



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 FARMERS MARKET WEEK

WHEREAS, agriculture is Idaho's leading natural resource-based industry, contributing over \$7 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets in Idaho are growing in size and popularity, with 55 markets operating throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets stimulate the local economy by directly supporting local farmers and reinvesting money in the community; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are critically important in educating consumers about local food systems and from where their food comes; and

WHEREAS, consumer trends show great interest in eating locally; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers markets are a great place to buy fresh, local products of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho, strongly supports and promotes the development, operation and expansion of farmers markets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 5-11, 2012 to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the many benefits of the Farmers Markets in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 5th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Ben Ysursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE