

## **'CAPITOL MARKET AT THE CAPITOL' MARKS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2015**

**Charleston, W.Va.** – “Capitol Market at the Capitol” will return to the grounds of the West Virginia State Capitol in 2015, offering employees at the complex and East End residents the opportunity to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables. Opening day festivities are set for July 9 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The opening will be postponed in case of heavy rain. West Virginia Department of Agriculture employee Tony Richard, organizer of the event, said that fresh West Virginia peaches will be the highlight of tomorrow’s event. Fruits and vegetables will be for sale on subsequent Thursdays through the market’s August 6 closing date. Market hours will be 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day it is in operation. “This event has been great opportunity for state employees to have a healthier diet, while providing an additional outlet for Capitol Market vendors,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick. “Plus it’s a great model for mobile farmers’ markets that are becoming more common throughout the state. People want to eat local food, but convenience is still a factor in where they shop, and farmers need to consider that in their business plans.”

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