



the ann arbor market

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Join the 3rd Annual HomeGrown Festival

On Saturday, **Sept. 11, from 6 to 11 p.m.**, the **HomeGrown Festival** comes to the Ann Arbor Farmers Market site. The HomeGrown Festival celebrates **local** food and community and seeks to focus broad mainstream attention on the community-wide benefits (and pleasure!) of eating from our own foodshed. Enjoy good food and drink, music and fun for the whole family! Entry to the HomeGrown Festival is **FREE**, and food and drink are available to purchase.

A **dozen chefs** will be working with local farms to create affordable tasting portions of the best of our region's harvest. There will also be dozens of local beers and wines (and mead and hard cider) for grown-ups to enjoy. Project Grow will be back with their astounding heirloom tomato tasting - over **50 varieties!** Lots of kids' activities (mural arts, music-making), artisans, a huge silent auction and a fantastic lineup of music.

Return of the Oral History Project

The Ann Arbor Farmers Market's Oral History Project is being revived, just in time for the **2010 harvest season!** We will be hosting a booth every other Wednesday at the market where shoppers, vendors, and community members can share their **memories** of the market. Stop by to **share your story** or learn more, between **8 and 10 a.m. Sept. 8**. Whether you're a longtime shopper or a new friend of the market, we'd love hear all about what the Ann Arbor Farmers Market means to **you**.

Double Up Food Bucks comes to the Ann Arbor Farmers Market

We are very excited that **Double Up Food Bucks**, a project of the Fair Food Network, is coming to the Ann Arbor Farmers Market on **Sept. 7!** With the generous support of Open Society Foundations, the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and others, this great program makes healthy food more accessible to low-income urban families while creating new sales opportunities for Michigan farmers.

When a person eligible for SNAP (**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**) benefits uses his or her EBT Bridge Card to shop for food at a farmers' market, the amount of money that he or she spends is matched with Double Up Food Bucks bonus tokens. The tokens can then be exchanged for Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

For more information on Double Up Food Bucks, visit www.doubleupfoodbucks.org.