

Maryland Boasts 66 Farmers' Markets

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland consumers will have more opportunities than ever this season to share in the fresh flavor bounty of the state's fruits and vegetables, as a record 66 community farmers' markets will be operating throughout Maryland during 1998.

This is three more markets than operated in 1997, according to Dr. Henry A. Virts, Maryland secretary of agriculture.

New markets will be opening in the counties of Anne Arundel (Crofton), Carroll County (Sykesville), Harford (Bel Air, Sunday market), Prince George's (Mount Ranier and Riverdale), Queen Anne's (Queenstown) and Talbot (St. Michaels). That's seven new markets.

Two markets in the Columbia section of Howard County combined at one location and a market in Federalsburg, Caroline County, will not operate. Two markets in Montgomery County (Damascus and Germantown) are dropping out.

The new market at Queenstown is notable in that it brings a farmers' market to Queen Anne's County for the first time in recent years. Only two (Cecil and Somerset) of Maryland's 23 counties are not yet home to a farmers' market.

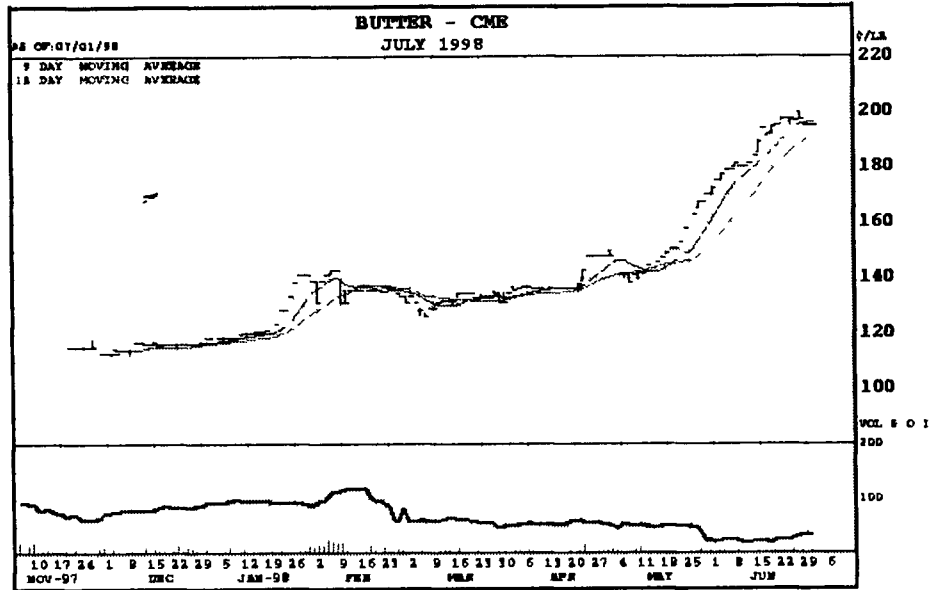
Helping this year's new markets develop, as well as helping the majority of the 63 continuing markets, has been the goal of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's farmers' market program, which began in 1990 and has played an active role in about 40 of the state's markets.

Most Maryland farmers' markets operate on the "producer's only" rule, meaning that vendors are permitted to sell only what they produce on their farms or in their homes.

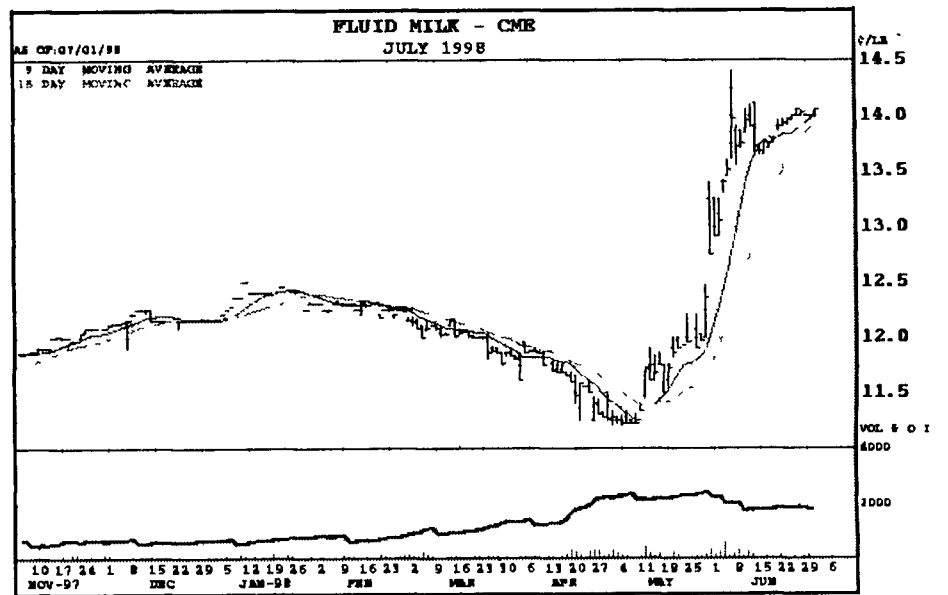
For a complete, updated list of the state's farmers' markets giving the locations, days and hours of operation and other information, interested persons can visit the department's web page at: <http://www.mda.state.md.us/market/fmd.htm>

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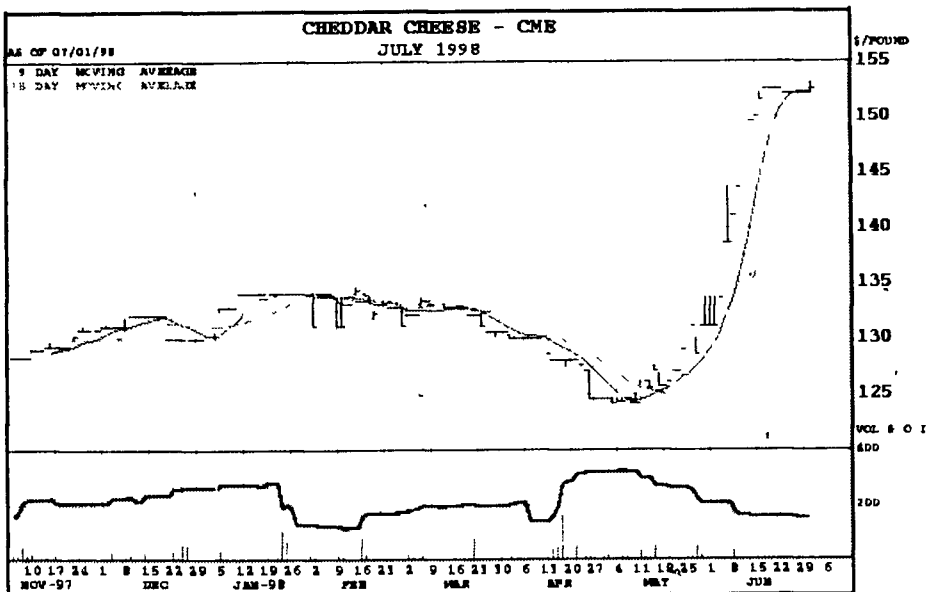
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BUN8 - 07 01 98	134.00	163.00	129.00	199.00	00.00	
- - Moving Average		-		Momentum		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
195722	190465	177116	1093	416.00	+34.00	
- - Stochastic		-		Directional Indicator		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
%D	11.11	17.78	20.00	2.00	1.33	6.33
%K	47.58	81.67	84.32	07.37	32.03	20.14
%J	76.12	98.67	91.12	41.14	95.74	7.76
- - Relative Strength		-		Historic Volatility		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
	74.05	79.60	90.94	8.75%	17.76%	15.88%



Symbol	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	
FFM8 - 07 01 98	140.00	140.50	111.00	111.00	0.00	
- - Moving Average		-		Momentum		
Day	09	18	40	04	18	40
1999	1789	1792	1792	26	49	63
- - Stochastic		-		Directional Indicator		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
%D	100.00	88.89	67.16	68.30	13.38	14.11
%K	88.58	80.15	67.24	9.77	9.11	10.11
%J	80.67	74.66	77.47	45.00	45.18	74.24
- - Relative Strength		-		Historic Volatility		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
	74.65	75.62	74.11	4.55%	7.66%	15.59%



Symbol	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	
CFM8 - 07 01 98	150.00	150.00	127.00	127.00	0.00	
- - Moving Average		-		Momentum		
Day	09	18	40	04	18	40
14166	15077	12876	11	11	11	00
- - Stochastic		-		Directional Indicator		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
%D	50.00	81.71	76.55	AD	8.11	18.49
%K	39.01	90.91	97.73	1.66	8.11	1.34
%J	37.77	41.00	97.81	01.71	07.37	6.81
- - Relative Strength		-		Historic Volatility		
Day	09	14	20	04	14	20
	96.85	88.81	85.83	9.07%	11.17%	1.14%

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