



# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **15<sup>th</sup> season of State Street Farmers' market launches May 3**

**Bristol (TN)**-The State Street Farmers' Market (SSFM) launches its 15<sup>th</sup> season, May 3, providing bedding plants of all kinds, seasonal farm-fresh produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses, and other specialty foods to State Street in downtown Bristol each week. This year's market will feature a number of returning vendors and will again be hosted at the Downtown Center, 810 State Street.

The market has seen substantial growth since its initial launch in 1999. "What began as a small scale parking lot market has grown significantly into a signature City event on State Street," said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations for the city. "We are thrilled that the market has become not only a great place to shop for the quality and nutritional aspect, but also to spend money locally in support of the community."

The market is once again participating in the EBT program. The market season runs from May through October and is open every Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. In July the SSFM will begin hosting an evening market on Wednesdays and will open at 3:00 P.M. "The market always has something going on, from our chef's demonstrations, to our annual poster series, there is always something new at the market," Mike Musick, Recreation Superintendent said. "On the first Saturday of each month one of six in our poster series is made available, that is as long as they last, so get there early."

To find out more about market events and produce offerings go to [www.statestreetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.statestreetfarmersmarket.com). If you wish to become a vendor, contact Mike Musick @ 423-764-4023 or email at [mmusick@bristoltn.org](mailto:mmusick@bristoltn.org)

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