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**ALABAMA FARMERS MARKET AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES PILOT
PROGRAM FOR FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS**

Montgomery, Ala. — Just in time for summer the Alabama Farmers Market Authority (AFMA) launches a pilot program to allow food stamp recipients to use their EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) cards at three markets in Alabama. AFMA assisted the farmers with getting certified as food stamp vendors thru the USDA, FNS.

“We are extremely pleased to be able offer the acceptance of Food Stamp/EBT cards at these three Alabama farmers markets. The EBT process is familiar to food stamp recipients and they can enjoy and receive all the healthy benefits locally grown fruits and vegetables offer,” says Don Wambles, Director AFMA. The participating markets are located in Dallas, Jefferson and Macon counties.

Purchasing locally grown Alabama produce helps support neighboring farmers and your community by keeping dollars local. “Farmers markets provide better access to fresh, locally grown produce. The use of wireless terminals by farmers at these three farmers markets opens the door for EBT recipients to shop and experience the wonders of their local farmers market,” says Wambles.

Having the pilot program offered at these three locations allows credit card customers the ability to purchase Alabama produce with modern convenience. The EBT pilot program will continue until the end of the market season. The AFMA anticipates expanding the EBT program statewide in the future. The three markets with participating Food Stamp vendors are listed below:

EAST LAKE FARMERS MARKET
East Lake United Methodist Church
Birmingham, AL
Saturday 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SELMA FARMERS MARKET
Dallas Avenue - Bloch Park
Selma, AL
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MACON COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Intersection of Elm & Spring Streets
Tuskegee, AL
Wednesday & Saturday
May – September 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
October – March 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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