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Calvert County Features Fresh Local Food at Outdoor Farmers Markets in North Beach, Prince Frederick and Solomons

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 15, 2012 – Eating fresh and eating local will be easier than ever this year at four Calvert County farmers markets.

Offering a host of Southern Maryland produce, the Calvert County markets are now open on the following schedule:

- Tuesdays in Prince Frederick at Calvert Memorial Hospital
Parking lot adjacent to Route 4
3-7 p.m. through November 20
- Thursdays in Solomons
Parking lot adjacent to the Riverwalk
4-8 p.m. through November 15
- Fridays in North Beach
5th Street and 7th Street and Bay Avenue
6-9 p.m. through October 26
- Saturdays in Prince Frederick
Calvert Fairgrounds (Barstow)
7:30 a.m. - noon through November 24

Late spring markets include items like bedding plants (vegetable, herbs and flowers), hanging baskets and tasty salad greens, asparagus, kale and strawberries. Markets will include many of the favorite vendors from last year with plenty of fresh produce, baked goods, seafood and cut flowers.

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Calvert County farmers markets are unique because each is a producer-only market. The vendors are only allowed to sell produce raised by a local farmer and each market sells products that are regionally available seasonally. To find a list of seasonally available produce, visit www.somarylandsogood.com/inseason/index.asp.

All county farmers markets accept WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

For more information on Calvert County's agricultural community, visit www.calvertag.com, or contact the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development at 410.535.4583, 800.331.9771 or 301.855.1880, via e-mail at info@ecalvert.com, or on the Web at www.ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.