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New website lists location, times for farmers markets in Boston

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A new website lists locations, schedules, and other key information for all of the farmers markets in Boston.

[BostonFarmersMarkets.org](#) is “a one-stop resource for information, locations and events that are happening at the farmers markets in Boston — it is the ‘go to’ place for farmers markets in Boston,” said an announcement from the [Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness](#), which recently launched the site.

Over the past five years, the number of farmers’ markets across the city has nearly doubled, from 13 markets in 2008 to 27 markets today, according to the collaborative.

“Neighborhood markets play a crucial role for food access in urban areas and serves as a place for community connections to happen,” said a statement from Karen Spiller, director of the collaborative.

Since last year, the collaborative has provided technical assistance, market development and promotion service to farmers markets in Boston.

“The Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness promotes healthy and active

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living,” Spiller said. “Part of promoting wellness in our communities is by increasing access to local produce and fresh food.”

“We’re delighted to be supporting and helping market managers and the markets build their capacity for serving all neighborhoods in Boston,” she added. “Farmers market managers are amazing ambassadors for bringing healthy food in their communities and BCCF looks forward to our continued collaboration with them.”

During the 2013 season, the collaborative is promoting several initiatives, including: WIC fruit and vegetable coupons; Senior Farmers Market Coupons; management of the Boston Bounty Bucks program for SNAP food stamp clients; the “Celebrate the Fruits of Our Ocean” seafood campaign; and “Kids Day!” at farmers’ markets.

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