

First Thursday at the Market to take place today in Clemson

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CLEMSON — More than 30 vendors offering fresh, locally grown produce will be featured at First Thursday at the Market from 3-6 p.m. today at the Patrick Square Village Green on Issaqueena Trail.

The market, which is held rain or shine with all free activities, will feature vendor offerings that include grass-fed beef, heritage pork and fresh seafood, local honey, farm-fresh eggs, jams and jellies, olive oil, dips and salsa, fresh-baked cinnamon rolls, cookies and cakes, boiled peanuts and artisan crafts.

Vendor demonstrations will also feature product sampling and information, music featuring DJ Twon Austin, cooking demonstrations, tastings and recipes from the Mindful Cooking Club and the sale of hot dogs, chips and water.

“First Friday at the Market events are designed to bring the market and Clemson-area community together for great, locally grown and produced products, healthy cooking demos, live music, product demos



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Formerly the first Friday of every month, the farmers market at Patrick Square has been moved to the first Thursday to coordinate with events at The Inn at Patrick Square.

and information,” market manager Kathi Dimmock said. “It fulfills our mission for people to eat healthy.”

Dimmock said information about unique businesses, restaurants, special events and activities and shopping in the Upstate will be available, two electric vehicles will be on display and tourism representatives will also share information and ideas about places to visit and things to do in the area.

In December, Dimmock announced the Clemson Farmers Market would move its First Friday at the Market events to

Thursdays starting in the spring. Dimmock said the move would benefit shoppers and vendors as well as making for a smoother coordination of special events with The Inn at Patrick Square. The First Thursday at the Market for 2018 kicked off May 3 with the fourth annual Healthy Living Expo.

Market partners are the City of Clemson, Patrick Square and Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce. For a complete Market schedule, directions and vendor information, visit clemsonfarmersmarket.org or [facebook.com/clemsonfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/clemsonfarmersmarket).