



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

FACT SHEET FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Chicago Botanic Garden Farmers' Market 1st & 3rd Sunday of Month (June 5 – October 16, 2011), 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For the fourth season of the Farmers' Market, the Garden welcomes local, sustainable farmers to this public market on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, June through October. Vendors offer seasonal products such as fruits, vegetables, cut flowers and herbs. Also hand-made pottery and honey.

Highlights:

- We are moving to the Esplanade this year! Vendors will line the Esplanade under the Elm trees providing great visibility and shopping ease.
 - July 3 the market will be in the space just north of the Visitor Center due to the Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival taking place on the Esplanade.
- There will be various 'vendor talks' with the public regarding sustainable practices and other topics. These talks will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Farmers' Market area and are funded by a SARE grant.
 - June 5: *Starting from the Ground up – Soil Prep Basics*; W&M Land Corp
 - June 19: *Companion Planting with Herbs and Vegetables – a Sustainable Gardening Technique*; Wind Ridge Herb Farm
 - July 3: *Sustainable Meat – Being a Grass Pasture Farmer*; Faith's Farm
 - July 17: *Beekeeping Basics*; Xanadu Forests Apiary
 - August 7: *Aquaponics: Growing Fish and Plants Symbiotically*; City Micro Farms, LLC
 - August 21: *Plant Diversity and Sustainable Agriculture*; H&H Flowers/Sunkissed Organics
 - September 4: *The Critical Role Pollinators Play in Sustainable Agriculture*; Heritage Prairie Farm
 - September 18: *Raising Backyard Chickens and Ducks*; King's Hill Farm
 - October 2: *Extending the Growing Season*; Chicago Botanic Garden Green Youth Farm
 - October 16: *Backyard Composting Basics*; Lynn Bement, The Organic Coach, and Chicago Botanic Garden Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden Horticulturist
- The market is free of charge for Garden visitors; standard parking fees apply.
- Visitors can purchase a special "market bag" at the Garden Shop to carry all their purchases from the Market.
- Participating Vendors:
 - **Chicago Botanic Garden Green Youth Farm,**
 - **City Micro Farms, LLC**
 - **Faith's Farm**
 - **Futters Nut Butters**
 - **H&H Flowers/Sunkissed Organics**
 - **Made from Mud**
 - **McCluskey Brothers**
 - **Ooh La La Voila**
 - **Paul Friday Farms, Inc.**
 - **River Valley Ranch**
 - **Tomato Mountain Farm**
 - **W&M Land Corp**
 - **Wind Ridge Herb Farm**
 - **Xanadu Forests Apiary**