



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

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Supervising Inspector**

Intent of CFM

- Benefits growers and consumers.
- Maximizes fresh California products to consumers.
- Consumers learn about local agriculture.

What products can be certified?

- Only agricultural products
 - Fresh fruits and Vegetables
 - Shell Eggs
 - Nuts and honey
 - Nursery stock
 - Cut flowers

What is “non-certifiable”?

Processed products from ag products-

- Fruit and vegetable juices (on certificate)
- Jams and jellies (on certificate)

Other-

- Livestock and livestock products (not on cert)
- Fish and shell fish product from controlled waters in California (not on cert)

OK to sell in Certified Farmers Market

AWM Inspections

Food and Agricultural Code

Section 47020

County Agricultural Commissioner shall inspect every CFM at least once in every six months of operation.

CFM Certificate

Valid certificate available at any time during operation of market.

Certified Producers

- Certificates valid and posted at booth.
- Sellers are producers, immediate family members, or direct employees of producers.
- Sells only agricultural products.
- All products of CPs own production.
- All Certifiable products on certificate.

CPs selling for other CPs

- CP selling own products.
- CPs' names cross referenced.
- CPs' products separated and identified.

Load Lists

- Collect load lists from each producer at market.
- Lists complete with:
 - Name of producer,
 - Identity of product as appears on certificate,
 - Quantity sold at market,
 - Name and date of market.
- Retain lists for 18 months.

Organic

- Valid Registration with registration number.
- Proof of Certification (over \$5,000/yr)
- Other claims (i.e. no pesticides) are true.

Avocados

- Certificate of Maturity
OR
- Exemption Permit

CDFA Avocado Inspection Program

326 State Place, Escondido, 92029

760-743-4712

Eggs

Labeling (on package or placard):

- Size and grade,
- Sell by date and pack date,
- Packer ID number,
- “Keep Refrigerated”.

Refrigeration: kept at 45 degrees. (Unless in certified section and meets DEH conditions.)

Weights & Measures

Scales are tested and sealed by County Sealer.

Prepackaged products are labeled with:

- Identity
- Responsibility
- Quantity (net weight)

More Information

- California Department of Food and Agriculture – CFM Program information, links to laws and regulations:
<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov>
- AWM – CFM webpage, application packets, penalty guidelines: <http://www.sdcawm.org>
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