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25TH ANNUAL CHARLESTON FARMERS MARKET TO OPEN 2013 SEASON

Charleston, SC – The Charleston Farmers Market opens its 2013 season on Saturday, April 13 at 8 a.m., continuing each Saturday until December 21, 2013. Conveniently located in Marion Square, the Charleston Farmers Market offers Charleston residents and visitors alike access to the finest local produce, delicious prepared foods, unique artisan crafts, and family friendly entertainment. Saturday market hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featured attractions for the April 13 Opening Day celebration include:

- Cooking demonstrations by local restaurants and farmers as part of Lowcountry Local First: Plow to Chow (10 a.m. – 1p.m.)
- The Sixth annual Push-Up & Up Challenge competition supporting programs in dropout prevention and benefiting Communities In Schools of the Charleston Area (9 a.m. – 12 noon).
- Musical entertainment by YeeHaw Junction (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.).
- Unveiling of the official 2013 Charleston Farmers Market Poster.

The 2013 Charleston Farmers Market will draw together a wonderful roster of well over 100 participating farmers, food vendors, and artisans. A full directory of participants will be available at the Charleston Farmers Market Information Tent on site at Marion Square. Many vendors will be familiar from past seasons, with returning favorites including “Green Grocer,” “Empanada Mamma,” and “Carolina Millinery.” New additions to this year’s market include “Molly & Me Pecans,” “Outta My Huevos,” and “Old Like New Resourced Wood Company.”

The Charleston Farmers Market partners with local not-for-profit organizations and civic groups throughout the season, providing an opportunity for these vital community resources to share information, promote their services, and draw attention to important issues. On a weekly basis, volunteers with the Master Gardener program are on site each Saturday morning to offer gardening advice and answer questions, and Fields to Families operates an information and collection point to accept donations of fresh produce that is then distributed to agencies like Meals on Wheels, local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and churches to assist in feeding individuals in need. Throughout the 2013 season, the Charleston Farmers Market will also be partnering with Lighten Up Charleston, which will bring a variety of wellness programs to the Saturday market as a means to promote healthy options and to encourage participation in this important initiative.

The Charleston Farmers Market is produced and directed by The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs with the cooperation and assistance of The City of Charleston Department of Parks and Department of Recreation, Clemson Extension Services, Fields to Families Project, Embassy Suites Historic District, the Francis Marion Hotel and Weight Watchers.

General market information is available online by visiting www.charlestonfarmersmarket.com. Other queries about the Charleston Farmers Market should be directed to the Charleston Farmers Market Manager by calling (843) 724-7309 or emailing FarmersMarket@charleston-sc.gov.

Online

www.charlestonfarmersmarket.com
www.facebook.com/CharlestonFarmersMarket
www.twitter.com/charlestonfarms

Hours

Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., April 13 – December 21, 2013
Select Sundays (Piccolo Spoleto Festival), 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., May 26, June 2, and June 9
Select Sundays (Holiday Farmers Market), 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., December 1, 8, and 15

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