



Vendor Spotlight May 26, 2017

Howard County Farmers' Market

Tricia Salinas

Hello everyone. My name is Tricia Salinas, born October 16, 1951. Actually, my mother wanted to name me Teresa (after Teresa Brewer), but a mishap at the hospital resulted in my being named Tricia. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, I grew up in the small community of Ferndale, am retired from public work and now "just" raise cattle and produce.

My husband, Manuel was born July 21, 1944 and spent his early childhood in Concepcion, Texas. Then his parents bought a farm/ranch just outside of Benton, Arkansas, and he became an "Arkie" transplant. Later, he became the owner of Salinas Construction until he retired. In the year 2000, and faced with retirement, we instead bought a farm in Emmet to take up the "easy profession" of farming and cattle. This is a life we both love and what we want to do for the rest of our lives. Salinas Farm is located on Hempstead 55 in Emmet, Ar. We learned about the Farmers' Market after attending a meeting in Hope and now sell our produce at all three markets - Hope, Washington and Nashville.

Manuel and I actually met by accident when my sister invited me to go to the State Fair with her and her date. Her date had invited Manuel! We now have two beautiful daughters and five beautiful grandchildren.

We bring a wide variety of produce to market - anything that will grow in our area actually - plus honey and homemade jams and jellies. Our major product is the famous Hope Watermelon!!

I hope to see the market continue to grow, as it already has in the years I've been here. Many programs involving young people, children and even a new greenhouse have been added since I started coming.

I'm an avid fan of classic country and southern gospel music, and love the great shows held at Hempstead Hall in Hope.

If you want to grow a garden, have patience and don't give up! Set goals, work toward them, and don't grow stale with retirement.

