## 10 Reasons to Visit Your Local Farmers Market

## National Farmers' Market Week is Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!

- 1. <u>EAT SEASONALLY</u> Freshly picked produce is at peak flavor & nutrition. Delicious!
- 2. <u>BUY LOCALLY</u> Supporting local farmers helps the local economy & strengthens our community
- 3. <u>BE ADVENTUROUS</u> Garlic Scapes? Dandelion Greens? Here's a great opportunity to try a new fruit or a new vegetable
- 4. <u>STAY HEALTHY</u> Fruits and Vegetables are full of natural compounds called "phytonutrients" that are beneficial to overall health
- 5. <u>LEARN SOMETHING NEW</u> Many farmers will share their recipe favorites, seasoning and prep tips.
- 6. <u>SAVE MONEY</u> Organic produce prices at a farmers market will beat prices at the supermarket for organic produce.
- MAKE PURCHASES CONVENIENTLY Most farmers markets accept both cash or credit card payments, and others are eligible to process SNAP benefits and accept Senior Nutrition Farmers Market coupons.
- 8. <u>CONSERVE FUEL</u> Your nearest farmers market is likely in the center of town or just one town over.
- GET SOME EXERCISE Is your farmers' market close enough to walk to? Get some exercise just browsing about.

AND 10. <u>JUST HAVE FUN</u> - Enjoy the music, make new friends, enjoy the day!