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## 22 Local Farmers Markets Open for the Season

*From Oxford Circle to Germantown, Camden to Chester, The Food Trust's Farmers Markets Offer Area Residents Healthy, Affordable Food — and Much More*

**Philadelphia, PA** — As of last week, all 22 of **The Food Trust's** farmers markets are open for the season, offering local produce, meats, dairy, dry goods and more in neighborhoods across — and beyond — the city, many of which otherwise lack access to healthy, affordable food.

The Food Trust runs well-known markets like Headhouse Farmers Market (Sundays) and Clark Park Farmers Market (Thursdays and Saturdays), as well as neighborhood markets in Center City, South Philly, West Philly, North Philly, Northeast Philly, Northwest Philly, Chester and Camden, N.J., throughout the week. All farmers markets accept EBT benefits (SNAP), and shoppers can earn \$2 in [Food Bucks](#) for every \$5 they spend using SNAP. Food Bucks can be used at over 30 participating farmers markets across Philadelphia; to date, over \$400,000 in Food Bucks have been redeemed on fresh, local produce.

*For a complete list of farmers market locations, dates, times and products, visit [thefoodtrustmarkets.org](http://thefoodtrustmarkets.org) or view our [2018 Market Guide](#).*

From local peaches, heirloom tomatoes and collards to kimchi, pickles and hard cider, there are a lot of delicious foods to try this summer! The Food Trust's network of farmers markets feature over 90 local farmers and small businesses from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. Beyond providing neighbors with healthy, local food from regional farms, the 2018 season is chock-full of special events, offerings and incentives, including:

- **Germantown & School House Farmers Market Grand Opening (Thursday, July 26, 3-7 p.m.):** The Food Trust's newest farmers market, [Germantown & School House](#) is a place for community members to gather, purchase healthy foods, listen to music, enjoy arts and cultural programming, and take advantage of free community resources. On Thursday, July 26, the market — a collaboration with Germantown United Community Development Corp. and Weavers Way Co-op — will host [special programming for its grand opening](#), including live music, food trucks, plant and flower sales, nutrition education, and fun activities for the whole family. (Rain date: Thursday, August 2.)
- **Cooking demonstrations (ongoing):** At many of our farmers markets, nutrition educators from The Food Trust and Vetri's Mobile Teaching Kitchen conduct free weekly [cooking demonstrations](#), where shoppers can learn how to cook healthy meals using seasonal produce found right at their local farmers market.



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Shoppers who participate in these cooking demonstrations receive free [Food Bucks](#) — coupons they can use to purchase even more fresh fruits and vegetables.

- **Summer meals program:** [22nd & Tasker](#) and [26th & Allegheny](#) Farmers Markets are participating in a summer meals program for children 18 and under. Every week through August 22, free meals will be available at market during select times (check individual market pages for more details, or visit the [Hunger Coalition's summer meals map](#) for a full list of participating sites), and caregivers who bring a child will earn \$6 in Philly Food Bucks that can be used immediately on fresh produce.
- **FMNP match program:** This season, [Broad & Snyder](#) and [52nd & Haverford](#) Farmers Markets have implemented a [Farmers Market Nutrition Program \(FMNP\) voucher](#) match program where shoppers can earn \$2 in Philly Food Bucks when they spend \$5 using FMNP.

*The Food Trust's 2018 farmers market season is made possible with support from Green Mountain Energy and Lankenau Medical Center.*

## **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](http://thefoodtrust.org).

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