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## Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market Kicks Off 11<sup>th</sup> Year

RARITAN TWP – The Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market begins its 11<sup>th</sup> year with several new vendors, a Second Sunday Series of themed programs and a bounty of local farm-fresh food.

The producers-only market runs every Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from May 21 to Nov. 19 at the Dvoor Farm, 111 Mine St. in Raritan Township. Shoppers can find organic vegetables, grass-fed beef, artisan breads, cheeses, honey, pies, plants, locally roasted coffee, milk, eggs and more.

New vendors joining the market this year are:

- Best in Bloom – an Annandale-based floral designer using locally grown flowers.
- Black River Spice & Tea Co. – fresh ground herbs and spices; freshly blended seasonings and teas.
- Custom Prepped & Lenny's Cocina De Abuelita -- Latin Caribbean & Sicilian style cooking of "On the Go" items. Nut & Soy free; including many vegan, dairy free and gluten free options.

Returning local farmers and vendors are:

- Apple Ridge Farm – artisan breads and hearty pastries.
- Blue Mist Hollow Farm – perennial and annual plants.
- Bobolink Dairy and Bakehouse -- breads, a variety of cheeses – including cave-ripened cheddar, baulolino and drum – and pasta made with emmer wheat.
- Comeback Farm – organic vegetables.

- Doc Bakers Farmulations -- organic, highly nutritious plant-based beverages.
- Fieldstone Coffee Roasters – Coffee (including beans and ground), teas and more.
- Fired Up Flatbread Co. food truck – pizza, pastries and beverages.
- Fulper Family Farmstead – cheese and yogurt.
- Griggstown Farm – eggs, poultry and poultry products.
- Locktown Farm -- sour pickles, dill pickles, dilly beans, pickled jalapenos and salsa.
- Milford Farms – eggs, beef and pork.
- Phillips Farms -- a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, fruit spreads and preserves, flowers, apple cider and more.
- Purely Farm – eggs, pastured pork and turkey.
- River Lea House -- assortment of garlics including cooking garlic, seed garlic, garlic scape pesto and garlic butter.
- Sandbrook Meadow Farm – organic vegetables.
- Sweet Valley Farm (Starting in June) – seasonal fruits and vegetables including corn, eggplants and tomatoes.
- Toadshade Wildflower Farm – native plant seeds, teas and nuts.
- WoodsEdge Farm – llama and alpaca products, honey.

This year, the Farmers' Market new *Second Sunday Series* will feature themed programs: June 11, children's activities; July 9, history; August 13, nature and the environment; Sept. 10, local artisans; Oct. 8, food; and Nov. 12, health. On Nov. 19, HLT will host its annual holiday market.

Farmers' Market sponsors are: Basil Bandwagon Natural Market, McPherson & Newland Insurance, Matt's Red Rooster Grill, ShopRite of Hunterdon County and Peragrín LLC.

The Farmers' Market also provides a boost to the local economy, according to a survey conducted by the nonprofit group Market Umbrella. In 2016, the market had a combined economic impact of \$3.1 million on its vendors, host neighborhood and surrounding region.

Most farmers accept credit cards and several other honor WIC and the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Parking is free and easily accessible.

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