Requirements for Selling Produce in Different Settings in Kings County

	Certified Farmers Market	Non-certified Markets	Swap Meets & Roadside Stands	From or Near the Growing Site
Quality	All fresh fruits and vegetables sold to consumers must meet minimum maturity and quality standards set by the State of California. Essentially, all produce sold must to be of good, marketable quality.			
Certificates or Proof of Ownership Paperwork	Growers need to obtain and display a Certified Producers Certificate (CPC) verifying that the farmer is growing what they are selling.	Receipts may be used to show proof of ownership of produce being sold.	Receipts may be used to show proof of ownership of produce being sold.	Exempt
Standard Sizing, Pack, Container, & Labeling Requirements set by the State of CA	Exempt	Required. See Fresh Produce Container pamphlet for more information.	Required. See Fresh Produce Container pamphlet for more information.	Exempt
Do I need a food vendor's permit?	Exempt	Permit required. Contact Environmental Health Services (EHS)	Permit required. Contact EHS	Exempt
Can I give samples of what is being sold?	Obtain "Food Safety Guidelines." Contact EHS	Obtain "Food Safety Guidelines." Contact EHS	Samples are NOT allowed.	Obtain "Food Safety Guidelines." Contact EHS
Selling produce using a scale	Produce being weighed at the time of sale must be weighed on a certified scale. Scales must be "Legal for Trade" and NTEP or CTEP approved. Customers should also be able to view the transaction's weight. Scales can be sealed for certification by a Weights & Measures official in any County Ag Commissioner's Department			
Selling pre- bagged or packaged goods	Goods that are sold in closed bags or packages must have these marking requirements: Identity of the product, contact information of the Responsible party (typically the address of the grower or packer or distributor), and a Quantity statement reflecting the count or weight of the product.			
Selling produce by the basket, piece, or each	No additional requirements			

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