

Agricultural Officials Mark the Opening of Winter Farmers' Market Season

BOSTON - November 8, 2010 - With the fall harvest season coming to an end, Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) Commissioner Scott Soares today reminded residents and visitors that more than two dozen winter farmers' markets will start up over the next few weeks.

From one-day holiday festivals to weekly markets, local growers are moving their operations indoors and gearing up to keep customers supplied with local produce and other Massachusetts-produced foods until spring.

"Interest in buying local doesn't stop once the fall season ends, and now it's easier than ever to buy local during the colder months," said DAR Commissioner Scott Soares. "Massachusetts growers are meeting the demand and extending their seasons by producing more storage crops or through growing vegetables in greenhouses or high tunnels."

Many farmers' markets are open through Thanksgiving week, while others, such as Falmouth, Groton and Lexington which closed for the season earlier, are re-opening with special holiday markets. Others, such as Natick, Northampton and North Attleboro, will run monthly or weekly until spring.

In addition to vegetables, shoppers at these markets can expect a wide range of locally produced foods, including beef, cheese, eggs, honey, maple products, baked goods and locally-made specialty foods.

For a list of [winter farmers' markets](#) 

For a complete list of [seasonal and year-round markets](#)

Winter Farmers Markets 2010 - 2011

One or Two Day Markets

- Falmouth - Tuesday, November 23, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Saturday, December 4, Noon - 3:00 pm, Peg Noonan Park, Main Street
- Great Barrington Holiday Markets - Saturday, November 20 and Saturday, December 18, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Old Historic Railroad Station, Castle Street, Great Barrington, (behind Town Hall)
- Greenfield Winterfare - Saturday, February 5, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Greenfield High School, 1 Lenox Ave., EBT-SNAP accepted
- Groton Thanksgiving Market - Saturday, November 20, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Williams Barn, 160 Chicopee Row
- Lexington Thanksgiving Market - Tuesday, November 23, 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm, Seasons Four, 1265 Massachusetts Ave., EBT-SNAP accepted
- Marshfield - Saturday, 9:00 am - Noon, November 20 and December 18, Fairgrounds, South River St. Gate, in the 4H Barn
- Northampton Winterfare - Saturday, January 15, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Smith Vocational High School, 80 Locust Street, EBT-SNAP accepted
- Springfield Winterfare - Saturday, December 18th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Springfield Technical Community College, 1 Armory Square, EBT-SNAP accepted

- Williamstown Holiday Markets - Saturday, November 20 and Saturday, December 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Williams College Field House on Latham Street in Williamstown

Ongoing Markets

- Carlisle - Saturday, 9 am - Noon, November 27, December 18, January 22, February 19, March 19, April 16, Union Hall, 27 School Street, Carlisle, MA
- Chelmsford - Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm, November 13 to February 5, Chelmsford Agway, 24 Maple Road, No market 12/25 or 1/1
- Dedham - Sunday, 10 am - 2 pm, year round, 626 High Street
- Fairhaven - Sunday, 1 pm - 4 pm, October 24, November 21 and December 19, Nemasket Building on the corner of Bridge and Green Street
- Natick - Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm October 30 to April 2, Johnson Elementary School, Rt. 27/ South Main Street. No market 12/4, 12/25 or 1/1
- Newburyport - Sunday, November 7 to December 19, 10 am - 1 pm, No market 11/28, The Tannery Marketplace, 50 Water Street
- Northampton - Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm, November 20 to end of April, (No mkt. 12/25 or 1/1), Thornes Marketplace, 150 Main Street (basement in the Old Dynamite Records space)
- North Attleboro - Sunday, Noon - 4 pm, November 7 to May 29, (no mkt. 12/26 and 4/24), Attleboro Farms, 491 Hickory Road
- Plymouth - Second Thursday of the month, December 9 to April 14, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Indoors at Plimoth Plantation, 137 Warren Avenue
- Somerville - Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm, January 8 to March 26, Center for the Arts at the Amory, 191 Highland Avenue, EBT-SNAP accepted
- Springfield/Forest Park - Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, December to April in Forest Park at the old monkey house next to park administration building, EBT-SNAP accepted
- Walpole - Sunday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm November 7 - April, No market 11/28, VFW Hall, 33 Robbins Road (After December may only run once a month, check www.walpolefarmersmarket.com for updates)
- Wayland - Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, January 8 to March 12, Russell's Garden Center, 397 Boston Post Road, Rt. 20.
- Westford - Saturday, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm, January 15 to March 19, Roudenbush Community Center, 65 Main Street

DAR's mission is to ensure the long-term viability of local agriculture in Massachusetts. Through its four divisions - Agricultural Development, Animal Health, Crop and Pest Services, and Technical Assistance - DAR strives to support, regulate and enhance the Commonwealth's agricultural community, working to promote economically and environmentally sound food safety and animal health measures, and fulfill agriculture's role in energy conservation and production. For more information, visit DAR's website at www.mass.gov/agr, and/or follow us at <http://twitter.com/MDARCommish>. For your gateway to locally grown products, specialty foods, and fun ag-tivities go to www.mass.gov/massgrown.

