



For Immediate Release:

Dandridge Farmers Market Opens for Preview on May 14

This year the Dandridge Farmers Market will open early for a sneak preview on Saturday May 14. The next market dates will be May 28, June 4 and the Official Grand Opening Ceremony will be June 11. The market is open rain or shine and is located at the corner parking lot at Gay and Meeting Streets (downtown stoplight intersection), one block north of the Jefferson County Courthouse. Market hours are 8 A.M. to Noon.

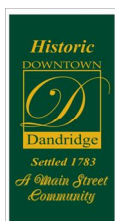
The May 14 Farmers Market will feature spring veggies, including a variety of lettuces, radishes, beets, carrots, peas, shitake mushrooms, sprouts, spinach, herb and vegetable plants, pet treats, fresh handmade egg pasta, free range eggs, and orchids and tropical plants. The Jefferson County Humane Society will be onsite with fund raiser items to help support the animal shelter. The Jefferson County FCE will have starter vegetable plants, radishes, and FCE made handcrafted items.

New to the market this year are free re-useable Farmers Market bags for shoppers. The Dandridge Farmers Market bags are a bright yellow and have the new market logo in green. They are provided courtesy of a TAEP grant from the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture and are designed to hold your weekly Farmers Market purchases.

The Dandridge Farmers Market provides residents with a great opportunity to purchase locally-grown produce and other locally-made products. The market will be open on Saturdays through the growing season. Also new to this year will be select Thursday evening Farmers Market. The Thursday evening dates will be announced. Special events and activities will also be hosted at the Farmers Market throughout the 2011 growing season.

Sponsors of this year's market are Farm Credit, Farm Bureau, Jefferson County Co-op, the Town of Dandridge and the UT Extension Office in Dandridge. The Dandridge Community Trust is the market organizer as part of its Main Street Program on behalf of the Town. For information on the Dandridge Farmers Market, becoming a market vendor, or sign up for the weekly e-newsletter, visit the Main Street web site at www.MainStreetDandridge.com, call their office 865-397-7420, ext, 17, or inquire via email at office@mainstreetdandridge.com. Farmers Market information is also available on Facebook at www.Facebook/DandridgeFarmersMarket.

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