

MassGrown and Fresher News – This Holiday Season, Make Your Thanksgiving Celebration a Locally Sourced Affair!



As families and friends gather this Thanksgiving, many for the first time in a couple years, make it an especially memorable meal with delicious local products grown and produced by our Massachusetts farmers! Now is the time to start making plans for your holiday dinner. This year, skip the long lines at the grocery stores and supermarkets and head on down to one of the many special Thanksgiving farmers markets on our Calendar happening all weekend long!

MassGrown Map

In Massachusetts, there are many locally grown or produced options for you to choose from, thanks to our dedicated farmers. If you can't make it to one of these markets this weekend, farmstands and farmers' markets across the Commonwealth will also be open for all your local needs. Whether you are visiting a Thanksgiving Market, one of the over 600 <u>farmstands</u>, or one of the over 40 <u>winter farmers' markets</u> in the state, Massachusetts Agriculture has what you're looking for to make your meals "Massachusetts Grown!"

The mobile friendly MassGrown Map is your go-to source that offers a variety of search options for farms and markets across the state. Under the "Keyword" drop down menu, simply enter in what you're looking for. Search options that you might be looking for may include cranberries, turkey, vegetables, and more! On your phone, save the map "Add to Home Screen", and have it whenever you need to find "MassGrown". View the video tutorial to see all the features of the Map.

Looking to make something new this year or need a twist on a classic? - We have some great local sourced websites for recipes:

- Edible Boston/Worcester's <u>Thanksgiving Pot Pie</u>, or <u>Herb-Roasted</u>, <u>Dry-Brined Turkey</u>
- Cape Cod Cranberry Association recipes
- New England Apples recipe page includes over 15 ways to make the traditional apple pie, to over 25 ways to incorporate apples into drinks, appetizers, salads and more!

To make sure you have drinks to complement your meals, don't forget to check out our expanded <u>Craft Beverage webpage</u> and <u>map</u>. It includes listings for Massachusetts wineries, craft breweries, and distilleries.

Combine two local ingredients, local heavy cream and maple syrup, and make your own whipped cream to put on your favorite Thanksgiving desserts! Both local dairy and maple syrup are available year-round and make for a yummy treat during the holidays. Check out the recipe here!

Visit our <u>Calendar of Culinary and Agricultural events</u> for the many upcoming Holiday Farmers Markets – many this weekend!



Boston Public Market

The Boston Public Market continues to offer an assortment of local businesses and products, a new "Pine Bar", as well as "Happenings" that are unique to Massachusetts. Open Monday – Thursday, 8am –

9pm, Friday & Saturday 8am – 10pm, and Sunday 10am – 9pm. Learn more here.

*Already thinking about Christmas plans? There are many good reasons to get a local Christmas Tree - Learn more here.

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