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PASTA, PEACHES, PRODUCE
Farmers Market Festival Sure to Please

FOREST CITY, N.C. - It's all about the 16th letter of the alphabet this weekend at the Farmers Market. The proud "P" will be leading the day with the Pasta Festival, featuring pasta from Valley Fine Foods of Forest City. Keeping the tradition of a monthly pie contest, the market will be pretty pleased to welcome your Peach Pie! Last but not least, there will be plenty of fresh, local produce.

If you plan to enter the pie contest, the guidelines require that each pie must contain at least two cups of produce that has been grown in North Carolina, preferably Rutherford County. Entry forms and recipes must be submitted by Thursday, July 31, by mail, fax or email to: Tracy Davis (tracy.davis@ncsu.edu), Cooperative Extension, 193 Callahan Koon Road, Spindale, NC 28160. Recipes will be judged on taste, texture and appearance. Pies must arrive at the Farmers Market by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2. Pie judging begins at 10:00 a.m. and the announcement of winners will be at the end of the judging. Patrons and vendors at the Farmers Market will have a chance to taste the entries after judging is complete.

The Farmers Market is open every Saturday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Rutherford County Transit Department provides free transportation on Tuesdays. All you need to do is schedule an appointment by calling 287-6142. This service is only available on Tuesdays. For more information about the programs scheduled at the Farmers Market, call the events line at 247-4430.

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