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## **SNAP Registration For Farmers and Farmers Markets in MA and RI - May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 am – 4:00 pm at [Round the Bend Farm](#), Dartmouth, MA.

Join New Entry, Mass. Dept. of Transitional Assistance, MDAR, and the USDA to learn about accepting SNAP benefits, WIC coupons, and Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupons at your stand or mobile market. Registration will be open all day for your on the spot USDA SNAP vendor license. [Details here](#). To register and for questions please contact: [cyrena.thibodeau@tufts.edu](mailto:cyrena.thibodeau@tufts.edu).

**Farmer Markets looking for Vendors:** [www.mass.gov/doc/markets-seeking-vendors](http://www.mass.gov/doc/markets-seeking-vendors)

**Farmers Market Manager Directory:** [www.mass.gov/doc/farmers-market-contacts](http://www.mass.gov/doc/farmers-market-contacts)

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## **Massachusetts Farm & Sea to School Conference - Submit a Workshop**

*December 6<sup>th</sup> - Leominster, MA*

Apply to present a workshop at the 2018 Massachusetts Farm & Sea to School Conference on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Share your experience as a member of the farm to school community! Conference proposals should relate to this year's theme, Setting the Table: Communities Creating Change. Organizers seek workshops that represent a variety of program approaches, reflect the diversity of Massachusetts, and promote equity in the farm and sea to school movement. Submission deadline: June 11, 2018. [Learn more here](#).

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## Market Manager Position Open

**Oak Square Farmers Market** - A Partnership of the Allston Brighton Health Collaborative and PSF Community Center. The Oak Square Farmers Market Manager is responsible for weekly operations of the Market from June through September. The Market Manager will also play a role in helping to prepare for the opening day on June 6. The position will begin May 21. The Market Manager is the go-to person for vendors and market shoppers during market hours, including set-up and break down (Wednesdays 3pm until one hour after dusk). \$22.00 per hour, 12 hrs/week.

For more details and to apply, please email letter of introduction and resume to: [anna.leslie@abhealthcollab.org](mailto:anna.leslie@abhealthcollab.org). Please include your full name and the job title in the subject line.

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## MFGA Scholarship Application for 2018 - Still Time to Apply - Deadline extended to May 18 (postmarked by)

The [Massachusetts Flower Growers Association](#) (MFGA) has a \$1000 annual scholarship for any student seeking an advanced degree in Horticulture beyond high School.

Horticulture includes any plant science area including areas of Floriculture, Sustainable agriculture, environmental science, or any other study involving the culture and biology of plants  
The scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years of study in Horticulture to total \$4000. [Details and application here.](#)

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## Marketing, Branding, and Social Media Training Webinars

[Good Egg Marketing](#) is partnering with [New Entry Sustainable Farming Project](#) to present a series of four free marketing webinars covering market research, creating a marketing plan, branding, and online marketing. The webinars will take place from 7-8pm EST on Wednesday nights, May 30, June 6, June 13, and June 20. Sign up for one or attend them all. The focus is on marketing for farmers, but all are welcome. [More information and register here.](#)

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## Important News about Solar Agricultural Net Metering Facilities

The Importance of Understanding What It Means to be and the Benefits of Becoming an Agricultural Net Metering Facility under the recent Solar Net Metering Credit Value Order per the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Based on the recent DPU. 17-10-A Order, DPU has determined and ruled that qualified Agricultural Solar PV Net Metering Facilities are still eligible to receive the original 100% net metering credit value. This is a significant benefit for Agricultural Solar PV Net Metering Facilities given that of the recently enacted Marketing Net Metering Credits now value private solar PV facilities at only 60% of the original value. Presently this benefit for farms affects only solar PV credit values. [Details here.](#)

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# Honey Bee Education Day at State Apiaries POSTPONED

Due to rain in forecast, Education Day scheduled for tomorrow the 12<sup>th</sup>, will be moved to next Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> - 10am-noon.

Join State Apiary Inspectors from the Department of Agricultural Resources Apiary Program to get a tour of live working honey bee colonies and an educational demonstration. These events are open to the public, but will focus on the topics listed below which are of interest to beekeepers. Participants must bring protective clothing (i.e. bee suit and/or bee veil with long pants and closed toed shoes) as it will not be provided and is required to enter the apiary. The dates, time, topics and location for the events are as listed below. Note that the same program will be offered on each date and time at both apiary locations. Alternate dates will be provided in the event of inclement weather. [Details and future dates here.](#)

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MDAR's mission is to ensure the long-term viability of agriculture in Massachusetts. Through its four divisions – Agricultural Conservation & Technical Assistance, Agricultural Markets, Animal Health, and Crop and Pest Services – MDAR strives to support, regulate and enhance the rich diversity of the Commonwealth's agricultural community 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 MDAR's website at [www.mass.gov/agr](http://www.mass.gov/agr). For Ag industry events, [click here](#), for consumer related events, visit the [Massachusetts grown and fresher Calendar](#).



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