Dear 2025 Interested Farmers Market Members:

Thank you to all that made the 2024 Farmers Market a success!

In order to sell at this year's market, all farm families must have attended and received a Produce Best Practices Training (PBPT) Certificate either in the past, or attend the training on February 18th. Farm families that plan to accept Senior/WIC Farmers Market monies must also attend the 2025 training on March 25th. The other educational options listed are optional, but we encourage you to attend. Members are required to sign the 2025 market rules and pay membership dues. Dues are $50 if paid by May 15th, 2025. A late fee of $25 will be assessed for those that pay after May 15th. The Kentucky Farmers Market Manual is available online at: https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/documents/FM_Manual_and_Resource_Guide.pdf If you would like a copy of the manual printed, please let us know and we can print it for you here at the Extension Office. Please read over and familiarize yourself with the guide as well as the Fleming County Market Rules.

Please find a list of the trainings/educational opportunities below. Please mark these dates on your calendar. (Meetings will vary in length but should not last longer than 1.5 hours).

Educational/Training sessions:

#1 February 18, 6pm, **Fleming County Extension Office OR Online via Zoom**
Instructor(s): April Wilhoit
Topic: Produce Best Practices Training (prerequisite for Sampling Certificates; *all members must have a PBPT certificate*, if you have taken it between 2017 and now you do not have to retake)

#2 March 25, 6pm, **Fleming County Extension Office OR Online via Zoom**
Instructor: Extension Agents in Buffalo Trace Area
Topic: WIC/ Senior Vouchers Training *(must attend if you plan to accept WIC/Senior Vouchers)*

#3 April 8, 6pm, **Fleming County Extension Office OR Online via Zoom** **WE PREFER YOU ATTEND IN PERSON**
Instructor: Annhall Norris, University of Kentucky
Topic: Homebased Processor Dos and Don'ts

#4 April 29, 6pm, **Fleming County Extension Office OR Online via Zoom** **WE PREFER YOU ATTEND IN PERSON**
Instructor(s): Different Partnering Groups/Organizations Representatives
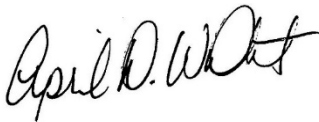Topics: How Partnering Groups Can Help

Additional important information can be found below:

- **Membership meeting: May 13, 2025 at 6pm, Fleming County Extension Office**
- **SCALES CHECK- May 14, 2025**
- **Please have scales to the Fleming County Extension Office on May 13, 2025**
- **Scales will be ready for pickup. AFTERNOON OF MAY 14th THROUGH, 4:45 PM ON MAY 15th**

For more information about the Farmer's Market and Market By-laws, please contact Rose Ann Masters, Market Chairman at 606-748-0959, email Rose Ann at roseann@mastersacres.com or contact the Fleming County Extension Office at 845-4641 or visit the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/flemingcountyfarmersmarket

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

April Wilhoit

County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources

INFO ON SCALES:

Market Scales Scales must be for legal trade and made for commercial use. A legal-for-trade scale will be marked with:

- A serial number

- A model number

- Class III designation on the identification plate or seal

- All scales put into service in Kentucky after July 1, 2003 must have an NTEP (National Type Evaluation Program) certificate of conformance. Scales that were in use prior to July 1, 2003 are exempt from this regulation

Scales marked "Not Legal for Trade" are not acceptable. Baby scales or kitchen scales are two types of scales that are not legal. There is no problem with hanging scales as long as they meet all of the criteria. Vendors selling scales should be able to inform the purchaser that a scale is handbook 44 compliant. There are some hanging scales that do not meet these criteria, so get the assurance from the vendor in writing. It is the responsibility of the scale owner to have the device inspected and maintain the accuracy of the scale. Scales should be inspected annually.