

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE

ANDY GIPSON COMMISSIONER

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## Mississippi Farmers Market Open Saturday with Modified Set-Up

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson reminds the public that the Mississippi Farmers Market on High Street will be open this Saturday, April 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The market, which is considered an essential business, will have a modified set-up this weekend.

"In order to help accommodate our vendors and shoppers practice social distancing and to create a more outdoor feel, we are modifying the set-up of the market this Saturday. Our vendors will be set-up so that they are facing the outside of the building, which will allow our customers to shop around the perimeter of the building without having to come inside very far. Just as last week, our vendors are taking precautions and following CDC recommendations such as wearing gloves, pre-bagging much of the produce, and handling products for the shoppers," said Commissioner Gipson.

This week at the Mississippi Farmers Market shoppers can expect to find a variety of produce and herbs including carrots, cabbage, collard greens, garlic, ginger, cilantro, sunchokes, beets, turnip greens and roots, mustard greens, Swiss chard, arugula, radishes, turmeric, mint, spinach, green onions, salad mix, lettuce, microgreens, kale, strawberries, parsley, mushrooms; a variety of beef, pork, and lamb cuts; dairy products such as milk and cheeses; honey, rice; tea; coffee; jams and jellies; breads and other baked goods; sauces and dressings; canned foods; flowers and plants; homemade soap; lip balms; and much more.

The Farmer's Table restaurant, located inside the Mississippi Farmers Market, is open 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday for take-out and delivery and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for pickup.

The Mississippi Farmers Market is located at 929 High Street, adjacent to the State Fairgrounds. The Market is open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Market or to find out what's fresh each week, call (601) 354-6573, go online to www.msfarmersmarket.com, or visit the Mississippi Farmers Market on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Agriculture, farms and farmers markets are considered an "essential business or operation" under Mississippi Executive Order 1463 signed on March 24, 2020, by Governor Tate Reeves.