



Urban Harvest  
FARMERS MARKET

## APPLICATION

The Urban Harvest Farmers Market (UHFM) is a farmers market operated by Urban Harvest; it complies with all federal, state, county and city regulations. Urban Harvest is a non-profit organization whose mission is to use fruit, vegetable and habitat gardens to improve quality of life in the greater Houston area. These gardens serve to educate, strengthen community spirit, create therapeutic environments and provide food and income. We teach organic gardening techniques, help neighborhoods build successful community gardens, create outdoor classrooms at schools that teach core curricula, nutrition and respect for the environment, provide fresh, locally grown food, and encourage responsible land use. Our work benefits all of us by improving food, diet and health. It also builds engaging schools, neighborly communities, and valuable local businesses that together sustain and improve our environment.

The main goals of the market include:

- Promoting the sustainable production, marketing, and consumption of local agriculture produce.
- Educating the community about local growing conditions and food crops and about the nutritional and culinary benefits of eating local produce in season.
- Contributing to the local economy by redirecting consumers' food dollars from non-local to local growers and producers.
- Incubating new, small food-based businesses.
- Providing a community gathering place.

Admittance to the UHFM depends on approval by the Urban Harvest Farmers Market Committee of Urban Harvest. In general, vendors must sell products grown or produced by the vendor within 180 miles of Houston, hold ALL required permits, licenses, and insurance policies necessary for their business operation, sign the indemnity agreement included in this vendor application holding Urban Harvest harmless, allow market representatives to inspect their farm and production facilities prior to selling at the market and any potential additional visits; and pay the annual vendor fee and daily market fees. All vendors are bound by the Urban Harvest Farmers Market (UHFM) Rules.

Farm/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner or Proprietor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones (specify home, office, cell, fax):

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**Farmer or Vendor Details:**

Business Type (check all that apply): fruits/vegetables\_\_\_\_\_ dairy\_\_\_\_\_ meat\_\_\_\_\_ fish\_\_\_\_\_ Baked goods\_\_\_\_\_ prepared foods\_\_\_\_\_ nursery products\_\_\_\_\_ eggs\_\_\_\_\_ herbs\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Short List of agricultural products:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Short List of value added products (ie. Baked goods, soups, etc.):

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Time of year you would be at the market: \_\_\_\_\_

**Farmers growing practices:**

Check all that apply. Please refer to glossary of definitions at the back of the application.

- \_\_\_\_\_ conventional
- \_\_\_\_\_ certified organic (please include certificate with application)
- \_\_\_\_\_ free of synthetic chemicals
- \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable/naturally grown
- \_\_\_\_\_ hydroponic

**All other vendors:**

Please include any local (southeast Texas) or Texas grown products used in your products.

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What makes your products appropriate for the Urban Harvest Farmers Market:

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Do we have permission to use your information in any print or web-based guide distributed to the public? Please refer to the Urban Harvest website to the “Meet the vendors” page that you can supply us with any information about your business that you wish to share.

\_\_\_\_\_ yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ no

List the full names of family members or employees who may sell for you:

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## **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

The vendor understands that there is a \$25 non-refundable application fee that must be included with the application in order for it to be reviewed. The vendor understands that if accepted, their \$110 annual fee must be paid before they can start at the market. The vendor understands that their annual fee will not be prorated towards next year's annual fee. In addition each vendor pays a day fee per stall for each market attended. Each week the vendor is at the market, there is a fee of \$30 for a 10x10 space. Vendors acknowledge that these fees may change per the Market Committee's request.

Vendor has read and understands the Market Rules for the Urban Harvest Farmers Market and is bound by the terms and conditions outlined there. Vendors may sell only what is listed on this application, and any additional items that a vendor would like to sell must be reviewed by the market committee. Vendors are responsible for the quality and safety of what they sell.

We, the undersigned, agree to comply and abide by the rules and regulations of the Urban Harvest Farmers Market. This agreement admits the producer under the same terms and conditions as other participating producers, and does not constitute permission to participate if the market's rules and conditions are violated.

**Producer:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Market Manager:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The vendor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless Urban Harvest and all agencies that Urban Harvest has agreements with, from and against any and all claims and demands resulting from vendor's acts and omissions, whether for injuries to persons, or loss of life, or damage to property, on or off market premises, arising out of the use or occupancy of the market premises by vendor, and shall defend at vendor's own expense any actions brought against Urban Harvest and any organizations or persons with which Urban Harvest has a contractual agreement.

**Vendor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Terminology of Growing Practices

### **Certified Organic:**

This grower practices strict organic principals of soil enrichment and pest control and is certified either by the state or a third party certification firm that has been approved by the Market Manager and the Executive Director. They may or may not use natural fertilizers, or synthetic fungicides or pesticides allowed by the law when a natural alternative is not available. Food manufacturers only utilize certified organic ingredients following organic labeling requirements. Guidelines are available at [www.ams.usda.gov/nop/nop/standards.html](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/nop/standards.html).

### **Certified Naturally Grown:**

This grower practices organic principals of soil enrichment and are certified by a collection of peers involved with [www.naturallygrown.com](http://www.naturallygrown.com). They cannot use synthetic fertilizers or synthetic fungicides or pesticides or added hormones. Certified Naturally Grown farmers reflect a commitment to work within the natural biological cycles that are necessary for a truly sustainable farming system - a system that works in harmony with micro-organisms, soil flora and fauna, plants and animals, to maintain and increase the long-term fertility of soil, leaving it even more vibrant and alive for the next generation of farmers.

### **Sustainable:**

Growers using the Sustainable label pledge to use only organic products and practices; however the term Organic is not used on their Urban Harvest provided signage since they are not certified. Urban Harvest advises consumers to ask these growers any questions they might have about their production practices, since it is hard to know how closely organic principles are followed.

### **Conventional:**

This grower uses common agricultural practices. They may or may not use chemical or synthetic fertilizers, or synthetic fungicides or pesticides or added hormones. They may be a large or small grower.

*This is intended to be a guideline only and we encourage you to research the terms yourself and certainly talk to your grower and visit their farms. More information can be found at [www.ams.usda.gov/nop/nop/standards.html](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/nop/standards.html) and [www.naturallygrown.org](http://www.naturallygrown.org). Thank you for supporting local agriculture and farmers markets!*



## Application Process and Fees

All annual and weekly fees are subject to change per the committee's request.

There is a non-refundable \$25 application fee.

The application process is two months long, and is reviewed every month by a nine member market committee.

There is a \$110 annual fee. Fees are collected every May, and will not be prorated for the applicant that may enter at a later date.

The booth fee is \$30 each Saturday for a 10x10 space.