

Farmers' Markets Begin to Spring Up

April and May marks the start of many farmers' markets in Southern and Central Indiana. Shopping at farmers' markets is a great way to meet local farmers and find flavorful produce, annual and perennial plants, wholesome meat and dairy products and freshly baked goods. Many farmers' markets also offer live music and entertainment. See the list below to find a farmers' market near you!

MONROE COUNTY

Bloomington Community Farmers' Market

Showers Civic Plaza at City Hall
www.bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket
April 4–November 28
Saturdays (Apr-Sep), 8:00 -1:00
Saturdays (Oct-Nov), 9:00 -1:00 p.m.
Marcia Veldman, 812-349-3738, farmersmarket@bloomington.in.gov

Monroe County Growers Farmers' Market (Wednesdays)

Bloomingfoods East parking lot
3220 East 3rd Street
Mid-May to October 28
Wednesdays, 7:00–noon
Don Dunkerley, 812-384-3375

Monroe County Growers Farmers' Market (Saturdays)

Bloomingfoods East parking lot
3220 East 3rd Street
<http://www.bloomingfoods.coop>
Early May to end of October
Saturdays, 7–noon
Jerome Gust, 812-336-5400

OWEN COUNTY

Community Farmers' Market of Owen County

Courthouse Square in Spencer
60 S. Main Street
May 2–October 24
Saturdays 8:00–noon
Patty Steward; 812-821-2874

BROWN COUNTY

Bean Blossom Farmers' Market

State Road 135 N across from Shopworth Grocery
April to October
Saturdays, 8:00 -1:00
Catrina McDonald, 812-988-7576, mcdonald135@yahoo.com

Nashville Village Market

Downtown Nashville, Gould & Mound Streets east of Van Buren St.
May 2 – October
Saturdays, 9:00-12:00
Brian Jordan, 812-521-1063, kissmygrassfarm@hotmail.com

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Bedford Farmers' Market

Courthouse Square
May to October
Saturdays 6 :00 -1:00
Penny May, 812-279-6171

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County HomeGrown Farmers' Market

West side of Congress Square Park in Orleans
www.orangecountyhomegrown.org
May 23 - October 31
Saturdays, (May-Sept) 8:00– noon
Saturdays, (Oct), 9:00- noon
Alice Wootten, 812-653-1047,
orangecountyhomegrown@earthlink.net

Valley Farmers' Market

Railway Museum, off Hwy. 56 in French Lick
www.orangecountyhomegrown.org
May 19 – October 27
Tuesdays, noon – 4:30 pm
Alice Wootten, 812-653-1047,
orangecountyhomegrown@earthlink.net

CLARK COUNTY

Clark County Farmers' Market

Market Street between Spring & Pearl in Jeffersonville
www.jeffmainstreet.org
May to October
Tuesdays, 3:00 to 6:00
Saturdays, 9:30 to 12:30
Jay Ellis, 812-283-0301

GREATER INDIANAPOLIS

Traders Point Creamery Green Market

9101 Moore Road, Zionsville
www.traderspointcreamery.com
May 1–Oct 30
Fridays, 4:00–7:00
317-733-1700; info@tpfororganics.com

Carmel Farmers' Market

South Parking Lot of Carmel City Hall
<http://www.carmelfarmersmarket.com>
May 30–September 26
Saturdays, 8:00–11:30
Ron Carter, 317-710-0162, info@carmelfarmersmarket.com

Broad Ripple Farmers' Market

Broad Ripple High School parking lot, Indianapolis
1115 Broad Ripple Avenue
www.broadripplefarmersmarket.com
May 2–October 31
Saturdays, 8:00 -noon
Carolyn Savill, 317-251-3926, csavill@indy.rr.com

Binford Farmers' Market

Binford Blvd & East 62nd Street, Indianapolis
www.BinfordFarmersMarket.com
May–October
Saturdays, 7:00–11:00
Jane Lommel, 317-506-1105

The Original Farmers' Market at the Indianapolis City Market

Market Street between Delaware and Alabama Streets
<http://www.indianapoliscitymarket.com>
May 6–October 28
Wednesdays, 10:00 -1:30
James A. Reilly, jim@indycom.com

Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Growers

Dome Grown
Oliver Winery
Posies & Pumpkins
Spring Hill Farm

Community Members

Seeds

Sarah Fischer
Elizabeth Pech
Elysia Poor

Sprouts

Forest Fleischman
Sherry Holliday & Eric Mitter
Allison & Matt Smith

Soil

Susan Ferentino & Danielle
McClelland

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Growers

Capriole
Five Oaks Farm
Heartland Family Farm
Homestead Growers
John Byers
Stout's Melody Acres
Weber's Sugar Camp

Community Members

Seeds

Jessica Williams

Sprouts

Lucille Bertuccio
Cindy Bradley

Water

Barbara Habig

Retailers

Bloomingfoods
Bloomington Bagel Company
FARMbloomington
Laughing Planet
Limestone Grille
Oliver Winery
One World Enterprises
Roots on the Square
Sahara Mart
Upland Brewing Company

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Elias Calkins
Samuel Daunt
Nicholas Henriksen
Emily Lippold-Cheney
Mark Richardson
Alex Smith
Dewey Wysong

Conservation Funds Available

By Brooke Rieman

Did you know that the Natural Resources Conservation Service may be able to provide you with compensation for making improvements to your operation? The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help growers make the transition to Certified Organic production. We can assist with the development of a Transition To Organic Plan, as well as make payments to offset costs in the first 3 years of transition to organic.

The NRCS also has compensation programs to help livestock producers. We can assist you with watering systems, fence, and heavy use area protection for rotational grazing systems.

If you are interested in these or other practices, please call Brook Rieman, District Conservationist for Brown and Monroe Counties at 812-334-2425 ext. 3 or email her at brook.rieman@in.usda.gov

What? No Farm to School Program?

By Jean Kautt

Farm to School programs connect schools to local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing health and nutrition education opportunities that will last a lifetime, and supporting local small farmers. Currently, over 8,000 schools from 40 states in the U.S. have programs up and running, though none in Indiana.

Sara Tedeschi is the Great Lakes/Upper Midwest Farm to School Network Coordinator. She is interested in getting folks in Indiana excited about Farm to School programs. The National Farm to School Network sprouted from the desire to support community-based food systems, strengthen family farms, and improve student health by reducing childhood obesity. The Farm to School approach helps children understand where their food comes from and how their food choices affect their bodies, the environment and their communities.

Farm to School is a collaborative program of Center for Food & Justice (CFJ), of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College, and the Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC). Since 2000 Farm to School has assisted organizations in starting up and sustaining farm to school efforts. Learn more at <http://www.farmtoschool.org/index.php>. For more information, contact Jean Kautt at 812-339-4442x204, or memberservices@bloomingfoods.coop

Budget Update

As many of you may know, the "Growing Healthy Communities" Grant that has supported the Local Growers Guild for the past three years will be ending in August. This grant was a major source of income for the Guild, providing \$8000/year to pay our director and assistant director. We need to bring in new sources of funds and so our board has established a fundraising committee that will focus on organizing fundraising events. Interested in volunteering your time or ideas? Please contact our fundraising chair, John Galuska, at jgaluska@indiana.edu.

Upcoming Events

LGG BOARD MEETING (MAY)

BLOOMINGTON – CALDWELL CENTER
MONDAY, MAY 4, 7:00PM-9:00PM
Please RSVP to Maggie at 812-345-1592 in case the date/time changes.

GARDEN SERIES

NASHVILLE -- T.C. STEELE STATE HISTORIC SITE
MARCH - MAY
A spring gardening series with a variety of art and educational opportunities for all ages. Some events are free and open to the public while others require a small fee. For a complete listing, go to www.tcsteele.org/2009 site calendar.pdf or contact Christine Atkinson at (812) 677-2003.

GANA COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOPS

BLOOMINGTON – 2601 DEKIST ST.
MARCH - OCTOBER
A community gardening workshop series on how to grow and maintain a diverse, wildly abundant garden from seed through harvest that will nourish your body, your mind, your soul and your relationships with all beings. Instructor and Project Director is Keith Johnson, botanist, gardener, and permaculturist. To register, please contact Ann Kreilkamp at arkcrone@gmail.com
All eight workshops: \$100
Workshops per day \$15
Neighborhood discount: \$10
Volunteer discounts available.

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY

FARMERS' MARKET
BLOOMINGTON- SHOWERS CIVIC PLAZA
OPENS SAT, APRIL 4, 8 AM TO 1 PM
Farmers and vendors fill Showers Common with locally grown produce, annual and perennial plants, and freshly baked bread for the Saturday morning Market. Local musicians perform while thousands of people find their way among the corn and tomatoes, local dairy products and warm scents of fresh herbs.

FARM TO SCHOOL

BLOOMINGTON-- CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 4:00 PM
Meet Sara Tedeschi to learn how the national Farm to School program can help our community provide healthy food to children while supporting local growers. Farm to School brings healthy food from local farms to school children nationwide. The program teaches students about the path food takes to reach our tables, helping build good eating habits that can last a lifetime.



GREEN DRINKS BLOOMINGTON

BLOOMINGTON – NICK'S ENGLISH HUT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
Green Drinks Bloomington is a lively, informal social networking event for people from all walks of life who are interested in making a greener world. Folks gather every month to share libations and ideas, discuss, debate, explore and make new friends and business connections. Green Drinks Bloomington will be held the 4th Wednesday of every month. To receive invites, write greendrinksbloomington@gmail.com. To learn more about Green Drinks visit www.greendrinks.org.

EARTH SPIRIT RISING CONFERENCE

CINCINNATI, OH—XAVIER UNIVERSITY
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 12 -14
A conference on ecology, spirituality and living economies that examines economic models that are based on Earth's living systems. It highlights initiatives that support and expand local and regional production of food, energy, goods and services and explores the cultural and spiritual dimensions of a transformation to living economies. To register, go to www.earthspiriting.org.

Subscribe to our new weekly **e-newsletter!** Send an e-mail to us at localgrowersguildnews@localgrowers.org to receive weekly updates on local food events. We send text-only e-mails (no attachments).

City of Bloomington Community Garden Program

Do you lack the space to garden at home, need a suitable growing area with access to water, tools and protection from wildlife or simply like to garden in the company of others? The City of Bloomington Community Garden Program offers a variety of gardening opportunities for individuals, families, groups and organizations. Services provided include the initial tilling of the garden area, sources of water, composting facilities, access to tools, fencing and the advice of the Garden Supervisor (if requested).

Gardeners with disabilities or other limitations will find gardening support, including wheelchair-accessible raised beds and access to adaptive tools. Whether you garden to produce food for yourself and your family, for the aesthetics of beautiful flowers, to meet friends or to provide food for those in need, we have a place for you. Plots are available for rent April 1 – October 31. For more information and to receive registration forms, please call 349-3700 or email parks@bloomington.in.gov. Or visit <http://bloomington.in.gov>.

Classifieds

FOR SALE	ANNOUNCEMENTS	LAND
<p>1961 Allis Chalmers D17 Series II, gas, 52 HP, in excellent condition, wide front, good rubber, 3pt, pto; JD 603 bush hog also available. Call Doug at 812-320-4236.</p> <p>2 Row Air Planter: \$2000.00 Mechanical Transplanter Mod., 3 Pint Hitch. Excellent Condition, Meter Mac Units.</p> <p>870 Stan Hay Planter \$2000.00 2 Row Ground Driven, Excellent Shape. Plant anything from broccoli to pumpkins, bells included.</p> <p>1 Row Holland Transplanter \$500.00. For Bare Root Plants or Peat Pots.</p> <p>Farmall Super C Tractor W F \$2750.00. Excellent Condition 1 Row Friday Straw Spreader \$750.00. For strawberries, works well.</p> <p>Marvin Land Plane. \$750.00. 2 Row Bed Shaper</p> <p>For more information, contact Tom or Mike Roney at (317) 326-2278.</p> <p>Deer fence for sale: 7' x 350' roll of black poly netting deer fence for sale- we ordered too much. Our cost is \$335 (includes shipping), will sell for \$300 and deliver within a reasonable distance. Contact Joanna Sparks at 812-360-5745 or joanna@kiva.net .</p>	<p>LIFE Certified Organic Farm is now offering CSA memberships for the 2009 season. Please call Art Sherwood, Jeff Evard and Bobbi Boos for more information! (812) 824-3727.</p> <p>LIFE Certified Organic Farm will once again be offering local growers the chance to bulk purchase the full line of plant/animal Fertrell products for 2009. See www.fertrell.com or call Art Sherwood at (812) 824-3727 for more info.</p> <p>FARM LABOR</p> <p>Charlie's Garden Tilling Phone: 812-279-9671 Cell: 812-797-3964 I have a compact tractor with a 60" tiller. Looking for gardens to till in the Bloomington area. Thank You! Charlie Terrell.</p> <p>Alternative agriculture student at Lake Land College in Mattoon, IL seeks internship to begin in March in the Bloomington area. Please contact Garrett Hill at 812-345-9596.</p> <p>Sage Gardens is looking for experienced workers for our landscaping business, gardens, greenhouses, and nursery. We practice organic and biodynamic methods both on the farm and for our clients. We are offering part-time flexible hours in Brown, Monroe, and Owen counties- transportation and phone required. If interested contact Joanna Sparks at 812-360-5745 or joanna@kiva.net .</p>	<p>The SPROUTS community garden, a student-run garden located at 8th & Fess on the IU Bloomington campus is seeking donations of seeds, tools, manure and soils. Please contact Danny Atlas at (812)219-5761.</p> <p>Seeking 1/4-1/2 acre of chemical-free land. In or near Bloomington would be ideal. Please contact Ben Jensen at bhjensen@indiana.edu or 614-361-5903.</p> <p>House and/or 50 acres, 1/2 tillable, 1/2 pasture with a small woodlot. Organic or natural only, no synthetic fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides. Located 1/2 mile north of US 50 and 5 miles east of 446. Contact Sarge Richey at 812-995-2049 or 812-530-6925.</p> <p>Classified ads are free to members (please limit to 3 per newsletter) and \$5 for non-members with a 30-word maximum. Entries can be sent by e-mail to katie@localgrowers.org or contact Katie Zukof by phone at 812-339-8198 by May 10th.</p>



Purdue Website Helps Farmers Transition to Organic Livestock

Livestock producers seeking to transition to organic production can now turn to a new Purdue University website for help.

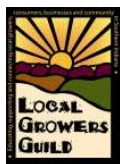
The Organic and Alternative Livestock Production Systems Web site provides a wealth of management and production tips for transitioning to organic. Consumers also can learn more about organic products and where to purchase them in Indiana.

The Web site is located at <http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/poa>

Visitors can download fact sheets, Extension publications, PowerPoint presentations and videos through the site's YouTube channel, PurdueOrganic. The Web site also has a weblog that provides daily news from around the world on organic and alternative livestock production.

LOCAL GROWERS GUILD

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About this Newsletter & Our Organization

This newsletter is a publication of the Local Growers Guild, a cooperative of farms, retailers, and community members dedicated to strengthening the local food economy in southern Indiana through education, direct support, and market connections.

