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Farmers Market Comes to Courthouse Parking Lot on Saturday

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Starting Saturday, June 27, the Fayetteville Farmers Market Association will operate a farmers market in the Cumberland County Courthouse parking lot located off Gillespie Street, across from the Old Courthouse.

Cumberland County has approved the association's application to set up the market every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. from April through October. Vendors will be selling items such as vegetables, berries, honey, eggs, flowers and soaps. Products will vary month to month based on the growing season.

Kenny Bailey, agricultural extension agent with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension-Cumberland County Center, serves as an adviser to the association.

“The benefit of the farmers market to the community is two-fold,” Bailey said. “It will benefit the local farmers who need a market for their produce, and it will allow the community to purchase locally-grown fruits and vegetables that are usually of a better quality than those found in commercial grocery stores.”

The association will continue to conduct a farmers market on Wednesday afternoons in the parking lot behind the AIT Building just down from the Headquarters Library on Maiden Lane, Bailey said.

Individuals interested in selling produce at the market should contact Vickie Mullins, president of the association, at (910) 484-8967.

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For more information about the Fayetteville Farmers Market Association, go to <http://www.thefayettevillefarmersmarket.com/>. Learn more about the Cooperative Extension service at <http://cumberland.ces.ncsu.edu/>.