

BUFFALO GAP FARMERS MARKET 2026

Market Dates: Saturdays, May - October

Market hours: 9am-noon, (with the exception of special Moonlight Markets)

Vendor Booth Fees: \$10; Vendors must apply to become a vendor prior to the event

Once vendors are approved by the market organizers, they are free to set up any or all of the weekends of the market in that season. Vendor fees are \$10 per Saturday per 10ft x 10ft space.

Spaces are first come first served and not assigned.

2026 VENDOR APPLICATION: <https://forms.gle/YNMnBDy3EoefouJbA>

Applicants

What is the definition of a "farmers' market"? [Texas Code §229.702\(3\)](#) defines "farmers' market" as "a designated location used for a recurring event at which a majority of the vendors are farmers or other food producers who sell food directly to consumers. A farmers' market must include at least two vendors who meet the definition of "farmer" and may include vendors who meet the definition of "food producer". In addition, a farmers' market may include vendors who are not "farmers" or "food producers," provided that "farmers" and "food producers" constitute the majority of vendors who participate in the market throughout the year."

1. **All fees must be paid prior to setting up.** You will need to pay Joanna Self at the beginning
2. All invitations to sell at any market are at the discretion of the Market Organizers.
3. Submitting an application does not guarantee admittance into the market.
4. Copies of all proper permits, certifications, licenses, etc. must be received by BGFM before a vendor can attend any market.
5. **Only owners or agents** (family member, employee) may sell at market. Agents must be knowledgeable, communicative, and project a professional presence at market and must have worked at or visited the farm, ranch, commercial kitchen or studio of the producer.
 - a. New agents hired at any time must agree to comply with all market rules by carefully reviewing this document with the owner.
6. Existing vendors are not guaranteed a continued space and may be removed as a vendor at any time during the market for violation of market rules.
7. **There is no guarantee of exclusive category for any vendor.**
8. New items (not included in the most recent application) must be submitted in writing via email and approved by the Market Organizers before sold at market.
9. All items sold at market must be grown/prepared by the vendor within Texas.
10. Laws, regulations, and rules put forth by the federal, state, city, or county government must be followed by all vendors.
11. Re-selling of any products or goods is prohibited (food vendors may blend or infuse products to make a final product of their own).
12. Markets operate the first weekend in May through the last weekend in October. Vendors should prepare for all types of weather including cover for rain or sun and weights for winds.

No refunds or discount in fees will be given in the event of inclement weather or lack of business due to the weather. *In the event of a market cancellation due to weather, an announcement will go out to vendors by 6 am the day of the market.*

13. Vendors must be **set up & ready to sell** no later than 15 minutes before the market opens.
14. Vendors may **not break down** before the end of market even in the event the vendor has sold out. Tables, signage, tablecloth etc. must remain set up in booth space until the end of market. Vendors must break down promptly at market close.
15. A booth space constitutes a **10'x10' space** using straight-legged canopies. Merchandise must be restricted to within the designated booth space and signage must not impede flow of shoppers between booth spaces.
16. Canopies should be set up in a way to avoid injury to any person. Canopies must be in good repair and neat in appearance.
17. **Smoking and vaping is NOT permitted in market territory.** Vendors must leave market boundaries so that smoke or vape does not reach shoppers or other vendors. Cigarette butts must be properly disposed of in safe containers and removed by the vendor.
18. Vendors must transport **trash and recycling** to the market dumpsters. Vendors must completely clean their booth space at the end of market. Vendors who provide samples or prepared food must provide trash receptacles at their booth.
19. **Booth locations** are subject to change. Vendors' booth locations may change week-to-week and vendors are expected to exercise flexibility in the event of relocation. *Spaces are first come first served and not assigned.*
20. Please keep all pets at home unless it is a service animal.
21. Vendors must display signage with prices and vendor information. Vendors should keep prices fair and reasonable. Signage should clearly identify family name and/or the name of their farm/business including the city, town or county where production occurs. If using Venmo/Cashapp, please have the QR codes printed for customers to easily scan.
22. Intoxication from alcohol or illegal drugs will result in vendor expulsion from the Market.
23. Vendors are required to comply with state and federal laws concerning firearms and may not openly display firearms while selling at the market.
24. Vendors must contribute to accessibility at the market and maintain the pathway.
25. Buffalo Gap Farmers Market or its organizers are not responsible for product liability, fines, penalties or the paying of sales taxes for individual vendors.
26. Discrimination in any form is prohibited. Discrimination is the treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor or against, a person based on the group, class, or category to which that person belongs, including but not limited to race, color, national origin, age, disability, economic class, sex, gender expression or sexual orientation.
27. Harassment based upon an individual's sex, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion or any other legally protected characteristics will not be tolerated.

28. Vendors should be knowledgeable about products, how they are used, grown or produced and be able to communicate these things clearly to the customers. Products should be displayed in a sanitary, presentable and attractive manner. Vendors are expected to be courteous, professional and presentable at all times. Inappropriate language or behavior, clothing, harassment or abuse toward anyone at any market will not be tolerated and may be reason for expulsion.
29. Vendors commit to not publicly disparage the Buffalo Gap Farmers Market.

All Food Vendors

1. All food vendors must comply with Federal, State, Buffalo Gap and Taylor County Health Department rules.
2. Follow labeling requirements from the State of Texas, which must label all products with the following information:
 - a. Contact information: address, phone # and/or email address
 - b. Contents: Name of item should include common and usual name
 - c. List of ingredients according to weight.
 - d. Eight common allergens.
3. Cottage law vendors must indicate on product labels this statement: ***This product is not inspected by any state of Texas or local health department.*** Find detailed information here: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/foods/labeling.aspx>
4. Health Department violations must be corrected before a vendor is allowed to set up on the next market date.
5. **All foods must be seed oil free, dye-free, and free of artificial flavorings and fragrances!**

Agricultural Vendor

- Produce that has been grown on the producer's land (including leased land) located within Texas.
- Meat (excepting fish, fowl and feral animals), that is from animals born and bred on the producers' land (including leased land) and processed at a USDA inspected facility as well as processed meat products such as bacon, jerky and sausage, or products such as eggs, cheese, yogurt, honey, soap or yarn from these animals.
- Foraged and wild-crafted items where the producer responsibly wild harvests a raw agricultural product from their own land, leased-land or public land (where foraging is allowed) and packages the item(s) with minimal additional ingredients. Example products include yaupon tea, chile pequin, or henbit.
- All agricultural producers must maintain at least 50% of products/items sold at market comprising their own agricultural products to maintain this vendor category.
 - Examples: Farmers, Ranchers, Beekeepers

- Vendors must display current Organic Certification when promoting products as organic. Claim of organic status may not be posted or used in promotion of the product, farm or ranch without proof thereof.
- Producers may offer value-added items made from producers' own vegetables, meat, fruit, etc. but must first notify the Executive Director of intent to sell the product at any market and acquire any necessary state and local permits.
- **No live animals may be sold at market**
- A farmer using synthetic chemicals or dusts on his/her crops must be completely transparent with this information to shoppers. In the event of dispute, a written statement must be submitted to the Executive Director via U.S. mail. The Executive Director may decide to inspect the farm with a certified organic farmer/s and create a final opinion regarding the treatment of the farm and subsequent action toward the vendor.
- Vendors must grow or produce the products sold and maintain high quality standards throughout the season.
- Off-grade or seconds or storage vegetables must be labeled as such. BGFM leadership may insist on removal of poor quality items.
- Nursery-Only Vendors must sell only cut flowers, potted plants, trees or nursery starts that are grown from seed, plug, cutting, bulb or bare-root by the seller. No resale of plants is allowed. Any business that grows or distributes plants with the intent to sell in temporary markets or at a temporary location needs a Nursery Floral License Class M and an Event Permit for each event. More information here:
www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/PlantQuality/NurseryFloral.aspx
- A producer selling any meat claiming hormone and/or antibiotic free and/or grass fed must have raised the animals from the ranch herd from birth (excepting poultry or wild, feral animals) or provide a certified letter from seller that animals have been hormone and antibiotic-free and/or grass-fed since birth and/or weaning. It is preferable that the animals are born and raised completely on the producer's property from a ranch herd of mother animals.
- If the producer does not have the capability of raising animals in the fashion as described above, the producer must be completely transparent with shoppers and management of the market about where the animals originated if allowed to sell at the markets by the Director of Agriculture and the Executive Director.
- Wild fish (from the Texas Gulf coast or Texas lakes) and feral animals (harvested from within Texas and slaughtered under all applicable regulations) are acceptable. BGFM requires copies of all relevant permits from city, county, state and federal permitting agencies.

Non- Agriculture Producers:

- Non-Agriculture Producers are divided into three categories. Your non-agriculture application may include just one or any of the following. If you are an agriculture producer AND use those products to make value-added products, artisan products or prepared food PLEASE apply as an agriculture producer and list your value-added products etc on that application.

Value-Added:

- Culinary products from any operation that has changed the form, flavor, blend and/or the substance of raw products using as many market products as available, preference given to those vendors who use local products. Organic ingredients must be incorporated when available. Must be produced in a commercial kitchen or follow all cottage food laws.
- Examples: Salsa, Hummus, Cider, Dog Food & Treats, Baked Goods, Herbal products
- Any vendor selling CBD products must provide detailed sourcing and extraction information and provide proof of purchase from the source company. Additional information may be requested by the Executive Director. Products may not be sold or sampled to minors (under the age of 18) without a parent/guardian's presence and permission.

Prepared Food:

- Vendors offer freshly made food and drinks available for sale and immediate consumption on-site. These products may be hot or cold ready-to-eat foods or drinks under a Health Department permit or following all applicable cottage food laws. Products must use as many market products as available, preference given to those vendors who use local products. Organic ingredients must be incorporated when available. The commercial kitchen must be located within 150 miles of the market.

Artisan:

- Materials from outside the area of the farmers market, when integrated with other local products or created by a local artisan located within 150 miles of the market.
 - Examples: Beauty and skincare products, jewelry, art, ceramics
- The Organizer or the BGFM team member have the right to review any merchandise for sale at any market at any time. Photos of the work and your booth set up may be requested with the application.

Violations

Violations of market rules will result in prompt corrective and punitive action. This process is generally constituted by the following steps: 1) verbal warning, 2) written warning, 3) suspension/expulsion from market

Contact Persons:

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Helpful Links:

[Texas Cottage Food Production](#) | [Texas DSHS](#)

[Texas Farmer's Market](#) | [Texas DSHS](#)

[Nursery Floral](#)



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Allergens and Food Labeling

Food allergies and other types of food hypersensitivities affect millions of Americans and their families. Regulations protect those with food allergies and other food hypersensitivities. These regulations require industry to list ingredients on packaged foods and beverages.

Allergens

The nine major food allergens must be declared on the packaged food labeling. They must use the common or usual name of the allergen.

9 Major Food Allergens



Peanuts



Crustaceans



Eggs



Tree Nuts



Wheat



Fish



Milk



Soy



Sesame

The common or usual name of a food (e.g. whey, casein, miso) may not be recognized as an allergenic source by the consumer therefore ingredient labels containing these ingredients must either:

- list the food source in parentheses following the name [i.e. whey (milk), miso (soy)] or;
- include a "Contains" declaration statement printed immediately after or adjacent to the list of ingredients in a reasonable type size but not less than 1/16"
- a "contains" statement is not required if the allergen is listed in the ingredient statement in a recognizable form (e.g. milk, wheat, soy)