



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, agriculture is Idaho's leading natural resource-based industry, contributing more than \$5.6 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets in Idaho are growing in size and popularity, doubling in number in three years to a total of 48 markets throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets stimulate the local economy by directly supporting local farmers and reinvesting money back into the community; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are critically important in educating consumers about local food systems and where their food comes from; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers markets are a great place to buy fresh, local products, of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho strongly supports and promotes the development, operation and expansion of Idaho's farmers market;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 2-8, 2009 as

Farmers Market Week

in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the many benefits of farmers markets in the State of Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 3rd day of August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twentieth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

C.L. "Butch" Otter
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GOVERNOR