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Idaho Farmers Market Week to Kick Off August 7th

In recognition of the importance of farmers markets to the state, Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter proclaimed August 7-13, 2016 as Idaho Farmers Market Week, in conjunction with National Farmers Market Week.

Farmers markets are an excellent source of quality local products and truly showcase the bounty of Idaho agriculture. There now are 44 markets throughout Idaho.

The Idaho Farmers Market Association (IFMA) and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) have been working with stakeholders to help promote farmers markets throughout the year and especially during Farmers Market Week. Kaz Thea, IFMA Board chair, invites everyone to celebrate the occasion.

"National Farmers' Market Week is a great opportunity to celebrate our 44 Idaho farmers markets across the state," Thea said. "These markets provide communities with the chance to celebrate our local farmers and preserve America's rural livelihood, stimulate local economies, gain access to fresh and nutritious food to support healthy communities and promote sustainability."

Idaho farmers markets continue to be popular locations for purchasing local food and agricultural products, including fresh vegetables and fruits, meats, honey and more. ISDA Director Celia Gould echoed the strengths of these venues. "Farmers markets serve as a great nexus for bringing together producers and vendors with the general public to share in Idaho's premier local products."

Special events and activities will be coordinated by individual markets across the state. Visit www.agri.idaho.gov for a complete listing of farmers markets statewide including dates, locations and times to find a local market near you. For more information on Idaho's farmers market you also can visit the Idaho Farmers Market Associations website at www.idahofma.org.