

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MARYLAND FARMERS' MARKET WEEK
AUGUST 2 - 8, 2026**

- WHEREAS,** *Farmers' markets are important and popular venues for agricultural producers to increase direct marketing opportunities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Approximately 120 farmers' markets can be found throughout the state, offering consumers the chance to purchase affordable, farm-fresh, locally-grown, and healthy produce, proteins, plants, and baked goods; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Farmers' markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and their customers the opportunity to interact; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Many Maryland farmers' markets participate in the federally funded Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, so older adults, as well as participants in Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), have access to fresh, locally-grown fruits, vegetables, and cut herbs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Support for Maryland's farms is reflected in the commitment of residents to preserve farmland and coastal areas, as well as their choice to purchase fresh, locally-grown food, which offer superior nutrition, exceptional flavor, reduced waste, and a smaller environmental footprint; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During Maryland Farmers' Market Week, the State of Maryland calls special and deserved attention to farmers' markets across the state and celebrates the many benefits they provide for local farmers and consumers.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2 - 8, 2026 as MARYLAND FARMERS' MARKET WEEK, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 2nd day of August
Two Thousand and twenty-six

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller
Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State