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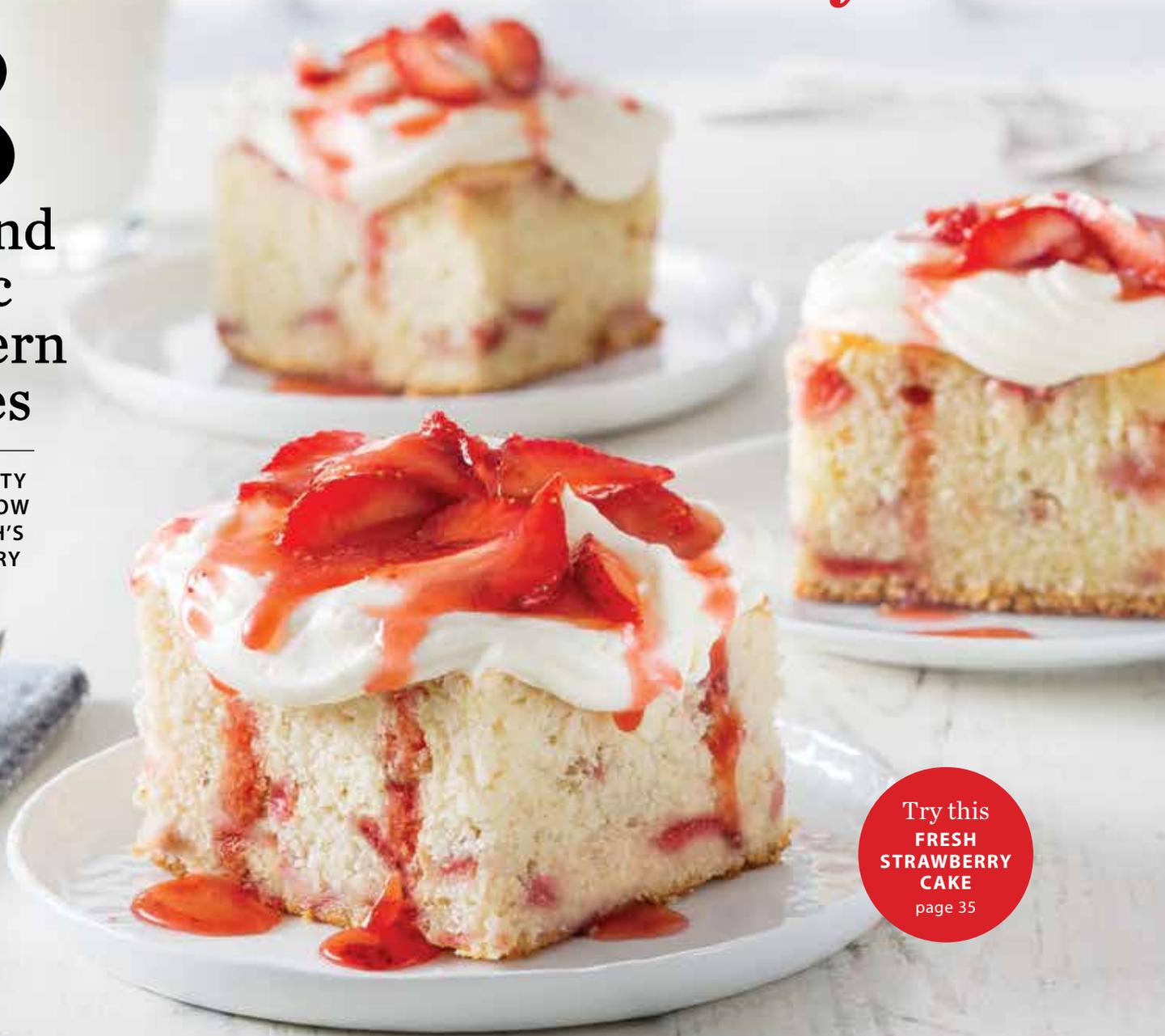
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# 10 FARMERS' MARKETS IN THE SOUTH TO EXPLORE

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THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE WEATHER—or fresh, seasonal produce—of early spring. Whether you're more excited about those first glorious rays of sunshine or the fact that strawberries and Vidalia onions are finally back in season, it's a glorious time to get outside

and bid farewell to winter. Trips to your local markets are a great way to get the most out of this beautiful time of year, so get ready to stretch those legs and dust off your market baskets. The South is warming back up, and our 10 favorite farmers' markets are calling your name.



## 2 CHARLESTON FARMERS MARKET Charleston, South Carolina

Since the late 1980s, the Charleston Farmers Market's mid-April opening has signaled the arrival of warmer weather and fresh, locally sourced goods to the devoted patrons who wait all winter to spend their Saturdays strolling through its tent-lined lanes. Featuring over 100 farmers, artisans, and food vendors, this weekly market in historic downtown Charleston is definitely worth the drive. [charlestonfarmersmarket.com](http://charlestonfarmersmarket.com)

## 3 BARBOUR COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN MARKET | Philippi, West Virginia

When you need to grab fresh ingredients for dinner during the week, a weekday farmers' market is a great place to find tasty, seasonal options that complete your shopping list while also supporting local growers and vendors. You're sure to find what you need (and much more!) at this Monday through Friday market.

[heartandhandhouse.org](http://heartandhandhouse.org)

## 4 WINTER PARK FARMERS MARKET Winter Park, Florida

Located in and around this central Florida city's restored train depot, Winter Park's weekly market has buckets of character and charm to spare. It has become a popular gathering place where everyone is welcome to come and experience the fine produce and other items offered up by the more than 60 vendors located on-site every Saturday morning.

[cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org)



## 5 MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET Chattanooga, Tennessee

Another great option for weekday shopping, this producers-only, farmer-run market provides a link between growers and their consumers every single Wednesday afternoon. All produce must be raised within a 100-mile radius of downtown Chattanooga to be sold, ensuring that the money you spend directly benefits the region in which you spend it.

[mainstfarmersmarket.com](http://mainstfarmersmarket.com)

## 1 FRESHFARM DUPONT CIRCLE MARKET | Washington, D.C.

In the heart of the nation's capital lives a vibrant and lively destination full of friendly locals every Saturday morning throughout the year. As one of the first street markets established in the city, this location is now just one in a network of 15 markets managed by FRESHFARM, a non-profit established to promote sustainable agriculture and improve food access in the region. [freshfarm.org](http://freshfarm.org)

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**6 LAFAYETTE FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET** | *Lafayette, Louisiana*

In the five short years since opening, this Acadiana market has blossomed beneath a gorgeous spread of majestic oak trees, with around 1,200 visitors stopping by every weekend to shop the diverse selection of vendors. The market's proceeds go toward supporting the area's farmers and their families in hopes of making fresh, healthy food available to everyone.

[marketatmoncuspark.com](http://marketatmoncuspark.com)

**7 MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MARKET** | *Jackson, Mississippi*

Whether the sun is shining or April showers are in full effect, head to the Magnolia State to browse an impressive selection of Mississippi-grown and -crafted products under the shelter of a lofty 18,000-square-foot structure built specifically for the market itself. The organizers also coordinate with local cooking schools, restaurants, and chefs to offer cooking demonstrations.

[msfarmersmarket.com](http://msfarmersmarket.com)

**8 THE SOKY MARKETPLACE** | *Bowling Green, Kentucky*

Downtown markets are unbelievably convenient thanks to their central location, and this stop in southern Kentucky is no different. You can immerse yourself in an array of fresh, locally sourced produce in the heart of the city every Saturday morning, or swing by for their night market on the last Thursday of the month from May to August for snacks and entertainment for the whole family.

[sokymarketplace.org](http://sokymarketplace.org)

**9 ATLANTA FARMERS MARKET** | *Atlanta, Georgia*

There are your typical neighborhood farmers' markets, and then there's the Atlanta Farmers Market. Sitting on 150 luscious green acres, you'll find yourself pleasantly strolling between a garden center, the market's very own restaurant, and one of the largest selections of fresh produce in the Southeast. The operating hours of this market's production also set it apart from other smaller markets: it's open 24/7. [atlantafarmersmarket.org](http://atlantafarmersmarket.org)



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**10 COASTAL ALABAMA FARMERS AND FISHERMENS MARKET** | *Foley, Alabama*

One of the hardest things to accept when it comes to our favorite farmers' markets is that they aren't around all year. Thankfully, that's not the case in Foley. Open year-round, this rapidly growing land-and-sea operation features fruits and vegetables as well as freshly caught seafood and will soon make use of its entire 32 acres to best cater to the needs of its loyal market-goers and new guests alike. [coastalalabamamarket.com](http://coastalalabamamarket.com)

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