

Best Farmer's Markets in the Valley

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The reaping has begun, the harvest is here and it's time to get the best of the best at your local farmer's market. Here's a look at some markets around the area.



Mesa

Every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, Mesa's community farmer's market sets up shop in front of the Mesa Convention Center and Amphitheater on Center Street and University Drive. Although the market is small, they have everything from produce and honey to doggy treats and tie-dye tees. www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com



Ahwatukee

Surf the seasonal specialties at the Ahwatukee's farmer's market every Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. Not only does this market offer the local tastes of free-range eggs and traditional tamales, but you can also buy everything on one credit card charge. Shopping at farmer's markets just got easier. Market is located at 4700 East Warner Road. www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com



Phoenix

The great thing about Phoenix is the size, and when it comes to farmer's markets in Phoenix, there is no exception. The farmer's market at Roadrunner Park has it all, from a playground for children to special events like dog shows. And with ducks and geese on the premises, it actually feels like a farm. Farmer's market at Roadrunner Park is open every Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com

What can make a farmer's market easier besides being in your own community? Why not choosing what you want before you get there and simply picking it up. This farmer's market is unique because you can browse their

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website for produce, meat and other products, choose one of their 17 pick-up locations and be on your way with farm fresh goodness every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (times vary). Visit www.bestfarmersmarket.com for more information.



Gilbert

Come to downtown Gilbert on 222 North Ash Street every Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. for their local farmer's market. There's something for the whole family with occasional petting zoos that pass through for children and of course, your favorite seasonal crafts. www.gilbertfarmersmarket.com



Chandler

Get an early weekend stock at Chandler's farmer's market every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. with fresh produce and other products from vendors who are braving the heat. Visit www.downtownchandler.org more information on vendors.



South Tempe and North Scottsdale

Sometimes it would be nice to enjoy the luxury of shopping, but leave the whole packing-the-car-and-driving-home bit to someone else. Now, there is that option. There are two farmer's markets (located in South Tempe and North Scottsdale) that are bringing the farm to you. In addition to these markets being open and running every Saturday from 7 to 11 a.m. (12 p.m. at North Scottsdale location), these markets are the first to offer a delivery service to your front door so you don't even have to step outside. Visit www.azlocalfarmersmarkets.com for more information.