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Support Farms and Producers During Buy Local Week, July 17-25

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 13, 2021 – Step up to the plate with the challenge to buy and enjoy Maryland-grown and -produced farm products every day during Buy Local Week, July 17 through July 25, 2021.

In conjunction with the state of Maryland and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, Calvert County will celebrate the bounty of local agricultural products and encourages residents to take the “Buy Local Challenge” by pledging to buy at least one locally grown or produced item every day during the week.

“It’s more important than ever to support our local family farms and businesses to help continue the long-standing tradition of agriculture in Calvert County,” said Economic Development Director Kelly Slagle. “Buying local is not just good for the local economy, it’s a healthy choice for you and your family and it’s good for the environment. From farmers markets and roadside stands to local wineries and breweries, the opportunities to buy local are as abundant as the products offered.”

There are many ways to participate in the annual statewide challenge. The Department of Economic Development suggests adding one or two local items a day to your meals – perhaps fresh eggs and bacon with breakfast, a snack of local fruit or veggies, a glass of local wine or some Chesapeake Bay blue crabs caught by a local waterman. Brighten your table with handmade candles crafted with locally harvested beeswax, serving boards and spoons made from Maryland-grown woods, or a bouquet of locally grown flowers.

“You may even consider extending your personal challenge throughout the whole summer,” said Agricultural Development Specialist Kelly Swann. “Consider the impact you

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could have in your own backyard by shopping and visiting with neighborhood farmers and watermen while helping stimulate the Calvert County economy.”

Residents are encouraged to visit CalvertAg.com to discover the many local products, farmers markets and roadside stands available in Calvert County. Stop by one of the following farmers markets:

Calvert County Farmers Market Association Markets

- **Tuesdays** in Prince Frederick at CalvertHealth Medical Center (130 Hospital Road) 2:30-6:30 p.m. through Nov. 23
- **Thursdays** in Dunkirk at Dunkirk District Park (10750 Southern Maryland Blvd.) 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 19
- **Saturdays** in Lusby at Sneade’s Ace Home Center (11861 HG Trueman Road) 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 23

Private/Municipal Market

- **Saturdays** in North Beach at North Beach Senior Center (9010 Chesapeake Ave.) 8-11 a.m. through Sept. 25

Citizens can also celebrate Buy Local Week by participating in a [Buy Local Challenge contest](#) for a chance to win prizes. For more information about where to purchase local produce, meats and other products, visit CalvertAg.com. To learn more about Maryland’s Buy Local Challenge and to get recipes, visit www.BuyLocalChallenge.com.

For more information about the Calvert County Department of Economic Development, Calvert County sites and attractions and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880, send an email to info@ecalvert.com or visit online at www.ecalvert.com.

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