

Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets

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Farmers' markets seek to keep food flowing amid SNAP cutoff

Saturday starts the last month of the regular farmers' market season. Without quick action to deal with the federal cutoff of November SNAP funds, many regular market customers would have lost access to the high quality local foods that help families do their best in school, work and home activities.

Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets is working with Farmers Market Fund, the Portland-based organization that operates Double Up Food Bucks, to keep the good food flowing.

Fresh produce is still available thanks to season extension production methods and favorable weather. Storage foods abound.

Starting Nov. 1, a temporary emergency program will allow SNAP customers to continue to get Double Up Food Bucks (DUFEB).

Whether you have just \$1 of SNAP benefits or \$0 SNAP benefits, you can get up to \$20 to spend on local produce at our market. We will help no matter what.

Shoppers should bring their SNAP cards to the market booth (purple tents in Corvallis and green tent in Albany) to get Double Up Food Bucks.

We will "match" \$1 (or even ZERO dollars if needed) with \$20 DUFEB. This currency is good for fruits and vegetables, dried beans, fresh herbs, mushrooms, and plants and seeds that produce food.

No market currency has expired yet this year. DUFEB will expire on Dec 31. Balances on SNAP cards remain valid.

Hours are 9 am to 1 pm at all sites.

The Albany Farmers' Market is at 4th and Ellsworth, occupying the City Hall parking lot and an adjacent block of 4th Avenue on Saturdays.

The Corvallis Farmers' Market is at 1st and Jackson. On Saturdays, it covers 1.5 blocks of 1st Street (½ block north of Jackson Ave. south to Monroe Ave.), plus a block of Monroe Ave. from 1st to 2nd Street.