MEDIA ADVISORY

Connecticut Farmer’s Markets and Food Stamps:

Fifteen (15) Farmer’s Markets throughout Connecticut are welcoming state Food Stamp recipients by offering simple Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) access to locally grown foods. Media interested in learning more about the Food Stamp program’s innovative support for Farmer’s Markets can see the process in action by attending one of the fifteen markets over the next several weeks / Media outlets can help this innovative program succeed by publishing notice of a local market accepting Food Stamps

When: Farmer’s Markets are accepting Food Stamps in one or more market locations every day of the week somewhere in Connecticut (Dates, Times and Specific Locations are attached).

Where: Farmer’s Markets in Bridgeport, Coventry, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk, Sandy Hook, Scotland, Stratford and Willimantic accept Food Stamps (Dates, Times and Specific Locations are attached).

What: Fifteen Farmers’ Markets throughout Connecticut now accept EBT/Food Stamps. This means Food Stamp recipients can easily and conveniently use their federal benefits to buy locally grown fruits and vegetables that arrive more quickly and fresher than those transported long distances from other states and countries. Food Stamp recipients simply bring their EBT card to the Farmer’s market table with the sign that says "Food Stamps/EBT accepted here" at participating Farmers’ Markets. The Market Master will swipe the EBT card for the amount wanted and give Market Tokens that can be used at all the stands at that market.

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Website: Additional background on Connecticut Farmer’s Markets and the Food Stamp Program can be found at http://www.ct.gov/dss/site/default.asp and click on Farmer’s Markets welcome Food Stamps
Connecticut Farmer’s Markets Accepting Food Stamps

**Bridgeport Farmers Market I**
Bridgeport
McLevy Green, Intersection of Bank St & Main St.
July 21 through October 27
Fridays 9am- 2pm

**Bridgeport Farmers Market II**
Bridgeport
United Congregational Church, 877 Park Ave.
July 20 through October 26
Thursdays 2pm - 6pm

**CT Shell Station Market**
Bridgeport
Shell Service Station, 4402 Main St.
May 13 through December 24
Saturdays & Sundays 12pm - 6pm

**Coventry Farmers Market**
Coventry
Connecticut Glass Museum, Corner of North River Road & Route 44
June 4 through October 29
Sundays 11am - 2pm

**Hartford - West End Farmers Market, Hartford**
United Methodist Church- parking lot, 571 Farmington Ave.
June 27 through September 22
Tuesday & Fridays 4pm - 7pm

**Bridgeport Farmers Market II**
Bridgeport
United Congregational Church, 877 Park Ave.
July 20 through October 26
Thursdays 2pm - 6pm

**New Haven - Downtown Farmers Market, New Haven**
Near corner of Church & Chapel Streets, Near the New Haven Green
July 12 through October 25
Wednesdays 1pm - 6pm

**New Haven - Edgewood Park Farmers Market, New Haven**
Edgewood Park, Corner of West Rock & Whalley Aves
July 9 through October 29
Sundays 10am - 2pm

**New Haven - Fair Haven Farmers Market, New Haven**
Quinnipiac River Park, Near corner of Grand Ave & Front St
July 13 through October 26
Thursdays 3pm - 7pm

**New Haven - Wooster Square Farmers Market, New Haven**
Russo Park, DePalma Court, between Chapel & Wooster St.
May 20 through December 9
Saturdays 9am - 1pm

**Norwalk Farmers Market**
Norwalk
Maritime Center, N. Water Street Parking Lot
July 19 through October 25
Wednesdays 12pm - 6pm

**Sandy Hook Organic Farmers Market, Sandy Hook**
St. Johns Episcopal Church, 5 Washington Ave.
June 27 through October 3
Tuesdays 2pm - 6pm

**Scotland Farmers Market**
Scotland
Scotland Green, Junction Routes 14 & 97
June 27 through October 25
Wednesdays 3pm - 6pm

**Stratford Farmers Market**
Stratford
Deluca Field, Main St.
July 17 through October 30
Mondays 1pm - 5pm

**Willimantic Farmers Market**
Willimantic
Corner Jackson & Union Streets, near Frog Bridge
June 10 through October 31
Tuesdays 12:30pm - 3pm and Saturdays 8am - 11:30am