Chilhowie Farmers' Market
821 East Lee Highway
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Welcome/Bienvenido to the Chilhowie Farmers' Market. We want to thank each of you for taking the time to help us help our community. The citizens of Chilhowie have developed great interest in the Farmers' Market and it's because of your help and hard work that we can try to make this happen for our town and community.

Chilhowie Farmers Market does not discriminate based on race, color, religion (pregnancy, sexual orientation, or gender identity) national origin, disability, age and such discrimination will not be tolerated in the market. Call 911 for any and all emergencies when attending the Chilhowie Farmers Market. The Chilhowie Farmers Market is located on 821 East Lee Highway, Chilhowie Virginia at the beautiful Will Walker Farmers Market and Pavilion. Stephen Fields is the Market Manager and can be reached at (276) 646-3232 or Jo Greer, Market Assistant at (276) 782-2371.

2026 Market Rules/Guidelines

Operation

The Chilhowie Farmer's Market will operate as a producer only market. Vendors are allowed to purchase and sell products that are not in season in this area until the product is in season in this area. We will have a market manager and the Town Manager for the Town of Chilhowie monitor vendors for this season. No vendor is to sell any produce on Town Property except during Farmer's Market hours.

The 2026 Market will operate on Thursdays beginning May7th and will conclude on October 22v nd.

Hours of operation are from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Vendors will have access to the Market thirty minutes prior to the opening for the purpose of unloading and setting up merchandise and they must exit the premises no later than thirty minutes after the closing time. Vendors are not permitted to set up outside of Farmers' market hours.

The Market will be held at the Will Walker Farmers Market and Community Pavilion. The address is 821 East Lee Highway, Chilhowie, Virginia.

(Below the Old High School/Chilhowie Public Library)

Fees

The Town of Chilhowie fully supports the Chilhowie Farmers' Market. The Town supports the vendors and customers and hopes both groups can and will benefit from the Market.

We do not require vendors to set up a minimum number of days at this time. We do ask that you try to commit to the Market as much as possible. Our consumers appreciate your time and your product and look forward to seeing you at the Market each week.

Full season and/or weekly fees will be considered for future Market seasons. All vendors must check in with the Market Manager or Market Assistant before setting up a vendor space.

Space

Space is granted on a first come, first serve basis. Vendors are allowed to bring tents to set up during the Market.

General

- ******NO SALES OR BAGGING OF ITEMS PRIOR TO 4 PM******

1. Proper dress and orderly space will be expected from all vendors. Proper language for a family atmosphere will be required.

2. It is the responsibility of the vendor to satisfy customer complaints.

3. No person shall make a public outcry or give any musical or other entertainment for the purpose of drawing customers or attracting attention without prior permission from the Market Manager.

4. No open flames (grills) are permitted on Market property without the prior approval of the Market Manager.

Types of Merchandise

Locally raised produce, fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and animal products. Items must be Virginia grown within a 30-mile radius of Smyth County. All items sold must be a Virginia Grown Product. WE WILL NOT ALLOW OUT OF STATE ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT OUR MARKET. We are focused on promoting Virginia Grown goods. Items may be purchased elsewhere for

1. resale at the Chilhowie Farmer's Market until the item is in season within the area. The Town of Chilhowie's market will operate as a producer-only market.

2. Homemade baked goods, prepared foods, honey, jams, jellies, canned foods and beverages are acceptable as long as they meet all State health requirements and are produced by the vendor selling them. Vendors are encouraged to use as many locally produced ingredients as possible. Items may be purchased elsewhere for resale at the Chilhowie Farmers' Market until the item is in season within the area.
   Compliance with all Health Department and Department of Agriculture guidelines and restrictions is the sole responsibility of the vendor. Vendors must be able to demonstrate to the AFM Market Manager their compliance with all guidelines. All vendors who are planning to sell prepared food should contact Chris Salyer of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Safety to discuss how to comply with current inspection requirements. You can reach him at 276-220-3210 or Christopher.Salyer@vdacs.virginia.gov
   - **The listed items above must demonstrate a label detailing all ingredients**
3. Meat must be processed in a USDA inspected facility and have a Department of Agriculture Stamp (except poultry). *All meat inspections are the responsibility of the vendor.*

4. The Market Manager or Market Assistant has the authority to inspect all items sold to ensure these rules and guidelines are being abided by appropriately and to ensure that such sales conform to Market Rules. All vendors may be subject to an on-site inspection to verify local production at any point during the market season.

5. During Farmers' Market Hours, absolutely no yard sale and/or flea market selling or anything construed as such <u>will not</u> be allowed.

License, Tax, Permits

Any person using the Farmers' Market for the purpose of selling or offering for sale any items on the premises must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local Ordinances. The collection and filing of all related taxes will be the responsibility of the individual vendor.

Sanitation, Health, and Safety

1. The vendors will be responsible for the collection and removal of all refuse generated from sales and activity at their space.

2. It is unlawful to sell or consume alcoholic beverages on Market property.

3. Potentially hazardous food items (meat, poultry, etc.) stored or displayed prior to sell shall be maintained at a temperature of 45 degrees F or below. An ice chest with a drain can be used for cooling.

4. Vendors may not bring live animals for sale onto Market property except as provided by State or Federal Law.

5. The Chilhowie Farmers' Market or the Town of Chilhowie is not responsible for loss or theft of products, supplies, money…etc.

6. Vendor (lessee), by signing the Vendor Application, aggress to protect and hold the Chilhowie Farmers' Market and the Town of Chilhowie harmless and to indemnify the leaser from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments and recoveries for or on account of damage, theft or injury (including death) to property or person occurring as a result of lessee's use of the leased property and any other cause whatsoever.

7. All dogs must be kept on a leash.

8. No vendor shall permit seepage or leakage of water or fluids from any part of their space into the public areas or other vendors' spaces.

9. Children under 14 years of age must be supervised by an adult at the Market.

***NOTE:** Please find enclosed the 2026 Vendor's Application. A new application must be completed and submitted by all vendors prior to any sales.