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Calvert County Bursting with Outdoor Farmers Markets in North Beach, Prince Frederick and Solomons

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 13, 2011– 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 D)
3-7 p.m. through November 22*
*Thursdays in Solomons on the Riverwalk
4-8 p.m. through November 17*
*Fridays in North Beach at 5th Street between Bay Avenue and Chesapeake Avenue
6-9 p.m. through October 7*
*Saturdays in Prince Frederick at Calvert Fairgrounds (Barstow)
7:30 a.m. - noon through November 26*

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.

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

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products that are regionally available seasonally. To find a list of seasonally available produce, visit www.somarylandsgood.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 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.