



## **MassGrown and Fresher News – Strawberries n' Cream**

June is blooming with so much to do, and it's a sure sign summer is just around the corner. Our growers and food producers are as excited as we are to share all the red, white and green goodness with you!

[Farmers' Markets](#) have officially opened, so be sure to find one near you. Many farmers' markets across the Commonwealth are able to accept EBT/ SNAP. You'll find a variety of Massachusetts agriculture at your local farmers' market!

To kick things off this month, we celebrate our hard working dairy farmers, their delicious and nutritious products, and their contribution to our local economy. [Learn more](#) about the positive contributions dairy farming have on Massachusetts agriculture. You may want to check out the ["June Dairy Month Tour Series"](#) at Barstow's Longview Farm.

And nothing goes better with cream than strawberries! These luscious sweet berries are celebrated this month, and don't hesitate, because the season will be gone before we know it. Visit a ["Pick-Your-Own" farm](#), [farmstand](#) or [strawberry festival](#). You'll also want to try our recipe of the month, ["Creamy Cold Strawberry Soup."](#)

### **June 20<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festivals:**

- [Braintree Farmers' Market](#)
- [Lanni Orchards, Lunenburg](#)
- [Verrill Farm, Concord](#)
- [Connor's Farm, Danvers](#)
- [Red Fire Farm, Montague](#)
- [Marini Farm, Ipswich](#)



Here are a handful of seasonal events to add to your calendar. Visit our [Calendar of Culinary and Agricultural](#) for more events, and be sure to check with the organizer's website beforehand for any last minute changes.

**June 2:** [Summer Gardening Series @ Fat Moon](#), Westford

**June 6:** [WGBY Asparagus Festival](#), Hadley Town Common

**June 7:** The Food Project's "[Jazz Under Glass](#)", The Dudley Greenhouse, Roxbury

**June 13:** [4th Annual Hyper-Local Craft Brewfest](#), Center for Arts @ the Armory, Somerville

**June 14:** [Crush Wine Festival](#), Look Park, Northampton

**June 18:** [6th Annual Strawberry Fete Fundraiser](#), Audubon Habitat, Belmont

**June 21:** [Father's Day Farm Buffet & Grill](#), Coonamessett Farm, East Falmouth

**June 24:** [Barley Field Day @ Valley Malt](#), Hadley

**June 27:** [Franklin County 4-H Fair](#), Heath Fairgrounds

**June 27 & 28:** [Women in Farming – Weekend Intensive](#), Just Roots, Greenfield

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## FYI, we are extending the annual MA Agriculture Calendar Photo Contest - deadline June 12!

We have some great ones so far, but we need some more apples, farmers' markets and Christmas Trees!



(sample of last years' winners)

We are looking for amateur photographers to submit photos for the 2016 "[Celebrating the Seasons of Massachusetts Agriculture](#)" calendar. Help us and Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom create an attractive, colorful and educational calendar that is a daily reminder of our rich and diverse agricultural heritage. Each month will feature one full-size photograph portraying a local farm or farm product in season. See last year's winning photos [here](#). Contact Rick LeBlanc, [Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us](mailto:Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us), or 617-626-1759 for more information. \*New this year – read how you can submit your entries [online](#).

For a more complete listing of events, visit our calendar of [Culinary & Agricultural Events](#). To submit a culinary or agricultural event, click on submission form [here](#).

**Bookmark the [calendar](#) today, and follow us [@Massgrown](#) Dairy fun facts all this month!**

