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Farmers' Markets Move Indoors Across Vermont

Richmond – Farmers' markets throughout Vermont are going year-round this winter. Data released today by NOFA Vermont shows there are 11 year-round farmers' markets in the state, as well as a number of holiday winter markets this winter. This marks a significant increase over last year, almost doubling the number of winter markets from 2007.

As interest in eating more local food has grown, farmers have found creative strategies to stretch the bounty of the fall harvest over the winter months. Farmers are offering both products traditionally available in the winter (such as meats, eggs, cheese, maple syrup, jams, wines, and root vegetables) as well as working with season extension techniques, such as greenhouses, to produce fresh vegetables late into the winter months. Some farmers are also offering products such as local tomato sauces and frozen strawberries.

Weekly farmers' markets will be held throughout the winter in Rutland, Morrisville, and Dorset while other communities will hold bi-monthly or monthly markets. Other markets are choosing to host a single Holiday Market before Thanksgiving. Dates, times, and locations of the markets can be found online at www.nofavt.org.

2008-09 Vermont Winter Farmers' Markets

Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market

Location: The River Garden, in the heart of downtown Brattleboro.

Dates: Saturdays, 10am-3pm - November through December weekly, January through March twice monthly.

Contact: Sherry Maher - 802-869-2141; info@postoilsolutions.org
www.postoilsolutions.org

Burlington Winter Farmers' Market

Location: Memorial Auditorium, Corner of Main St and S. Union in downtown Burlington

Dates: Saturdays 10am-2pm – Thanksgiving Market November 22, Winter Market 3rd Saturday of the month, December through April

Contact: Chris Wagner - 888-889-8188, info@burlingtonfarmersmarket.org
www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org

Chelsea Grange Winter Farmers' Market

Location: The Grange Hall is located at 260 VT Route 110 in Chelsea.

Dates: Thanksgiving Market Nov 17, 9-2. Winter Market held the second Saturday of the month starting December 8th.

Contact: Anne Carroll - 802-685-9962

Champlain Islands Winter Farmers Market

Location: South Hero Congregational Church basement

Dates: November 22nd, 10am-2pm then the 1st Saturday of the month December through April

Contact: Christine Bourque- 372-3420; harmonyvt@yahoo.com

Dorset Winter Farmers' Market

Location: J.K. Adams Kitchen Store and Factory on Rte 30 in Dorset

Dates: Sundays 10am- 2 pm; October 19- February 22

Contact: Philippa Cully - 802-558-8511; marketmanager@dorsetfarmersmarket.com
<http://www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com>

Lamoille Valley Year Round Farmers Artisan Market

Location: Pleasant St, Downtown Morrisville

Dates: Wednesdays 3-7pm - year round

Contact: Amy Walker - FAMmanager@gmail.com
<http://farmersartisanmarket.com>

Montpelier Capital City Winter Farmers' Market

Dates & Location: Thanksgiving Market November 22, 2008 - held in gym of Montpelier High School on Bailey St. All other markets 1st and 3rd Saturdays of months December through April will be held at VT College Gym

Contact: Jesse Schmidt - 802-685-4360; manager@montpelierfarmersmarket.com
<http://www.montpelierfarmersmarket.com/>

Middlebury Winter Farmer's Market

Location: Town Hall Theatre

Dates: 10am-2pm, December 6 & December 13, then the 4th Saturday of the month, January through April.

Contact: Susan Smiley - 802-388-6601; susansmiley@comcast.net

Norwich Winter Farmers' Market

Dates & Location: 10:00 - 1:00. November 22, & December 6: Norwich Grange, 344 Main St. January 10, Feb 7, March 7, & April 4, 2009 Tracy Hall, on the green
Deb Jones - 802-436-1630; manager@NorwichFarmersMarket.org
<http://www.norwichfarmersmarket.org/>

Rutland Winter Farmers' Market

Location: The Old Strand Theater behind the Rutland Natural Food Market

Dates: Saturdays 10-2 - November through May

Contact: Greg Cox - 802-438-9803

Williston Farmer's Market Off-Season Market

Location: Located in the meeting room of the Old Brick Church across from the Town Hall

Dates: 9am - 1pm. November 15, December 13, 2008; January 10, Feb 7, March 7, April 4, 2009.

Contact: Christina Mead - 802-872-7728, christinamead@verizon.net;
www.willistonfarmersmarket.com

NOFA Vermont is a non-profit association of farmers, gardeners, and consumers working to promote an economically viable and ecologically sound Vermont food system for the benefit of current and future generations.