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Farmers Market Accepting EBT Purchases
Putting Locally Grown, Healthy Foods on the Table

(JACKSON, MS) The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) will be hosting a public awareness event Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mississippi Farmers Market Building located at 929 High Street in Jackson.

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Southeast Regional Administrator Don Arnette and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) FNS Associate Administrator Jessica Shahin are among the speakers for the event.

MDHS, along with MDAC, are partnering in an effort to promote the purchase of locally grown, healthy foods through the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Farmers Market Program.

Beginning April 1, 2010, recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) could purchase food items from select vendors at the Farmers Market using their EBT card.

“We are excited to partner with MDAC to offer to our SNAP recipients the opportunity to buy homegrown, fresh foods and encourage these families to eat healthy,” said MDHS Executive Director Don Thompson. “The Farmers Market is an excellent choice for buying fresh foods and we hope that SNAP recipients will take this opportunity to visit the market and buy Mississippi products.”

The Mississippi Farmers Market is open seasonally. Hours of operation may be found by either visiting the website at: www.msfarmersmarket.com or calling 601-354-6573.

SNAP recipients are encouraged to visit the Market and take advantage of this opportunity to purchase locally grown, fresh foods for their families.

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