

**Walker County Farmers Market**  
1601 Airport Road North  
Jasper, Alabama 35502

May 4, 2022

Dear Member or Prospective Member:

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 12:00 PM, at the Walker County Farmers Market (1601 Airport Road North, Jasper, Alabama, 35502). This is also our official opening day for 2022. Some growers are already at the market, so please join them if you have something to sell.

We really need good, working electronic contact information for everyone. If you have a cell number on which you can receive text messages, make sure that it is on your application. If you have email, make sure we have that as well. You will also need to make sure that your email software does not block messages from @walkercountyfarmersmarket.com or you may not get emails from us.

If you have not already heard, the SFMNP vouchers are gone and have been replaced with a card. If you have completed the usual training and submitted your paperwork, then you should have received an email with your credentials and instructions for the new app. The new voucher cards will be mailed beginning May 9, 2022. Anyone interested in certification for the SFMNP vouchers should do the training and paperwork through the Alabama Farmers Market Authority website at <http://fma.alabama.gov/>. You can also see the farmer handbook and a short video on using the new app for accepting vouchers.

To accept the SFMNP vouchers going forward, you must have a smart phone or other device with internet access and camera for scanning the cards and authorizing the purchases. You must have an email address to receive your credentials and instructions for accessing and authorizing the app. Finally, you must have a bank account to receive electronic banking transactions to be paid for the vouchers.

Right now the app and website for the vouchers is not working well enough to accept vouchers. Hopefully these problems will be fixed soon. Everything I have seen about the process seems straightforward, but if you have questions or problems I will try to help resolve them. Keep in mind you may know more about it than I do right now as information from FMA and the app vendor has been slow in coming.

Applications, grower's permits, and dues (\$150) are still due by opening day. You may get copies of the meeting agenda, application, and rules from our website at:

<https://www.walkercountyfarmersmarket.com/membership/>

Currently, there are no outstanding items on the agenda aside from the usual organizational items.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and best wishes on your preparations for this year's growing season.

Sincerely,

Jeremy A Gray  
President and Manager