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**CAPITOL COMPLEX FARMERS MARKET WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IN RECOGNITION OF ALABAMA FARMERS MARKET WEEK**

**Montgomery, Ala.** — The Alabama Farmers Market Authority (FMA) will hold a special farmers market near the State Capitol complex in honor of “Alabama Farmers Market Week,” August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 3pm until 6pm. The market will host more than ten vendors from across the state with Alabama grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

The market will be held in the parking lot behind the State House on Washington Avenue in between South Ripley and South Jackson Streets. The lot is located across the street from the Alabama State Employees Credit Union.

“We are very excited to host this market and encourage state employees and other workers in the area to see first-hand the variety of locally grown products,” says Don Wambles, FMA Director. Representatives from the State Health Department will also participate and educate attendees about the “Fruits and Veggies More Matters” program.

Governor Bob Riley has also proclaimed August 3-9 “Alabama Farmers Market Week” in recognition of the USDA’s “National Farmers Market Week.” U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer has designated the first week of August to call attention to deserving farmers across the nation and the benefits for consumers at farmers markets. The FMA and USDA are working together to increase the development of farmers markets in order to assist small farmers in providing consumers access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

The FMA, established in 1965, is a single state agency that assists with marketing agricultural products by providing information and leadership to farmers and local governments. To assure the consumer a better quality product at a reasonable price and a fair return to the producer, the FMA provides assistance to producers marketing their products. The FMA is controlled by a nine-member Board of Directors with one member from each Congressional District, one At-Large, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries. For a listing of farmers markets, u-pick operations or roadside stands, please visit [www.BuyLocalAlabama.com](http://www.BuyLocalAlabama.com).

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