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REMINDER LIST FOR CERTIFIED PRODUCERS

The following is a short list of “things to remember” that Certified Producers need to keep in mind when preparing for and while selling at a Certified Farmers’ Market (CFM). This is NOT a comprehensive list of all the requirements that a producer may be required to meet. Refer to the McFARM Bylaws and Rules and Regulations information documents for more complete listings. You can always contact the Ag. Dept. for more information as well, if desired.

- Make sure to re-new your Certified Producer’s Certificate (CPC) with the Ag. Dept. prior to its expiration date (annually). See the box in the upper right-hand corner of the first page.

- Make sure you have your CPC with you when you leave for the market. If you can not produce and display a valid CPC at the start of the market, the Market Manager should suspend your privilege to sell at that time until you can correct the issue.

- Be sure your CPC is posted (meaning “on display”) in a manner such that the consumer can see it when they are at your table/booth.

- Be sure the posted CPC is valid (meaning signed by all parties AND EMBOSSED). You will get (at least) two (2) embossed copies when you renew your CPC, so be sure to retain one of them for display purposes.

- Check that all the fruits, nuts and vegetables, cut flowers, nursery stock, honey, and eggs that you may be producing and offering for sale are listed on your CPC. Only the commodities just listed are “certifiable agricultural products” and should be listed on the CPC.

- If using a scale, make sure it has been tested for accuracy by Weights and Measures and has a current year seal (circular emblem) attached, with the inspection date and the inspectors initials. The seals are valid for one (1) year from the inspection date.

I hope this information is helpful and I wish you a bountiful harvest this Market season.

Chuck Morse
Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures