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Vendors bring fresh produce, fare to Quad-City area farmers markets

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Heather Whiting of Hampton pays for produce she bought from Jill Craver of Craver's Little Red Barn, Taylor Ridge, at the Freight House Farmers Market in this 2013 file photo.

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Here is a list of 2016 farmers markets around the region:

Iowa


- The Davenport Farmers Market, with vendors from the Mississippi Valley Growers Association, operates at NorthPark Mall, 320 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, in an area between the J.C. Penney and Sears stores. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning May 4. It operates through October.
- The Davenport Freight House Farmers Market, which is open year-round at 421 W. River Drive, will open its outdoor market on Saturday, May 7. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays (indoors and outdoors), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays (indoors and outdoors) and 3-6 p.m. Tuesdays (outdoors only).
- The Bettendorf Farmers Market, operated by the Mississippi Valley Growers Association, has added a day of operation. The market will be open from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays beginning in May and running through October at 2117 State St.
- The Lyons Farmers Market in 4-Square Park, Clinton, opens May 25 and runs through Nov. 5. Hours are 8-11 a.m. Saturdays and 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays.
- The DeWitt Farmers Market operates 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning in mid-June in Lincoln Park. The market will close for the season in mid-October.
- The Camanche Farmers Market will be open 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning May 31 and closing Oct. 18 at 103 21st St., the former rollerskating rink.

- The Durant Farmers Market will be operating 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning May 18 through Sept. 21 at Pythian Sisters Park.
- The Maquoketa Farmers Market will be open 4-6:30 Tuesdays beginning May 17 and ending Oct. 18 in the parking lot of the Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E. Platt St.
- The Tipton Farmers Market operates year-round on Thursdays. Hours for the summer market are 4-6 p.m. from May 5 through October at the corner of 5th and Cedar streets on the north lawn of the Cedar County Courthouse. The winter market hours are 3-5 p.m. at 116 E. 5th St.
- The Muscatine Farmers Market is open 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays from May 7 through Oct. 29 in the parking lot across from City Hall at the corner of 3rd and Cedar streets. A second market will be open 2:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 1903 Park Ave. (the Muscatine Mall) from May 3 through the end of October.
- The Columbus Junction Farmers Market is open from May 13 through Oct. 14. Hours are 4:30-6:30 p.m. Fridays at the Youth Center on the Louisa County Fairgrounds.
- The West Branch Farmers Market is operating from 3:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays from June 7 through mid-October at the corner of Main and Downey streets.
- The West Liberty Downtown Farmers Market runs every Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. from May 4 until the end of October in the 100 block of Spencer Street.

Illinois

- The Positive Empowerment Group will operate several markets selling chemical-free produce in Rock Island. The first one is at Franklin Field, 9th Street and 12th Avenue, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from the middle of June until the end of October. Destiny Garden at 10th Street and 4th Avenue will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays from mid-June through October. The Cunningham-Brooks Farmers Market at 4th Avenue and 9th Street will sell produce from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday from mid-June until the end of October.
- The Quad-City Fruit and Vegetable Growers market at UnityPoint Health Trinity Moline is open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 7th Street and John Deere Road. The market opens for the season May 7 and closes Oct. 29.

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- The Quad-City Fruit and Vegetable Growers East Moline market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning May 4 in the Skate City parking lot, 1112 Avenue of the Cities. The market runs through Oct. 29.
- The Quad-City Fruit and Vegetable Growers also will be operating a market from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays beginning June 5 at the Rock Island County Health Department, 2112 25th Ave., Rock Island. The market closes for the season Oct. 30.
- The Geneseo Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays beginning June 4 and ending Oct. 29 at the City Park along Pearl Street.
- The Morrison Farmers Market is open 8-11 a.m. Saturdays from May 21 through Sept. 24 in the parking lot at 202 E. Lincolnway Road. An evening market also will be open 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, in downtown Morrison.
- The Twin City Farmers Market is open year-round at 106 Ave. A, Sterling. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.
- The Aledo Main Street Farmers Market opens June 9 and closes Oct. 13. Hours are 4-6 p.m. Thursdays in the parking lot of Central Park.
- The Kewanee Farmers Market will sell items from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays from May 21 through October at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Tremont Street.

If you have a farmers market that is not listed here, contact Lucinda Resnick, who compiles this list, at 563-383-2330 or lresnick@qctimes.com.