicate the number of months registering \_\_\_\_\_

\*Space reservation is on a first come first serve basis. Farmers/vendors who had a reserved space last year have first choice of getting the same space. Last year's space was (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Your contact information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) to be offered for sale \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy and read the 2026 Guidelines for the Rotary Club of Statesville Farmer's Market and agree to abide by the Guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

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(date)