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The Bristol Farmers Market Has Been Approved As An Authorized SNAP/EBT Farmers Market!

(BRISTOL, CT July 20, 2021) – The City of Bristol announced that the Bristol Farmers Market is now an authorized SNAP/EBT farmers market and will begin accepting EBT payment for SNAP-eligible food on Saturday, July 24th.

The community will now be able to purchase SNAP-eligible food items at participating vendors at the Farmers Market. SNAP-eligible foods include fruits and vegetables, breads and cereal items, meats, fish, poultry, and dairy products such as milk and eggs.

The following Bristol Farmers Market vendors will now be able to accept EBT payment:

- Gresczyk Farms** – offering seasonal fruits and vegetables, herbs, and plants that produce food
- Nature View Farm** – offering seasonal fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy items
- Tonn's Orchard/Marketplace** – offering seasonal fruits and vegetables
- Twin Pines Farm** – offering seasonal fruits, vegetables, jams and preserves, and cheese items

“According to the Farmers Market Coalition \$24 million in SNAP benefits were spent at farmers markets in 2018,” stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “This benefit will provide another venue for access to healthy food, and will also benefit the farmers who rely upon these markets.”

“Accepting EBT at the Bristol Farmers Market will help support a healthy community by increasing access to fresh food for those who have SNAP benefits,” stated Aubrey Minkler, Community Services Coordinator for the City of Bristol. “With four participating vendors there will be a wide variety of SNAP-eligible food items to choose from each week.”

In addition to being an authorized SNAP/EBT farmers market, 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.

For a map, a list of vendors and to stay up to date on weekly food trucks, guest nonprofits and City departments attending, and musical entertainment, visit: bristolallheart.com/farmersmarket

