

Certified Farmers Market Products and Layout

The Certified Farmers Market is specifically intended for Agricultural Products and Simple Agricultural Processed Products. Both Certified Products and Non-Certified Agricultural Products may be offered for sale in the area specified as a "CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET". Remember it is the responsibility of the Market Manager to inspect, verify, and document the Non-Certified Agricultural products they allow in their market. Contact the Agricultural Commissioner if you have any questions.

Example: Apple grower selling apple juice.

The grower must first have a Certified Producers Certificate for the apples he uses to juice. Additionally he must meet Health Dept. requirements for the juicing process. Making juice is considered a "simple" process and the Market Manager, after verifying the grower's ability to make apple juice may allow the sale of the juice in the Certified Market area.

Example: Selling cheese.

Milk and cream are Non-Certifiable Agricultural Products. Cheese is a processed product made from raw dairy products. The Market Manager must qualify both the raw agricultural dairy products as well as the processed dairy "cheese". No Certified Producers Certificate will be issued by the County. Other documentation from Health may be used to confirm the production or processing of the cheese. Remember the original Producer (dairyman) is the grower who is eligible to participate in the Certified Market. A person who buys milk and makes cheese may not be permitted to sell in the Certified Area.

Example: Fresh fish.

There are two kinds of fish, which must be considered. First "farmed" fish and shellfish may be permitted in the "Certified Market". The manager is responsible for verifying the production of these items. Appropriate documentation may include copies of lease agreements, Health Permits, Veterinary receipts, and photographs. The key issue is "does the person have control of the production environment"? The second source of fish to consider is commercial or sport fishing. These types of caught fish are not permitted to be sold in the Certified Market.

All products sold outside of the Certified Market Area are at the discretion of the market manager, sponsor, or other enforcement agencies.

The method of separating the Certified Area from the Non-Agricultural Area will depend on the market location, number of sellers permitted, Market Rules, or other unique features at the Market. It is critical that the Certified Area and Non-Agricultural Area are clearly separated. **Violations will be issued to the Market if these products are commingled.**