

## The Omaha Farmers' Markets

The Omaha Farmers' Market, located at Old Market and Aksarben Village opened May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> respectfully.



*The Omaha Farmers Market opened in the Old Market in 1994 and at Aksarben Village in 2010. The Old Market location has 110 vendors and Aksarben Village has more than 75 vendors. Both Markets feature a mix of items including fresh produce, plants, meats, cheeses, baked goods and*

*limited number of homemade crafts. In 2011, a third Omaha Farmers Market was started on Wednesday afternoons at the Charles Drew Health Center in North Omaha. The Market will take place in 2012 from June 6 - Sept 5. The Omaha Farmers Market is proud to accept SNAP benefits at all three of their Market locations.*

The Omaha Farmers' Market vendors and managers believe local food/products are important because:

*Local food is not only better for your family, but it helps support local farmers and the local economy, and it's FUN! Buying produce at the Market allows customers to build one-on-one relationships with the people that personally nurtured the production of the items the customer is purchasing and serving for dinner that very evening. The farmers are able to educate their customers on the benefits and uses of each of the products they are selling.*



The Omaha Farmers' Market has been a member of Buy Fresh Buy Local Nebraska since the beginning! They decided to become members because:

*BFBLN seemed like a great networking opportunity to stay in touch with other Markets and what is going on with growers across the state. Buy Fresh, Buy Local Nebraska has helped create awareness and education of the importance of local food in our community.*

For more information visit Omaha Farmers' Market website at: <http://www.omahafarmersmarket.org/> or their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/omahafarmersmarket>

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