

UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Fact Sheet 16-8

Central Florida Farmer's Markets

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There are 20 farmer's and community markets in and around the Orlando, FL area. You can find a market open nearly every day of the week with some evening market venues. The downtown Lake Eola market and several of the evening markets combine festival style events such as beer fests that can really liven up the venue. Farmer's markets provide an opportunity for small farmers and market gardeners to sell their fruits and vegetables, herbs, plants, and related products.

Most long term successful vendors have off market sales to restaurants and food coops specializing in locally grown products with some utilizing on-farm consumer supported agriculture. Farmer's and community markets have a number of advantages and disadvantages.

Some advantages are:

1. They provide a place for networking that can lead to off-site sales during other times of the week to restaurants, grocery stores, roadside markets or to the general public.
2. They provide an outlet for the sale of off-grades of produce which the general public will purchase but cannot be sold to restaurants or grocery stores which usually require the highest visual quality produce.
3. Usually no long term contracts are required which allows marketers to sell seasonal produce without the infrastructure commitment required for normal businesses operating year-round.

Some disadvantages are:

1. Marketers must comply with the rules and requirements of the markets which may vary from market to market.
2. Weather in Florida can be unpredictable and putting up with adverse conditions at open air markets which reduces turnout can be expected from time to time.
3. Loading and unloading produce, plants, and farm products can be physically demanding and requires able bodied individuals.

For more information about farmer's markets in the Orlando area, contact the market managers supervising the individual markets listed on page 2 of this fact sheet!

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Farmer's Markets in the Orlando area								
	Name	Location	Contact	Phone	E-mail/Website	Day	Time	Other
1	Audubon Park FM	Stardust parking lot, 1842 E Winter Park Rd, Orlando			director@audubonmarket.com audubonmarket.com	Mon	6:00p-10:00p	all local
2	Celebration Sunday FM	Lakeside Park, 631 Sycamore St, Celebration		407-892-1135	spudmarket@yahoo.com	Sun	9:00a-3:00p	
3	Downtown Clermont Farmers Market	Montrose St between 7th and 8th, Clermont (685 W Montrose)	Ron Smart	352-247-4640	clermondowntownpartnership.com/farmers-market	Sun	9:00a-2:00p	
4	East End Market	3201 Corrine Dr., Orlando		321-236-3316	eastendmkt.com	Tues-Sun	T-Sat 10a-7p Sun 11a-6p	
5	Volusia County FM	Volusia Co Fairgrounds, 3050 E New York, Deland	Bill Hester	386-734-1612		Weds	7:00a-2:00p	lg section for local growers
6	Kissimmee Valley FM	Lakefront Park, 201 Lakeview Dr, Kissimmee		407-846-4643	kissimmeemainstreet.com	Tues	3:00p-7:00p	would welcome local growers
7	Lake Mary FM	Lake Mary City Hall, Central Park, 100 N Country Club Rd, Lake Mary	Radley Williams Ethan Smith	407-585-1456 407-585-1416		Sat	9:00a-1:30p	
8	Lake Nona FM	Valencia College, 12350 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando	Lori Cunniff	321-217-6654	loricunniff1@gmail.com, btnlakenonafarmersmarket.weebly.com	Sat	9:00a-1:00p	crafted jewelry, essential oils, hand crafted candles and more.
9	Maitland FM	Lake Lily Park (17-92 & Maitland Ave), 701 Lake Lily Dr, Maitland	Mari Smith	407-539-6268	msmith@itsmymaitland.com	Sun	9:00a-2:00p	
10	Ocoee FM	Downtown Ocoee on McKey Street between Bluford & Cumberland Avenues		407-303-3374	Facebook - Ocoee Family Fest	4th Sat	4:00p-8:00p	
11	Orlando FM	Lake Eola, 195 N Rosalind Ave, Orlando		321-202-5855	orlandofarmersmarket.com	Sun	10:00a-4:00p	Not accepting vendor applications- at capacity.
12	Cagan Crossings FM	500 Cagan Park Ave, Clermont		352-242-2444 x205	cagancrossings.com	Fri	4:00p-7:00p	Sept-May
13	Osceola Flea & FM	2801 E Irla Bronson Mem Hwy, Kissimmee		407-846-2811 407-238-1296	osceolafleaandfarmersmarket.com	Fri,Sat, Sun	8:00a-5:00p	
14	Oviedo FM	Lawton House, 200 Hwy 426, Oviedo	Lars White	407-971-5612		Sat	8:00a-1:00p	First Saturday of every month.
15	Sanford FM	Magnolia Square, 201 E 1st St, Sanford	Michelle	407-328-1521	sanfordfarmermkt@aol.com	Sat	10:00a-3:00p	sanfordfl.gov
16	Windermere FM	Windermere Town Square, 614 Main St.	Cheryl	407-625-3818		Fri	9:00a-2:00p	
17	Winter Garden FM	104 S Lakeview Ave, Winter Garden		407-656-4155	wintergardenfarmersmarket.com	Sat	9:00a-2:00p	
18	Winter Park FM	200 W New England Ave, Winter Park		407-599-3397	recreation/activities-events/saturday-farmers-market	Sat	7:00a-1:00p	would welcome local growers
19	Winter Springs FM	Winter Springs Town Ctr next to Wendy's		321-436-5672	winterspringsfarmersmarket.com	Sat	9:00a-2:00p	would love to have local growers
20	Homegrown Coop	2310 N Orange Ave, Orlando		407-895-5559	homegrowncoop.org	Weds, Sat	12:00n-7:00p	organic only; requires visit to grower and interview; always looking for new growers
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