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Bradenton Farmers Market is now participating in Fresh Access Bucks *Program increases access to healthy food for SNAP recipients*

(Gainesville, Fla. – November 29, 2016) – The [Bradenton Farmers Market](#) is now participating in Fresh Access Bucks, a program that increases access to healthy, local, fresh produce for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients.

A program of Florida Organic Growers (FOG), Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) is a statewide incentive program designed to encourage SNAP recipients to redeem their benefits at farmers markets to purchase fresh, healthy foods directly from Florida farmers.

At participating markets, FOG matches what a SNAP cardholder spends with FREE Fresh Access Bucks - up to \$20, every market day. Customers can use them right away or later on to buy Florida grown fruits and vegetables.

For example, a SNAP shopper who spends \$10 of their SNAP benefits at a participating market receives an additional \$10 to purchase fresh, local produce. Currently there are 28 farmers markets and two CSAs participating in Fresh Access Bucks throughout the state. In addition to increasing the affordability and accessibility of healthy foods, nutrition education efforts, such as cooking demos, at FAB markets is integral to increasing the purchase and consumption of fresh, local produce.

“The Bradenton Farmers Market is very pleased to be a part of the FAB network,” said Peg Haynes, market manager. “Being able to offer fresh Florida vegetables to SNAP participants is an amazing opportunity to encourage healthy eating while supporting our local farmers.”

The market is located at 400 12th St. W. near Old Main St. in Downtown Bradenton and is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. October through May.

FOG is a nonprofit that supports and promotes organic and sustainable agriculture and local food by educating consumers, farmers, future farmers, businesses, policy makers and the general public.

For more information on the Bradenton Farmers Market, please visit their [website](#).

For more information on FAB and the other participating markets around the state, please visit the FAB [website](#).

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