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815: Your guide to farmers markets from Freeport to Rockford and beyond

The Register Star and The Journal-Standard are excited to introduce you to our new hyperlocal magazine, 815. The quarterly magazine will publish each season.

Editor's note: This story has been changed to update information on the North End City Market.

Here is your guide to when and where you can go to area farmers markets and what you can expect to find.

Beloit Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through October. "Meet me at State and Grand." At 300 block of State Street and 400 block of East Grand Avenue. Open-air market in the heart of historic downtown Beloit for more than 30 years. Over 85 vendors each week selling local produce, organics, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, fish, meat, eggs, cheese, herbs, bedding plants, fresh flowers and artisan crafts. More info: Crystal Cribbs, 608-365-0150; crystal@downtownbeloit.com; downtownbeloit.com.

Belvidere Farmers Market and Crafts: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 22. In the Dodge Lanes parking lot, 1940 N. State St. Local vegetables, fruits and baked goods. Information on locally grown meat (including beef, pork, chicken, turkeys and eggs). More info: 815-519-4341; info@belviderefarmersmarket.com; belviderefarmersmarket.com.

Byron Sunshine Park Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through mid-October. In Sunshine Park, corner of Peru Street and Illinois 2. Open-air market featuring produce, flowers, fair-trade items, crafts, certified preserves, eggs, honey and baked goods. More info: Ellyn Foster, 815-335-7250.

Edgebrook Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays to Oct. 26. In the parking lot at Edgebrook shopping center, corner of North Alpine and Highcrest roads, Rockford. Fresh fruit and vegetables, free-range meat and poultry delivered as ordered, fresh-baked goods, cheese, plants (annuals and perennials), fresh floral bouquets and hanging baskets, eggs and oven-roasted pizza. More info: Sheryl Brennan, 815-871-1557; brennan4848@yahoo.com; edgebrookshops.com.

Edgebrook Farmers Market: 3 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 15. In the parking lot at Edgebrook shopping center, corner of North Alpine and Highcrest roads, Rockford. Fresh fruit and vegetables, plants (annuals and perennials), popcorn, craft vendors and more. More info: Sheryl Brennan, 815-871-1557; brennan4848@yahoo.com; edgebrookshops.com.

Freeport Farmers Market: 7 to 11 a.m. Saturdays through Oct. 1. In the CVS parking lot, 721 W. South St., Freeport. Local produce, home-baked treats in a festive market atmosphere. 815-291-4649.

GPS Farmers Market: 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 22. At 10714 N. Second St., Machesney Park. Fresh fruits and vegetables, oils, honey, baked goods, hot food and crafts. Open rain or shine. Accepts Illinois LINK. More info: Jennifer Hauch, 779-221-8491; market@gpsfaith.com; gpsfaith.com.

HCC Realty Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 28. At 1240 S. Alpine Road, Rockford (corner of South Alpine and Newburg roads). Featuring a variety of fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, crafts, honey and sales vendors. More info: Tammy Buteyn: 815-398-8109; tammy.buteyn@heartland.cc.

Highland Farmers Market: 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 5. At Highland Community College, Parking Lot C, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport. Fresh produce that is locally grown, baked goods and farm fresh eggs. 815-235-4125.

Lena Farmers Market: 8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays through Oct. 8. At 100 W. Main St. Fresh, locally grown produce and locally made baked goods. 815-235-4125.

Market on the Lawn: 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Aug. 20, The Cypress House, 718 10th Ave., Rochelle. Featuring six different vendors each Saturday selling local and organic produce, eggs, honey, breads, flowers and handmade items. Lunch will be provided. More info: [facebook.com/TheCypressHouse](https://www.facebook.com/TheCypressHouse).

North End City Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29. At southeast corner of the Auburn and North Main streets roundabout, Rockford. Featuring fresh produce, free-range eggs, organic vegetables, plants, flowers, bakery items and live music. More info: 815-977-5124; rockfordcitymarket.com/northend.

Pecatonica Farmers Market: 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays through October. In the Municipal Parking Lot at Main and Fourth streets. Local growers specializing in fresh produce, flowers, honey and baked goods. villageofpecatonica.com; 815-239-2310.

Rockford City Market: 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 30 (3:30 to 7:30 p.m. after Labor Day). In the 100 and 200 blocks of Water Street and in the Water Street parking lot. Offering a diverse array of farm-produced fruits and vegetables, flowers and plants (bedding, perennial, vegetable and herb), cheese, bakery, breads and grain, coffee and tea, local wines and craft beers. Artisans are welcome. More info: 815-977-5124; rockfordcitymarket@rrdp.org; rockfordcitymarket.com.



Visitors walk the Water Street stretch of City Market during the event's opening night on Friday, May 20, 2016, in downtown Rockford. SUNNY STRADER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/815/RRSTAR.COM/THE JOURNAL-STANDARD

Rockton River Market: 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 31. Along the Rock River, on East Harwick Street in Old Settlers Park. Featuring farm-fresh produce, fruit, vegetables, herbs, potted and cut flowers, handmade items, food vendors and live music. More info: info@statelinechamber.com; statelinechamber.com.

Stephenson County Farmers Market: Noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29. In Logan's Bar & Grill parking lot, 1805 S. West Ave., Freeport. Fresh produce, home-baked goods, local honey and more. 815-233-2399.

Winnebago Farmers Market: 3:30 to 7 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 28. At the corner of Bluff and Elida streets. Locally grown fruits and vegetables, eggs, honey, cut flowers, potted perennials and baked goods. More info: Merri Carlson, 815-335-7617.

Sources: Rockford Register Star and Freeport/Stephenson County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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