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## **Benton Harbor Farmers Market Seeking Produce and Other Vendors for 2022 Season**

**Benton Harbor, Michigan, May 23, 2022** – The Benton Harbor Farmers Market is looking for vendors for its upcoming season, set to begin June 22.

There are no vendor fees required to join the market, which takes place from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. every Wednesday at Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park, 100 E. Main St. from June 22 to Sept. 14.

The Benton Harbor Farmers Market seeks to provide affordable access to fresh, local fruits and vegetables, promote healthy habits and build relationships between producers and consumers. The market supports a variety of food assistance programs including SNAP benefits, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC, Senior Project FRESH and Spectrum Health Lakeland Prescription for Health in addition to accepting cash.

The market is seeking more produce vendors and locally grown Michigan products. Five vendor types are welcome at the Benton Harbor Farmers Market:

- **Agricultural:** Vendors with fresh produce; those who grow, raise or harvest products including fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat/poultry, honey, grains and other crops.
- **Value-added food:** Vendors selling prepared foods made in a licensed facility or covered under cottage food laws.

- **Artisans:** Vendors who create and design handcrafted products such as jewelry or artwork.
- **Activity volunteers:** Organizations or individuals who lead hands-on activities at the market.
- **Educators or information providers:** Organizations or individuals who provide a service or demonstration of educational value.

The market is currently seeking to increase the number of produce vendors. Other vendor types are also welcome to apply. Vendors are welcome to join throughout the season as they have goods available.

Each vendor will be given a 10'x10' space free of charge. Additional space and equipment such as chairs and tents can be requested and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The Benton Harbor Farmers Market is operated by the Berrien County Health Department and supported by grant funding from Be Healthy Berrien through the United Way of Southwest Michigan.

More information about the Benton Harbor Farmer's market can be found on our [website](#) and in the [Benton Harbor Farmer's Market Vendor Handbook](#).

To apply, contact Market Coordinator Chioma Ejiofor at [cejiofor@bchdmi.org](mailto:cejiofor@bchdmi.org) or 269-927-5632.

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