

Department of Social Services



MEDIA ADVISORY

Connecticut Farmers' Markets and Food Stamps:

Twenty-six Farmers' Markets throughout Connecticut are welcoming state Food Stamp recipients by offering simple Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) access to locally grown foods. Media interested in learning more about the Food Stamp program's innovative support for Farmers' Markets can see the process in action by attending one of the markets over the next several weeks / Media outlets can help this innovative program succeed by publishing notice of a local market accepting Food Stamps

When: Farmers' Markets are accepting Food Stamps in one or more market locations every day of the week somewhere in Connecticut (*Dates, Times and Specific Locations are attached*).

Where: Farmers' Markets across the state accept Food Stamps (*Dates, Times and Specific Locations are attached*).

What: Many Farmers' Markets throughout Connecticut now accept EBT/Food Stamps. This means Food Stamp recipients can easily and conveniently use their federal benefits to buy locally grown fruits and vegetables that arrive more quickly and fresher than those transported long distances from other states and countries. Food Stamp recipients simply bring their EBT card to the Farmers' market table with the sign that says "Food Stamps/EBT accepted here" at participating Farmers' Markets. The Market Master will swipe the EBT card for the amount wanted and give Market Tokens that can be used at all the stands at that market.

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Website: Additional background on Connecticut Farmers' Markets and the Food Stamp Program can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/foodstamps> and click on [Many Farmers Markets Now Accept Food Stamps](#)

Connecticut Farmers Markets Accepting Food Stamps

Market	Town	Times
United Congregational Church 877 Park Avenue	Bridgeport	Thursdays 10am – 3pm July 17 through October 30
Beardsley Zoo Farmers Market Beardsley Zoo Parking Lot	Bridgeport	Fridays & Sundays 10am – 3pm July 18 through November 2
Wholesome Wave Farmers Market 70 Sanford Street At the Fairfield Theatre Company	Fairfield	Sundays 10am – 2pm
Downtown Farmers Market Old State House 800 Main Street	Hartford	Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am - 2pm June 2 through Thanksgiving
West End Farmers Market United Methodist Church - Back Parking Lot - 571 Farmington Avenue	Hartford	Tuesdays & Fridays 4pm - 7pm June 20 through October 10
Downtown Farmers Market Church Street, In front of City Hall	New Haven	Wednesdays 11am - 3pm June 18 through November 26
Edgewood Park Farmers Market Edgewood Park Corner of West Rock & Whalley Avenues.	New Haven	Sundays 10am - 2pm June 22 through November 23
Fair Haven Farmers Market Quinnipiac River Park Corner of Grand Avenue and Front Street	New Haven	Thursdays 3pm - 7pm July 10 through October 30
Wooster Square Farmers Market Russo Park Corner of De Palma Court and Chapel Street	New Haven	Saturdays 9am - 1pm May 17 through December 20

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Norwalk Farmers Market Veterans Park Seaview Avenue, off Route 136	Norwalk	Tuesdays 1pm - 6pm July 8 through October 28
Wholesome Wave Farmers Market 121 Water Street	Norwalk	Thursdays 2pm – 7pm
Scotland Farmers Market Scotland Green Junction Routes 14 & 97	Scotland	Wednesdays 3pm - 6pm June 11 through October 29
Farmers Market on the Green Downtown Green West Main Street	Waterbury	Thursdays 11am – 3pm July 10 through October
City Hall Town Green Corner of Campbell and Main Streets	West Haven	Thursdays 11am -6pm Saturdays 10am – 6pm July 10 through October 30
Wholesome Wave Farmers Market 25 Powers Court At the Westport Country Playhouse	Westport	Thursdays 10am – 2pm
Willimantic Farmers Market Corner Jackson & Union Streets Under the Pavilion Near Frog Bridge	Willimantic	Saturdays 8am - 11:30am June 7 through October 25