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**What: “Lettuce Garden” at the Mississippi Farmers Market
When: Saturday, March 28; 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: Mississippi Farmers Market
929 High Street, Jackson, MS**

Mississippi Farmers Market “Lettuce Garden” Event Encourages Shoppers to Begin Spring Gardening

The Mississippi Farmers Market invites shoppers to get a jump start on spring gardening at this Saturday's "Lettuce Garden" event. Activities for this exciting and educational day at the market will take place during regular market hours from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

In light of the spring gardening season quickly approaching, Mississippi State University Extension Agent Donna Beliech will be on hand to answer shoppers' gardening questions. The market will also be debuting and planting its new pizza garden. Children will get to join in the fun by planting seeds and crafting garden markers.

Local farmers will sell starter plants for shoppers to take home and plant, while local artisans will be selling garden art and accessories. These offerings are in addition to the market's usual variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables, milk, cheeses, yogurt, honey, farm-fresh eggs, beef and pork products, and assortments of specialty food items and unique Mississippi hand-crafted items.

The Mississippi Farmers Market, located at 929 High Street adjacent to the Fairgrounds, is currently open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information, call (601) 354-6573, download the Mississippi Farmers Market mobile app on your Apple or Android device, visit www.msfarmersmarket.com, or “Like” the Mississippi Farmers Market on Facebook.

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Photo and cutline attached.



Starter plants and garden art will be for sale by vendors at the Mississippi Farmers Market’s “Lettuce Garden” event this Saturday, March 28, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will also be gardening Q&A, children’s crafts, and the debut and planting of the market’s new pizza garden. Shoppers will also find the usual variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables, milk, cheeses, yogurt, honey, farm-fresh eggs, beef and pork products, and assortments of specialty food items and unique Mississippi hand-crafted items at the Mississippi Farmers Market.