



# Speaker Information

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- Manage all farmers' market vendors and weekend staff.
- Responsible for all annual contracts for the Saturday and Sunday farmers' market.
- Recruit and verify vendors in the farm, arts and crafts, retail food and concession categories.
- Conduct periodic checks of all vendors' farms and craft workshops.
- Oversee the weekend farmers' market.
- Responsible for collecting all annual stall fees, daily fees and tracking all SNAP/EBT transactions.

Deb has also served as past president of the Missouri Farmers Market Association, held the mayor appointed position on the Kansas City Missouri Health Department Food Protection Advisory Board, and is a Certified Heartland Tourism Ambassador. City Market, 20 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 201, Kansas City, MO 64106. P: (816) 842-1271.

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