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### Division of Agriculture



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## All Harford's Farmers' Markets Open in May

(Bel Air, MD – April 23, 2009) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig and the Division of Agriculture are pleased to announce that all six of the county's farmers' markets will be open for business in May. The markets offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, plus many other products such as meat, cheese, ice cream, honey, jams, flowers, and nursery plants -- all locally produced.

The county's newest market in Cooptown will kick off its second year on Saturday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the William Watters Methodist Church, 1452 West Jarrettsville Road, in Jarrettsville. It will be open every Saturday thereafter through September.

Also starting on May 2 is the Havre de Grace Farmers' Market, which will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a lot of excitement in the River City as management of the market has been handed off to the Havre de Grace Main Street Organization. There are over a dozen vendors signed up to participate, and the organization is working with the city's tourism office to plan fun activities to complement the market.

Bel Air's Tuesday Market opens May 5 at a new location and with new hours. It has moved to the Kelly Fields parking lot at the corner of Route 24 and Boulton Street, and will be held every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bel Air's Saturday Market has been open since April 11 at its location at the corner of Bond and Thomas Streets from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Edgewood Farmers' Market will be open every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning May 14 in the pavilion adjacent to the Edgewood MARC Train Station at 2122 Old Edgewood Road.

Finally, the Twilight Market at Rockfield Manor will open Friday, May 29 from 5 p.m. to dusk, and will be held on the last Friday of every month through September. Spend an evening at the market for fresh produce, flowers and plants, wine, baked goods, live music, and family fun.

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“It’s been a while since there has been so much excitement surrounding the opening of our farmers’ markets,” remarked C. John Sullivan, III, Deputy Chief of Staff for Agriculture. “The Havre de Grace Market has been rejuvenated by its new management and increased vendor list. The new market in Cooptown gives the northern end of the county a place where farmers can gather to buy and sell their products closer to home. And with the new location of Bel Air’s Tuesday Market, and new products at the Edgewood and Twilight Markets, 2009 promises to be a great year for agribusiness in Harford County.”

“Our farmers’ markets offer high quality, locally grown food and nursery plants,” stated County Executive Craig. “With six farmers’ markets around the county and over 70 vendors total, there is no shortage of variety or choices. I encourage all Harford County residents to support Harford’s farms by ‘Buying Local’ at their nearest farmers’ market.”

All of the farmers’ markets in Harford County are operated by their own market managers and/or boards of directors. The Harford County Executive’s Division of Agriculture assists in the promotion of the markets. For more information on the farmers’ markets and agriculture in Harford County, log on to [www.harfordfarms.com](http://www.harfordfarms.com).

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