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MDAC Certifies Farmers Markets in 27 Counties across the State

JACKSON, Miss. — The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce has certified 34 farmers markets as part of the Mississippi Certified Farmers Market Program. The program serves as a marketing initiative designed to identify and promote markets where producers of Mississippi grown produce and other agricultural products gather to sell their goods directly to consumers.

"Consumers are now more than ever seeking out local products," said Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. "They want to buy locally. They want to buy where they live. They want to know their farmers and where their food is coming from."

In order to be recognized by the Mississippi Farmers Market Certification Program, local farmers markets must be identified and approved as locations where Mississippi farmers are gathered to sell their Mississippi products. As the demand for seasonal, locally grown produce has increased, so has the number of farmers markets across the state. By shopping at one of the state's certified markets, consumers can be confident that they are purchasing both fresh and nourishing food. To find a certified farmers market, visit www.msfarmersmarket.com or download the Mississippi Farmers Market mobile app.

The following farmers markets were certified by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Adams County

- The **Downtown Natchez Farmers Market** is located at South Commerce Street, and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Downtown Natchez Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-816-5458.

Attala County

- The **Attala County Farmers Market** is located at the intersection of Hwy 12 and 35 in Kosciusko, and is open on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Attala County Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-312-2891.

Benton County

- The **Benton County Farmers Market** is located at the Historic Courthouse Lawn in Ashland, and is open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Benton County Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-671-5563.

Carroll County

- The **Coila Crossroads Farmers Market** is located 6.5 miles south of Hwy 82 on Hwy 17 in Coila, and is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For more information about the Coila Crossroads Farmers Market, call 662-385-6223.
- The **Vaiden Farmers Market** is located at 502 Mulberry Street, and opens on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. For more information about the Vaiden Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-289-4125.

Clay County

- The **West Point Farmers Market** is located at 5781 Hwy 45, and is open on Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. For more information about the West Point Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-494-5121.

Coahoma County

- The **Crossroads Farmers Market** is located at 1536 Desoto Avenue in Clarksdale, and is open on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Crossroads Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-326-0272.

DeSoto County

- The **Hernando Farmers Market** is located at 2535 Hwy 51 South, and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Hernando Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-429-9092.

Forrest County

- The **Petal Farmers Market** is located at 128 S Main Street, and is open every third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Petal Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-583-3306.

Harrison County

- The **Florence Gardens Farmers Market** is located at 12321 Preservation Drive in Gulfport, and is open every first Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information about the Florence Gardens Farmers Market, call 228-257-2496.
- The **Gulfport Harbor Farmers Market** is located at 1177 20th Avenue, and is open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Gulfport Harbor Farmers Market, call 228-257-2496.
- The **Lyman Community Farmers Market** is located at 13472 Hwy 49 in Gulfport, and is open every third Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information about the Lyman Community Farmers Market, call 228-257-2496.
- The **Long Beach Farmers Market at Church Ave.** is located at 208 Pine Street, and is open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information about the Attala County Farmers Market, call 228-257-2496.
- The **Long Beach Farmers Market** is located at 301 Jeff Davis Avenue, and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Long Beach Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 985-710-3946.

Hinds County

- The **Fresh at Five Farmers Market** is located at 300 Jefferson Street in Clinton, and is open on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For more information about the Fresh at Five Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-924-5472.
- The **Mississippi Farmers Market** is located at 929 High Street in Jackson, and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with additional hours on a seasonal basis. For more information about the Mississippi Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-354-6573.

Holmes County

- The **City of Lexington Farmers Market** is located on Hwy 12 East, and is open on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the City of Lexington Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-834-2307.

Jackson County

- The **Ocean Springs Fresh Farmers Market** is located at 1000 Washington Avenue, and is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and every second Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information about the Ocean Springs Fresh Farmers Market, call 228-257-2496.

Jones County

- The **City of Ellisville Farmers Market** is located at the intersection of Front and Jessamine Street, and is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the City of Ellisville Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-394-8451.

Lafayette County

- The **Mid-Town Farmers Market** is located at the Mid-Town Shopping Center in Oxford, and is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For more information about the Mid-Town Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-234-3425.

Lauderdale County

- The **Earth's Bounty Farmers Market** is located at 1901 Front Street in Meridian, and is open Monday - Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Earth's Bounty Farmers Market, go to their website at www.meridianms.org or call 601-485-1998.

Lee County

- The **Downtown Tupelo Farmers Depot** is located at 415 South Spring Street, and is open on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Downtown Tupelo Farmers Depot, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-841-6598.

Lincoln County

- The **Brookhaven Farmers Market** is located at the Amtrak Train Depot on Tuesdays and is open from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. On Fridays, it is located at the Lincoln Railroad Park and is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Brookhaven Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-835-3460.

Lowndes County

- The **Hitching Lot Farmers Market** is located at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 2nd Street North in Columbus, and is open on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. It will also be open only on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in October. For more information about the Hitching Lot Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-328-6305.

Neshoba County

- The **Farm Bureau Farmers Market** is located at 704 E Main Street in Philadelphia, and is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every first and fourth Saturday of the month from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. For more information about the Farm Bureau Farmers Market, call 601-656-4011.
- The **Philadelphia's Fresh Farmers Market** is located at 256 W Beacon Street in Philadelphia, and is open every second and third Saturday of the month from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Philadelphia's Fresh Farmers Market, call 601-656-4011.

Oktober County

- The **Starkville Community Farmers Market** is located at 503 E Lampkin Street, and is open on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. For more information about the Starkville Community Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-323-3322.

Pike County

- The **McComb Farmers Market** is located at 113 North Road Boulevard, and is open on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information about the McComb Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 410-693-7701.

Sunflower County

- The **Indianola Open Air Farmers Market** is located on Second Street across from the Blue Biscuit restaurant, and is open on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information about the Indianola Open Air Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-887-4454.

Tallahatchie County

- The **Charleston Farmers Market** is located at the James C. Kennedy Wellness Center and is open every second Tuesday of the month from 5:00 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information about the Charleston Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 662-609-8054.

Walthall County

- The **Tylertown Farmers Market** is located at 116 Southroad Avenue, and is open on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Tylertown Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 410-693-7701.

Warren County

- The **Vicksburg Farmers Market** is located at 1001 Washington Street, and is open on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The market will open from May until July 27th and reopen from October 5th until November 30th. For more information about the Vicksburg Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-634-4527.

Wayne County

- The **Wayne County Farmers Market** is located at 609 Azalea Drive in Waynesboro, and is open on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Wayne County Farmers Market, follow them on Facebook, or call 601-410-0355.

Winston County

- The **Winston County Farmers Market** is located at 245 Ivy Avenue in Louisville, and is open on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. For more information about the Winston County Farmers Market, call 662-312-8004.

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