

# Farmers Produce Auction

## Grower's Code of Excellence "Seal of Quality" guiding principles

This is a voluntary program for local growers to earn the "Seal of Quality" for use on their produce sold at the Farmers Produce Auction, but is not a requirement for anyone to sell at FPA.

This Seal of Quality and Commitment is available to anyone that follows these guidelines:

- Keep an accurate record of all growing practices, harvesting, packing, and sanitation records performed on your farm. You may use the book available at FPA or another version of your choosing.
- Keep a copy of your current coliform water test in your Farm Production Record Book.
- Be committed to Farmers Produce Auction
- Come to the grower education meetings regularly.
- Sell at FPA only produce grown by you.
- Bring produce on a regular basis; Early-Mid-Late season, not just when there is no market at home.
- Be a local grower who follows an IPM program.
- Keep spray records as required by law and provide them if needed.
- Grow your crops with the least chemical spray possible.
- Maintain soil fertility to enhance produce quality.
- Work with pest scouts, field men, managers, order buyer, and the Committee to provide the best possible products to FPA.
- Apply manure to fields no later than 90 days before planting any produce crops except, sweet corn, and keep records of manure applications.
- Properly dispose of plastic in approved landfill or recycle facility.
- Attend Our/or other GAP's Food Safety and Sanitation Meetings and use the Good Agricultural Practices that fit the Food Safety Sanitation Guidelines.
- Agree to inspection of your facilities and Farm Production Records.
- Always place packed produce on clean pallet and not on dirty floor.
- Transport produce in clean vehicles.
- Apply this sticker or your Grower's number to each box of only Number 1 graded produce sold at Farmer's Produce Auction.
- Pay yearly research dues to OVSFRD Program.
- Renew this agreement annually.

The Seal of Quality is to promote and enhance the local fresh produce at FPA. This shows the buyer that you are following the guidelines as outlined above. By following the guidelines and applying the stickers, you have a premium product that should demand a premium price.

Let's clearly understand this may not be for you if you don't plan to follow the rules. Please be aware that you could lose the rights to the Seal by not following the rules.

I agree to follow these "Seal of Quality" guiding principles:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Grower number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by FPA Committee

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Fresh Produce**  
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