



Dear Processed Food Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in selling processed items at our Markets. The Ecology Center Farmers' Markets are sponsored by the Ecology Center, a non-profit organization that has played an important role in the environmental movement since 1969. We are working to develop a more responsible society by identifying environmentally and socially destructive practices and demonstrating sound alternatives. The main focus of the Farmers' Markets is on making fresh, locally grown produce - primarily from small-scale organic farmers - available to the community. For the processed food items we allow in our markets we consider the following criteria:

- 1) Fresh ingredients are in season locally.
- 2) Fresh ingredients are either organic, or are purchased from farmers at the Ecology Center Farmers' Markets.
- 3) At least 80% of all other ingredients are organic. Please note that all **sugar, soy, corn, canola, and rice** products must be **certified organic** due to GMO contamination issues.
- 4) Plastic Bag and Packaging Requirements:
 - Bags offered by vendors for use by customers will meet all of the following criteria:
 - Be produced from renewable resources
 - Be free from polyethylene
 - Be compostable (if non-paper, must meet ASTM 6400 standards for compostability)
 - Packaging and utensils offered by vendors will meet all of the following criteria:
 - Be compostable (if non-paper, must meet ASTM 6400 standards for compostability) or produced from non-plastic recyclable material or be a durable, non-plastic container offered with a deposit and intended for return to the vendor for sanitary reuse.
- 5) The producer's business is small-scale and locally based.
- 6) Products are affordable and of high quality.
- 7) The product is made in a commercial kitchen with a current health permit.
- 8) Any other appropriate permits have been obtained. Please contact the Berkeley Health Department at (510) 981-5283 for information on permits required at our three Berkeley Farmers' Markets. Please contact the Alameda County Environmental Health Department at 510-567-6700 for information on permits required at our Albany Farmers' Market. Health Permits need not be obtained before admission to sell in the Ecology Center Farmers' Markets.

If your product meets these criteria and you think they would fit in well at the Ecology Center Farmers' Markets, please complete the application and send it by mail, fax, or email to:

Ecology Center Farmers' Markets
2530 San Pablo Ave
Berkeley, CA 94702
Fax: (510) 548-2240
Email: bfm@ecologycenter.org

When space is available at the Markets, the market managers and the Farmers' Market Advisory Committee will consider applications at our monthly meetings. Due to limited space availability in our market and the high volume of applications received, *we will contact you only if openings become available for your general product category*. Feel free to call us at (510) 548-3333 or email us at bfm@ecolgycenter.org with any questions.



ECOLOGY CENTER FARMERS' MARKETS

Processed Food Application

Business Name _____ Date _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Business Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Email _____ Website _____

Please describe the processed item(s) you wish to sell at our Markets:

Please list all of the ingredients you use. Note ingredients that would be purchased at the Ecology Center Farmers' Markets, and those that are organically grown:

How is your product packaged or served?

Is there anything else about your product or your business that is consistent with the mission of the Ecology Center, and that would make your product an appropriate addition to our Markets?

What other Farmers' Markets do you sell at?

Have you obtained the appropriate permits for producing and selling your product? Please specify.

Which of our four markets are you interested in attending?

South Berkeley (Tuesdays, 2 – 7pm year-round) _____

North Berkeley (Thursdays, 3 – 7pm year-round) _____

Downtown Berkeley (Saturdays, 10am – 3pm year-round) _____

Albany (Wednesdays, 3 – 7pm May-October) _____