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## News and Upcoming Events

April and May 2012

Local markets featuring produce:

- Friendly Market is open daily with a full scale farmer's market each Saturday, Bo Quinn sells his strawberries and farm produce as well as selections from the big market in Raleigh.
- Morehead City Saturday Market opens every second Saturday starting April 14th and Joe Merrell brings his own berries and other veggies from Raleigh too.
- Swansboro Market will open Wednesday mornings, April 25 and Saturday mornings, April 28 for the season.
- Curb Market will open every Saturday morning starting May 5th, Jarvis and Glenn will sell what they grow in Bettie, Stephen will bring his produce from Morehead City.
- Underground Farm from Smyrna will sell their produce, too.

Saturday April 21 at Friendly Market - Glenn Howell and his FFA students will repeat the Great Tomato Contest, this time it is open to adults! Both kids and adults this year can compete to grow the biggest tomato they can from the free mystery transplant available at the Friendly Market on the morning of April 21; 808-7294 for more information.

Upcoming Festivals that feature only NC products

April 28 - NC Pickle Festival, Mt Olive  
Sept 6-9 Collard Festival, Ayden  
June 16 NC Blueberry Festival, Burgaw  
May 19 NC Potato Festival, Elizabeth City  
Oct 5-6 Pumpkin Festival, Spring Hope

Three CSAs are selling memberships like crazy, we knew this would be hot! want to join? Sign up quickly!

- Crystal Coast Organics, operated by J. R. Sweet in Stella, 241-5261, [spf183@gmail.com](mailto:spf183@gmail.com)
- Two Bees Farm, worked by Tanya Scott in Newport, 342-3447, [seahorsenc@gmail.com](mailto:seahorsenc@gmail.com), [www.twobeesfarm.blogspot.com/](http://www.twobeesfarm.blogspot.com/)
- Underground Farm, operated by Catherine Elkins and Daniel Johnson, 515-4799, [undergroundfarmnc@gmail.com](mailto:undergroundfarmnc@gmail.com), hosting a forum on CSAs Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 (see attached).

All are operating organically and have different plans and ideas. Check them out for the 2012 season.

Here is a fun video from Crystal Coast Organics' [website](#).

Cooperative Extension lists these events at CMAST:

Free, but please register      252-222-6359

- Friday, March 23 from 3:30-5:00 - 'Summer Vegetable Garden'
- Tuesday June 5, Thursday June 7 or Friday July 20 from 9-12 - 'Home Food Preservation/ Canning'

And don't forget to visit the the Master Gardener's Leffers vegetable garden in Beaufort behind Historical Site; helpful volunteers are often working there early Tuesday mornings.

Beekeeper's club meeting happens every second Monday at 7:00 at the Morehead City Parks and Rec building, agenda and details at [crystalcoastbeekeepers.com](http://crystalcoastbeekeepers.com).

## Our Mission

To protect and to promote a food culture that builds community, sustains a local economy, nurtures a healthy environment, and produces delicious food!



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