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## **THE CITY OF BRISTOL CELEBRATES NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK**



**The Bristol Farmers Market** joins markets across the country in celebrating **National Farmers Market Week from August 4-10, 2019.**

As demand for local food continues to grow, so too have the opportunities for America's farmers to market fresh food directly to the consumer. According to statistics recently released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), farmers markets and farm stands account for roughly \$2 billion of the \$3 billion that Americans spend annually on farm-direct products. This revenue, in turn, supports the livelihoods of more than 165,000 mostly small

and mid-sized farms and ranches.

**The Bristol Farmers Market** has been a staple of the Bristol community for several years. It started in a parking lot on Route 6 and was moved to its current location Downtown in the summer of 2016, making it easily accessible from the City's bus line and within walking distance to many of Bristol's restaurants and eateries.

Held rain or shine every Saturday from 10 AM until 1 PM at Centre Square in Downtown Bristol, the Bristol Farmers Market currently hosts four main farmers selling a wide variety of products, including fresh in-season fruits and vegetables along with local vendors who sell handmade products which include bake goods, beef jerky, coffee, soap, all-natural oat bars, and grass-fed beef. Free musical entertainment is provided from 10 AM until 12 noon each week with a food truck on site many weeks to provide a tasty lunch after shopping at the market.

The purpose of Bristol's Farmers Market is to create a regional destination in Downtown Bristol through a communal experience each weekend where people can connect with community members and local producers like farmers, artisans, food vendors, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and more.

The City of Bristol Farmers Market is recognized by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture as accepting payment vouchers from the Women, Infants, and Children Farmers Market Nutrition Program and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. All participating farms are certified by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

Join the City of Bristol at the Bristol Farmers Market this Saturday to celebrate **National Farmers Market Week** and to stay up to date on weekly vendors and entertainment, visit: [bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket](http://bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket)

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