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SENATOR AMEDORE ANNOUNCES LOCAL SENIORS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE PRODUCE FROM AREA FARMERS MARKETS

Senator George Amedore today announced that funds included in this year's state budget will provide seniors throughout the 46th Senate District with fresh fruits and vegetables from area farmers' markets beginning on July 1st.

As part of the Senate Republicans' "Grown in New York" initiative, funding was included to expand the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, a program that provides \$20 coupons to low-income seniors to be redeemed at local farmers markets. Eligible seniors can earn up to \$1,800 a month to be eligible, or \$2,426 for a couple.

"This program makes it easier for seniors who are on fixed incomes to have access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and at the same time, helps support local farmers who are such an integral part of the economy, particularly in our rural Upstate communities," said Senator George Amedore.

Coupon books will be available over the next couple of weeks through local County Offices of the Aging and can be redeemed starting July 1st.

For more information contact your local Office of the Aging: Albany County: 518-447-7177; Schenectady County: 518-382-8481; Montgomery County: 518-843-2300; Greene County: 518-719-3555; and Ulster County: 845-340-3456

A full list of farmers markets in each County that will accept the coupons is available at:
<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp>

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