

Community Foods Consignment Guidelines and Procedures

The Community Foods Consignment offers gardeners and small farmers an opportunity to sell produce and eggs at the farmers' market on a consignment basis.

Guidelines

Your produce must be grown in Arizona and it *cannot* be resale. (A gardener could not go to a farm, buy watermelons, and re-sell them on consignment).

Please be honest about how your produce is grown. We *strongly* encourage gardeners to not use chemical pesticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers as it is better for the gardener, the consumer and the environment.

Procedures

Fill out Consignment Agreement Form

(Contact information, what you are growing, how you grow, etc.)

Dropping Off Produce:

PLEASE BE ON TIME!!

Monday: Marana Farm Stand

-October-April (closed December) 2:30-3:30pm

-May- September 3:30- 4:30 pm

Tuesday: Community Food Bank Farmers' Market

- 7:30-8:30am at market

Thursday: Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market

-October-April (closed December) 2:00-3:00pm

-May- September 3:00- 4:00 pm

(If these times don't work for you please let the Consignment Coordinator know and we can see what we can do).

At the Market:

- Members will be responsible for making sure that their goods are weighed or counted and that an invoice is written.

- We keep all members items separate by labels and separate containers.

Pricing:

-Prices for produce will be by weight. It is impossible to try to have consistency between growers, so for fairness sake we price things by weight. Items, such as eggs, are by the each.

-Prices are determined by the market manager.

-If you are growing an unfamiliar food, please research average prices of the item- so we can determine the price at the market. And please share a recipe and people will be much more willing to buy the item if they know what to do with it!

After Market: Options (if there is produce left over)

Thursday:

- Pick up at the end of market (6pm/7pm) OR
- Produce will be sold at the U of A Market on Friday, the Marana Farm Stand on Monday and/or the Community Food Bank Market on Tuesday, depending on the longevity of the item. If an item won't keep or isn't sold it will then be given away at the Food Bank.

Tuesday:

- Pick up at the end of market (noon) OR
- Produce will be sold at the Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market on Thursday, U of A Market on Friday, and/or the Marana Farm Stand on Monday, depending on the longevity of the item. If an item won't keep or isn't sold it will then be given away at the Food Bank.

Fee Structure

- We will keep track of what sold at the market and pay you the following week minus 10% (which will be kept by the Food Bank for selling the produce at the market) unless otherwise specified (if you'd like a check sent to your home). Cash will be given for totals less than \$50, greater totals will be by check.

Packing Supplies

If you are interested, we sell packaging supplies.

Plastic Seal Bag

1,000 3x4 bags \$14 100 bags: \$1.40

1,000 6x6 bags \$30 100 bags: \$3.00

1,000 9x12 bags \$65 100 bags: \$6.50

11x14 Roll of bags \$6.40

2,000 7" twist ties \$5 200 twist ties: \$.50

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

There is an opportunity to sell to more people at the farmers' Markets by participating in the AZ Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. A program that links participants of the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) and Seniors to Farmers' Markets where they are able to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from certified growers. For more information please contact Sara Rickard, Farmers' Market Manager at 622-0525 ext. 242 or srickard@communityfoodbank.org.

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