

Certified Producer's Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I sell with a certified producers' certificate (CPC)? A certified producers' certificate allows a producer to sell in any certified farmers' market in California.

Does a CPC guarantee a spot in a certified farmers' market? No, a certified producer's certificate allows you to sell, but does not guarantee you a spot. We recommend talking to market managers and making sure that you can get into a market prior to obtaining a CPC.

How long is my certified producers' certificate good for? A CPC is good for one year. After a year, the CPC can be renewed. A yearly site inspection is required on all non-permanent crops.

What are certifiable agricultural products? Fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, nuts, herbs, mushrooms, grains, honey, shell eggs, cut flowers and nursery stock.

What are non-certifiable agricultural products? Dairy, livestock meats, poultry meats and processed agricultural products.

What can be sold within a certified farmers' market? Certified and non-certified agricultural products can be sold within a certified market.

What cannot be sold within a certified farmers' market? Non-agricultural products cannot be sold within the certified section of a market. This includes crafts, bakery items, candies, soaps, balms, perfumes, cosmetics, candles, foraged foods, fertilizer, compost, clothing and ceramics.

Can I certify my jams? You can certify the ingredients of the jam as long as they were produced by you.

I lease a property, what do I need to provide? A notarized copy of the lease agreement must be provided prior to the issuing of a certified producer's certificate.