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## Check out these farmers markets around the area



People check out vendors at the Illinois Product Farmers Market on May 7 in Springfield.  
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As May rolls on, it means the return of farmers markets returning to the Springfield area.

From fresh produce to other home-made goods, the markets usually offer up something for everyone.

While some are already underway, others are set to begin soon.

Here's a rundown of some of the markets to check out this year.

**Old Capitol Farmers Market**

**What:** Back for its 27th year, the quintessential downtown market offers fresh produce and homemade goods from dozens of farms and other local businesses.

**When:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every

Saturday and Wednesday from May 13 through Oct. 21.

**Where:** South Fourth Street and 400 E. Adams St. in Springfield.

**Westside Market**

**What:** Started by entrepreneur Celeste Malham with other woman-owned businesses in Springfield, the Westside Market kicked off in 2025 and is celebrating their second year in the parking lot between Papo's Cafe and Shayna Gibbons Keeley boutique. The market will have handmade items only, featuring cooked goods and bread, opposed to items bought and resold.

**When:** June 14.

**Where:** Papo's Cafe, 3290 W. Iles Ave., Springfield.

**When:** The second Sunday of each month from June to November 2 p.m.

to 5 p.m.

**Illinois Product Farmers Market**

**What:** The Illinois Department of Agriculture's Illinois Product Farmers Markets brings farmers from downstate, central and Chicagoland together to make buying fresh food affordable and relatable. There's also live music.

This year at the fair, make the most with SNAP benefits by shopping locally with Link Match at linkupil.org. For \$1 of food purchased with SNAP, get \$1 of fresh fruits and vegetables with the state program.

**When:** 3:30 to 7 p.m. every Thursday from May 7 to Sept. 24.

**Where:** 801 E. Sangamon Ave., inside the Shed at the state fairgrounds.

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## Nine area nursing homes fined for violations

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Four times a year, an Illinois agency releases a report showing violations against nursing homes, and how much the facilities were fined.

The Illinois Department of Public Health recently released its fourth quarter report that spans from October to December of 2025.

Here are facilities within about 45 minutes of Springfield that were fined for violations.

- Arcadia Care on the Hill, Springfield**
- Address:** 555 W. Carpenter Road  
**Fined:** \$25,000  
**Survey date:** Sept. 17, 2025  
**What:** The facility failed to ensure competency of the Professional Nursing staff when that staff failed to provide one resident in a crisis condition the correct medication. The resident did not receive his glucagon when needed, resulting in his blood sugar dropping to a critical low. The resident was taken to the hospital and subsequently admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.
- Arcadia Care on the Hill, Springfield**
- Address:** 555 W. Carpenter Road  
**Fined:** \$2,200  
**Survey date:** Oct. 17, 2025  
**What:** The facility failed to send the results of a urinalysis and urine culture in a timely manner to one resident's urologist. This failure resulted in a
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## Sangamon Co. seeks vendors for transportation hub

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Sangamon County is seeking proposals from vendors to open and operate a cafe in the new Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Hub that is set to open in 2027.

The county is offering incentives to attract entrepreneurs with the likes of a basic commercial kitchen and potential subsidies on rent and utilities, a spokesperson for the county wrote in a news release.

"This is an opportunity for convenience and overall experience for travelers and county employees," Karen Conn said in the release, who is a

Springfield business owner and who is on the advisory committee for the new cafe. "It gives travelers a quick, reliable option without leaving the building, and provides employees with something consistent during the day," she said, adding that the HUB will also host events, giving people a reason to stay, gather, and engage with the space.

The county recently issued a formal Request for Proposals, with a deadline at noon on July 31.

The vendor must have some experience in the food and beverage industry and create a business plan to operate the cafe at a minimum of Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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An interior rendering of the Hub. The view is from the ground floor, from the front entrance. The space to the left of the grand stair is dedicated to cafe and retail space. PROVIDED BY SANGAMON COUNTY

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