

HOW TO RECEIVE A KDA FARMERS' MARKET SAMPLING CERTIFICATE

There are two categories of samples: those that are cooked or from processed products, and those that are raw. Which of the categories you are offering will determine which sampling certificate you need.

Both require the completion of the following **Affidavit of Completion of Sampling Education**. To receive the Cooked or Processed Samples certificate nothing further is required. In order to obtain the All Samples certificate, which allows sampling of raw products in addition to cooked or processed products, a representative from the farm entity must additionally hold a valid Good Agricultural Practices Training certificate. For further details on the GAP class and program, please refer to the 2010-2011 Farmers' Market manual. These requirements are without cost and provide the vendor with information on how to offer a safe sample to their customers.

The vendor retains all liability for the safety of the samples. Both the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Department for Public Health require vendors to follow the guidance in all instance, but the liability for the safety of the samples remains with the vendor. Markets are advised that they too may accept some added liability if samples are offered. They should provide for policing the offering of samples under the guidance provided and require such additional practices as may be required by the circumstances to meet basic food safety.

Sampling certificates are issued to an individual. Only the person listed on the certificate is able to offer samples meaning family members, employees or volunteers must have their own sampling certificate. Sampling should only be conducted at the market(s) listed on the certificate. If you move to a new market please contact us.

The GAP Training Certificate is required of only one individual of the farming operation. Family members, employees, volunteers, etc. may operate under that person's certificate. If are qualifying under the GAP Training Certificate another person associated with the farming operation {they must be a part of the same farm operation as you} please list their name on the affidavit of Completion of Sampling Education.

IF YOU WANT TO OFFER SAMPLES OF YOUR HB391 PRODUCTS INCLUDING BAKED GOODS, COMMERCIALY PREPARED PRODUCTS, AND/OR COOKED SAMPLES OF YOUR MEAT, VEGETABLES OR FRUIT

- Read the chapter on sampling in the 2010-2011 Farmers' Market Manual. The manuals are available from the KDA Farmers' Market web page <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmmarket/index.htm>
- Answer the questions from the material in the chapter on the attached affidavit.
- Sign the affidavit
- Return the completed affidavit to the address on the form.

- If you have answered all questions correctly, you will be issued a Cooked or Processed Samples Certificate for offering cooked samples. Again no sampling of raw products is allowed under this certificate.

IF YOU WANT TO OFFER SAMPLES OF RAW PRODUCTS WITHOUT COOKING THEM

- You must complete the affidavit as described above.
- Due to the added risk when offering samples of raw or uncooked products you must also complete an approved GAP – Good Agricultural Practices Training class. Your local Extension office can arrange for this class. It is a 2-3 hour class that covers the best practices for avoiding contamination of your produce from various food borne pathogens.
- KDA maintains all the records for the GAP education classes and the completed affidavits. When we have received verification of your completion of the GAP class and your complete, correct affidavit, you will be issued an All Samples Certificate.

For more information or questions please contact:

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