

Clemson Farmers Market to open season today

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CLEMSON — After seeing the opening of its 2020 season delayed for a month due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clemson Farmers Market will officially open today with social distancing guidelines in mind.

“We will have fewer vendors, as we’re starting with a basic group and we’ll see how it goes,” market manager Kathi Dimmock said. “Our farmers and producers are ready to get their products from the farm to the market and the beautiful open-air lawn on the Patrick Square Village Green.”

The farmers market was originally scheduled to begin in early May, but directives issued by the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, state of South Carolina and city of Clemson forced opening day to be moved. Dimmock said at the time there typically isn’t a lot of produce prior to June.

She said COVID-19 social distancing guidelines require extra space between vendors, thereby limiting the number of vendors that can take part.

“For that reason, we will have approximately 25 vendors offering fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, specialty foods and products and handmade arts and crafts,” Dimmock said. “We hope people will come out and support our vendors. They’ve been working hard to make sure our community has access to fresh produce and other products.”

Established in 2010, the



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mission of the Clemson Farmers Market is to provide healthful food options for the community while promoting local agriculture. The market features fresh local produce and farm products, as well as handmade local arts and crafts.

The farmers market will

be held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday through Sept. 24. First Thursday at the Market specialty markets will take place Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.

Dimmock said the event will be held rain or shine. However, no entertainment, cooking demos, tasting events or special activities will take place per guidelines issued by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture to all farmers operating during the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Hopefully, we’ll be able to bring these activities back to the market soon,” she said.

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