



## Vendor Spotlight Sep 1, 2017

### Howard County Farmers' Market

# Janice Fulton

Hi, my name is Janice Fulton. I am from Hope, Arkansas and work for Steve Montgomery at his Hope McDonalds location. I also currently own and operate JAN'S JAMS and JELLIES.



My family has been involved in farming in Southwest Arkansas for almost 100 years. I am the 3rd of 5 generations of farmers. I learned from my parents and both sets of grandparents the methods of conventional *and* organic farming.

I am married to Allen Fulton. When we first married, Allen was a grower for Tyson. Due to the storms of 2000 and some health issues, he retired from running a large farm. We now have a 3-acre homestead style farm where we live with our daughter, Rebekah. We grow mainly berries and fruits that that are used to make my sweet spreads. This means planting, pruning, mulching, and picking almost the year around. We also tend organically grown fruit at my mother's place near Emmet.

I have a grown son, Wayne Scott, who lives in Tennessee, and a grown daughter, Tiffany Lewis, who lives in Hope with her family. My grandchildren are being taught the importance of growing and preserving their own food.

I usually have a wide variety of sweet spreads available during the farmers' market season. These include favorites like peach, apple, fig, blackberry, and blueberry. I do, however, make many old fashioned flavors including red plum, elderberry, persimmon, muscadine (scuppernong) and beautyberry. Many people today have never enjoyed native Arkansas fruit. My unusual flavors are tutti fruity, carrot cake, onion-red chili, and cowboy (salsa).

I also sell a line of kitchen linens. "Throwback Threads" include aprons, hot pads, sack bags, skillet handlers, and oven/fridge towels. These items mimic those grandma had but also feature contemporary needs like cell phone pockets - "Retro style with a modern stitch".

When I am not at market, I enjoy other activities in my community. I am a Girl Scout leader, a member of the Hope Church of Christ, and am a former member of the UACCH Ladies Choir.

The Farmer's Market is a great place to learn from others and to share the joy of homegrown foods and handmade crafts. Come visit us on Friday mornings from 7am until 11am.