



STATE OF ALABAMA
FARMERS MARKET AUTHORITY



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**TRAINING FOR FARMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN FARMERS MARKET
NUTRITION PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED**

Montgomery, Ala. — The Alabama Farmers Market Authority (FMA) will conduct training for farmers new to the program who want to participate in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Monday March 17, 2008. The video conference training will offer the option of two sessions for farmers. The first session will begin at 10am and the second session at 2pm. Each session is two hours. Farmers can attend one of the two sessions at any location listed below. This is for farmers who have **not previously** participated in the program and wish to enroll. However, anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs) are federally funded programs that provide low-income seniors, women and children coupons to redeem for fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at local farmers markets and roadside stands. Several farmers markets also provide nutrition education for participants. There are two components to the FMNPs, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FMNP and the Senior FMNP. FMNPs provide a direct link between production agriculture and nutrition by providing seniors and nutritionally at-risk women and children coupons to purchase fresh and local produce directly from participating farmers.

“Farmers new to the FMNP program are required to attend training. Therefore, we highly encourage farmers to attend this training,” says FMA Director Don Wambles. Participants should bring their current year’s growers permit to the training. A permit can be obtained free of charge from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Office in your county of residence.

**Alabama Farmers Market Nutrition
Program Training
Monday, March 17, 2008
10am – Noon
or
2pm – 4pm**

For a listing of locations
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* Please note that training in Cullman County will *only* be available at 2pm.

Training held Monday March 17, 2008 10am – Noon or 2pm – 4pm at the following locations

County	Location	Contact	Telephone
Autauga	Autauga Co. Extension Office 2226 Hwy. 14 W., Suite E Autaugaville, Al. 36003-2540	Valerie Conner	334-361-7273
Calhoun	Calhoun Co. Extension Office County Administration Building 1702 Noble Street, Suite 108 Anniston, Al. 36201	David West	256-237-1621
Chilton	Chilton Co. Extension Office P. O. Box 30 Clanton, Al. 35046-0030	Gay West	205-280-6268
Clarke	Clarke Co. Extension Office P. O. Box 40 Grove Hill, Al. 36451	Kevan Tucker	251-275-3121
Conecuh	Conecuh Co. Extension Office David L. burt Agriculture Center 102 Liberty St., Rm. 103 Evergreen, Al. 36401	Judy Smelley	251-578-2762
Covington	Covington Co. Extension Office P. O. Box 519 Andalusia, Al. 36420	Charles Simon	334-222-1125
*Cullman 2:00 only	Cullman Extension Office 402 Arnold St., NE Suite G-1, Cullman Co. Office Bldg. Cullman, Al. 35055	Elaine Cole	256-737-9386
Dallas	Dallas Co. Extension Office P. O. Box 40 Selma, Al. 36702-0040	Beverly Lee	334-874-7269
Elmore	Elmore Co. Extension Office Elmore Co. Agricultural Center 340 Queen Ann Road Wetumpka, Al. 36092	Rick Beauchamp	334-567-6301

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County	Location	Contact	Telephone
Etowah	Etowah Co. Extension Office 3200A West Meighan boulevard	Phyllis Booker- Chambers	256-547-7936
Fayette	Upper Coastal Plains Agr. Center P. O. Box 706 Winfield, Al. 35594	Randall Rawls	205-487-2150
Geneva	Geneva Co. Extension Office P. O. Box 159 Geneva, Al. 36340	Dolores Tiner	334-684-2484
Lauderdale	Lauderdale Co. Extension Office 802 Veterans Dr. Florence, Al. 35630	Randall Armstrong	256-766-4846
Lee	Lee Co. Extension Office Lee Co. Agricultural Center, Suite 4 Opelika, Al. 36801	Chuck Browne	334-749-3353
Madison	Madison Co. Extension Office Charles Stone Agricultural Svc. Ctr. 819 Cook Avenue Huntsville, Al. 35801	Margaret Satterfield	256-532-1578
Marengo	Marengo Co. Extension Office 101 N. Shiloh Co. Office Bldg., Suite 100 Linden, Al. 36748	Kathryn Friday	334-295-5959
Mobile	Mobile Co. Extension Office Jon Archer Agricultural Center 1070 Schillinger Rd. N. Mobile, Al. 36608-5298	Linda Dean	251-574-8445
Montgomery	Montgomery Co. Extension Office Two East Office Center 400 Eastern Blvd., Suite 107 Montgomery, Al. 36117	Lula Tyson	334-270-4133
Shelby	Shelby Co. Extension Office P. O. Box 1606 Columbiana, Al. 35051	Robbie Willis	205-669-6763

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County	Location	Contact	Telephone
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa Co. Extension Office 2513 7th St. Tuscaloosa Co. Courthouse Annex Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401	Cindy Makemson	205-349-4630
Walker	Walker Co. Extension Office 1501 N. Airport Rd. Jasper, Al. 35504	Regina Vann	205-221-3392
Henry	Wiregrass Regional Research & Ext. Ctr. P. O. Box 217 Headland, Al. 36345	Larry Wells	334-693-2363

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