

## Two Turnpike Farmers Markets Start Selling Season

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — Two farmers markets were scheduled to re-open on the Pennsylvania Turnpike on Friday, May 3, according to Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius.

"Now that winter has finally let go of its grip on the North East, farmers have set their sights on the new growing season," Brosius said. "Many of them will be offering early season vegetables, plants and farm specialties for sale at farmers markets around Pennsylvania, including two on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Other farm-fresh products will be available at all of these markets as the growing season progresses.

"The Ridge administration is committed to expanding agricultural markets and increasing farm profitability," Brosius said. "Farmers markets are a win-win situation. Consumers can buy fresh wholesome products and far-

mers are the direct benefactor from increased sales."

The markets opening this weekend for travelers on the Turnpike are located at the Sideling Hill Service Plaza and Allentown Service Plaza. Both markets were in operation last year under a successful pilot program.

The Sideling Hill Service Plaza is accessible to east- and west-bound traffic between exits 12 and 13. Hours are Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On holiday weekends, Monday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ten vendors are scheduled to sell fruits and vegetables, potted plants and bedding plants, baked goods, eggs and honey.

Hours at the north and south-bound Allentown Service Plaza near Exit 33 are Friday from 11 a.m. to dusk, Saturday from 10 a.m. to dusk and Sunday from 11 a.m. to dusk. On holiday

weekends, Monday hours are 11 a.m. to dusk.

Two other markets are tentatively scheduled to open on the Pennsylvania Turnpike around Memorial Day. The market at the New Stanton Service Plaza will be accessible to westbound traffic only, while the Valley Forge Service Plaza will allow eastbound traffic a market stop.

Pennsylvania's 50,000 farm families and 2,300 food process-

ing companies are known nationally and internationally for their quality products. They support a complex \$43 billion industry which creates jobs for 20 percent of the commonwealth's residents.

For more information on farm markets or pick-your-own locations, call a regional office of the Department of Agriculture:

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• Region 2 — Williamsport,

(717) 327-3550 (northcentral Pa.)  
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### Indiana Farmers

HOMER CITY, PA  
MAY 2, 1996

CATTLE: 130: Steers: Steady to 1.50 higher; Cows: Steady to 3.00 Higher; Bulls: Steady.

STEERS: Choice 1150/1400 lbs, 52.00-55.50; Select 44.75-51.00; Standard 37.75-42.00.

HEIFERS: Few Choice 53.00-54.25; Few Select 46.75-49.75; Few Standard 36.00-40.75.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.00-39.00; Cutter and Boning Utility

29.50-34.00; Canner and Low Cutter 24.25-28.75; Shells down to 18.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1000/1600 lbs, 38.25-49.25, one at 53.00; Yield Grade 1150/1700 lbs, 32.50-37.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few STEERS: M&L 1 400/700, 41.00-56.00; HEIFERS: M1 300/525 lbs, 40.00-46.00; Few BULLS: M&L 1 475/750 lbs, 28.00-34.50.

CALVES: 78: Vealers: Choice 125 lbs, 61.00-92.00; Good 125/290 lbs, 33.00-54.00; Standard and Good 70/95 lbs, 21.50-40.00; Utility 50 lbs, 10.00-15.00; FARM CALVES: Steady to 25.00 higher; No 1 Holstein Bulls 90/120 lbs,

75.00-118.00; No 2 Holstein Bulls 85/120 lbs, 35.00-62.50; Few No 1 Holstein Heifers 95/110 lbs, 87.50-120.00; Beef Cross Bulls & Heifers 80/110 lbs, 35.00-77.50.

HOGS: 77: Barrows and Gilts: Steady to 3.00; 210/250 lbs, 45.00-53.25; 1-3 110/170 lbs, 48.00-49.00.

SOWS: 1-3 300/425 lbs, 25.25-36.25.

BOARS: 150/425 lbs, 22.75-38.25.

FEEDER PIGS: 2: US 1-3 30 lbs, 25.00/hd.

SHEEP: 2: Good and Ch 100/115 lbs, 45.00-46.00.

GOATS: 8: Large 46.00-59.00; Large Kids 17.00-25.00.



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