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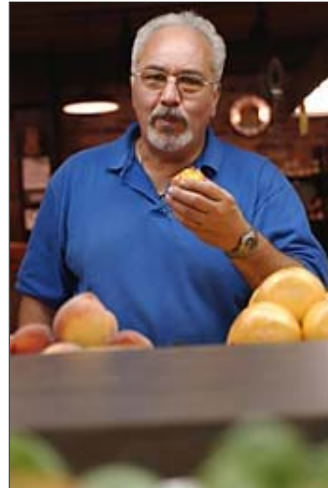
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## Down with the farm

### Pick your farmer's market for fresh food

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As the Fourth of July nears and the first crop of sweet corn is about to be harvested, farmer's markets are reappearing across the Tristate. Often set up in parking lots and roadside sheds, these markets offer the freshest produce and the best service. Often, the same people who farm the land during the week are there to sell you the produce on the weekend.



**Bob Palmisano, owner of the Newtown Farm Market, samples some fruit. The market is open from mid-April until Dec. 24. (Photo by Leigh Patton/CiN Weekly)**

#### NEWTOWN FARM MARKET

Bob Palmisano is a hands-on kind of guy. He checks out all of the produce that comes into his market, deciding what is good enough to be put out for sale that day. He waters the plants in the greenhouse behind the market. And he greets the customers that come into his market on Roundbottom Road in Newtown.

"We only put out the top-quality stuff," Palmisano says, as he pulls along the hose that he is using to water his plants. "Some of it I buy from farmers, some we grow ourselves, some we buy wholesale. It all comes down to quality; I won't sell something that I wouldn't bring home myself."

Newtown Farm Market is a little different from other farmers' markets in the area. Here, the grower is not the seller of many of the food items. Also, the deli sandwiches and frozen custard are not items that you will find at any roadside market. But, as Palmisano says, it all comes down to quality. "I think what we sell here is the best food in Ohio," he says.

Newtown Farm Market offers a wide variety of produce, baked goods, and the famous frozen custard. It specializes in strawberries and corn, which are grown there, and it also carries more than 500 varieties of plants, including annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetable plants.

#### AREA FARMERS' MARKETS

##### Aicholz Farm

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday-Sunday

**WHERE:** 3920 Roundbottom Road, Newtown

##### Boone County Farmer's Market

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

**WHERE:** Burlington Pike between Limaburg Road and Camp Ernst Road, Burlington

##### Brown's Family Farm Market

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

**WHERE:** 11620 Hamilton & Cleves Road, Ross

##### Farmer's Market of College Hill

**WHEN:** 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday

**WHEN:** Open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

**WHERE:** 3950 Roundbottom Road, Newtown

**CONTACT:** (513) 561-2004 or [www.newtownmarket.com](http://www.newtownmarket.com)

#### FINDLAY MARKET FARMER'S MARKET

Stopping in at Findlay Market, it is easy to imagine yourself in New York City circa 1910, about the time Vito Corleone was offered fruit by the vendors in Little Italy. Rows upon rows of fresh produce line up against meats and cheeses, baked pastries and breads, flowers, herbs, condiments and whatever else shows up to be sold that day.

Findlay Market is a year-round indoor market housing almost 30 vendors. These vendors are not considered farmer's markets since the sellers are generally not the growers. But during the spring, summer and fall, farmers bring their produce to the shed on the north side of the market on Saturdays.

**WHEN:** Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

**WHERE:** 117 West Elder St., Over-the-Rhine

**CONTACT:** (513) 665-4839 or [www.findlaymarket.org](http://www.findlaymarket.org)

#### FARMER'S PRODUCE MARKET

On the southwestern corner of Lunken Airport in Linwood is the Farmer's Produce Market, more often than not called the Lunken Farmer's market. The name, though incorrect, is fitting, since these farmers rent their land from the airport, and if the winds are right, planes fly overhead as you peruse the produce.

This market is run by a group of ten farms, who rent the property together but sell each farm's produce separately. Sharon Dawson, of Dawson Farm in Alexandria, says "If it don't grow around here, we don't have it."

Currently available at the market are some spring crops such as strawberries and green onions, as well as plants that Dawson grew in her greenhouse. "Our official opening is the Fourth of July," Dawson says, "but if we

**WHERE:** Llanfair and Hamilton avenues, College Hill

#### Hidden Valley Fruit Farms

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

**WHERE:** 5474 N. Ohio 48, Clearcreek Twp.

#### Hollmeyer Orchards

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday

**WHERE:** 3241 Fiddlers Green Road, Miami Heights

#### Northside Farmer's Market

**WHEN:** 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday

**WHERE:** Hamilton Avenue and Lingo Street, Northside

#### Ripley County Farmers Market

**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday

**WHERE:** Ripley County Fairground Park, near Versailles State Park in Osgood, Ind.

#### Tailgate Markets, Inc.

**WHEN & WHERE:** 3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, Nativity Church, 5935 Pandora Ave., Pleasant Ridge

- 3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Ave., East Price Hill

- 3:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday & Saturday, Swifton Commons Mall parking lot, 7030 Reading Road, Bond Hill

- 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, St. Jude Church, 5928 Bridgetown Road, Bridgetown

- 3:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, St. Theresa Church, 2516 Alexandria Pike, Southgate

have something to sell, we'll be here. But the real produce starts rolling in the Fourth, like lettuce, cucumbers, squash and sweet corn."

**WHEN:** Open 1:30 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**WHERE:** 260 Wilmer Ave., Linwood

• 3:30 to 6 p.m. Friday,  
Northminster United  
Presbyterian Church, 703  
Compton Road, Finneytown

**Wilfert Farms**  
**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily  
**WHERE:** 3135 Lindale Mount  
Holly Road, Amelia



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