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The Food Trust's Farmers Markets Are Open for the Season

Open-Air Farmers Markets Offer Area Residents Healthy, Affordable Food

Philadelphia, PA — **The Food Trust**'s <u>farmers markets</u> are opening for the season, offering local produce, meats, dairy, dry goods and more in neighborhoods across the city. The Food Trust runs well-known markets like Headhouse Farmers Market (Sundays) and Clark Park Farmers Market (Saturdays), as well as neighborhood markets in Center City, South Philly, West Philly, North Philly, and the Northeast throughout the week. In 2021, The Food Trust supported the transition of the Germantown Farmers Market to be community-led by Philly Forests, a local farm in Northwest Philadelphia.

Our markets currently open for the 2021 season include:

- 4th & Lehigh: Tuesdays, noon-4 p.m.
- Frankford Transportation Center (Bustleton & Frankford): Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m.
- **52nd & Haverford** (opening June 23): Wednesdays (biweekly), noon-4 p.m.

Open on 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13 and 10/27

- **58th & Chester**: Wednesdays (biweekly), 2-6 p.m.
 - Open on 6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/6 and 10/20
- **Fairmount** (22nd & Fairmount): Thursdays, 3-7 p.m.
- **Overbrook** (Lancaster & City): Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Fitler Square** (23rd & Pine): Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Clark Park (43rd & Baltimore): Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Headhouse** (2nd & Lombard): Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All farmers markets accept SNAP benefits (EBT), and shoppers can earn \$2 in Food Bucks for every \$5 they spend using SNAP. The Food Trust's Food Bucks program helps Philadelphia families bring home free fruit and vegetables every time they use their EBT card at farmers markets. In 2020, use of Food Bucks coupons at markets increased by over 70%. Through The Food Trust's season-long Food Bucks Drive, customers can visit select markets in person on the following dates, to help make this program accessible to all communities:

- July 10, Fitler Square
- August 12, Fairmount

- September 11, Overbrook
- October 10, Headhouse

The Food Trust's 2021 farmers market season is made possible with support from Green Mountain Energy.



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"Green Mountain has been a proud sponsor of The Food Trust's farmers markets since 2012," says **Sean Wynne**, Partnership Coordinator. "We appreciate the opportunity to support these important access points for fresh, local food, while connecting with shoppers about our clean energy solutions."

COVID-19 Guidelines

The Food Trust is working to ensure access to healthy, affordable foods, while helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. Outdoor farmers markets provide a lower risk shopping option with immediate and lasting benefits for shoppers and the community at-large. The Food Trust's network of farmers markets feature over 90 local farmers and small businesses from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York, providing neighbors with healthy, local food from regional farms.

The City of Philadelphia recently changed its COVID-19 guidelines. As a result, The Food Trust has updated COVID-19 guidelines. As of June 11, 2021, masks are recommended, but not required, for fully vaccinated vendors, customers, staff and volunteers. Masks are still required for all unvaccinated individuals. Social distancing restrictions have been lifted, senior/immunocompromised shopping times have been phased out, and sampling from vendors is now permitted.

For a complete list of farmers market locations, dates, times and products, visit thefoodtrustmarkets.org.

About The Food Trust

The Food Trust, a nonprofit founded in 1992, strives to make healthy food available to all. Working with neighborhoods, schools, grocers, farmers and policymakers, The Food Trust has developed a comprehensive approach that combines nutrition education and greater availability of affordable, healthy food. To learn more about The Food Trust, visit thefoodtrust.org.