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Clemson Farmers Market opens today

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CLEMSON — The new Clemson Farmers Market will mark the first of 21 consecutive Fridays of operation when it opens from 4 to 8 p.m. today in front of Crosspoint Church in the Lakeview Shopping Center.

The market will include the sale of produce or products grown, produced or prepared by the vendors, consisting of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, meat, eggs, honey, milk and cheese; other agricultural or horticulture produce, such as bedding plants, plant starts and similar items; value-added foods and prepared food items; and selected handicrafts.

All produce, prepared foods and crafted goods must be locally grown or produced by the vendor.

Vendors are required to pay a $25 fee for the season, and the market staff must approve their products before they can be sold. All applicable permits, certifications and licenses must be visibly displayed during the market, and South Carolina does not allow any food items for public sale to be manufactured in a home kitchen.

Vendors are allowed to set up at 3 p.m. They are also required to remain at the market site until closing at 8 p.m. and must vacate the site by 9 p.m.

Those interested in selling items can call (864) 653-2050, e-mail clemsonfarmersmarket@cityofclemson.org or visit clemsonfarmersmarket.org.

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