



Weekly Farmer's Market News

The Fall Vegetables Are Still Coming In

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By Kathy Bell

The Saturday morning clouds gave way to a steamy sunny afternoon, and the market was teeming with more people all day long. The Antique Engine Show was back in the park for its annual fall visit. The market had 50 plus vendors this Saturday with vegetables still coming in. We are so very fortunate to have so many local gardeners to supply us with farm fresh produce. If you shopped the Jasper Farmers' Market, you could have picked up some okra, tomatoes, green beans, peppers, summer squash, field peas, watermelon, butternut squash, garlic, potatoes, blueberries, large figs, pears, apples, cut flowers and more. As the weather cools and fall is just around the corner, this is a great time to plant any type of plants- it is really the best time. Joel Field's was at the market with his perennials plants, Ann Shearouse and her shrubs and landscape plants, Mark Harrison and the natives and Zach White with bedding plants and his pansies will be coming soon.

There will be no Jasper's Farmers' market on Oct 4th, as the 28th Annual Marble Festival will be held that weekend. Then the market will be back for just three more Saturdays and on Oct 25th we will close the market for the 2008 season with our normal "End of The Year" party.

The winners of the Longest Winter Squash again were "Old Bethany Farms" of Ball Ground. Ed & Michelle Lawson's butternut measured 12 ¼" The contest ends the last Saturday in September. Ya'll have to harvest that prize-winning squash soon.

The Master Gardeners' table was up and answering questions as normal and helping with information about their upcoming series on vegetable gardening. The Thursday classes will be held on Oct 2nd, 9th and 16th at the Senior Citizen Center and run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm each night. The Senior Citizen Center is located next to Lee Newton Park. For more information about the course go to the Master Gardener's website at www.pickensmg.com or call the County Extension office at 706 253 8840.

The Jasper Farmers' Market is held on Saturday morning from 7:30 - 12:30, through Oct 25th, except for the Saturday on Oct 4. The market location is the Park & Ride Lot, beside Lee

Newton Park, just off of Highway 53, near downtown Jasper, GA. Only handmade or homegrown products can be sold at the Jasper Farmers' Market. For information call Pickens County Extension office at 706 253 8840 or our website- www.pickensmg.com.



Gene Stewart still has plenty vegetables



Ed & Michelle Lawson of "Old Bethany Farms" in Ball Ground



Emily Morgan from "Angel Walks Farm" in Fairmount