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## **FREE CORN ROAST COMES TO THE CAPITOL**

**Charleston, W.Va.** – Does it get any tastier than fresh, West Virginia sweet corn? Find out for yourself during the annual West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) Corn Roast on August 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the north plaza of the state Capitol. Join Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick and the WVDA staff as they roast free ears of corns and hand them out to the public.

This marks the 8<sup>th</sup> year for the event which helps kick off National Farmers' Market Week, August 7-13.

"Our West Virginia farmers work hard to grow and sell the freshest produce possible. There's nothing better than biting into a tomato, pepper or ear of corn that's been picked that morning. That's what West Virginia agriculture is all about, bringing fresh, local food to your table. It's good for our health and our economy," stressed Helmick.

Along with the corn roast will be the final Capitol Market at the State Capitol. The public has lined up to purchase fresh-off-the-farm produce every Thursday for the past month. Local growers will have peaches, eggplant, potatoes, watermelon, squash, cucumbers and lots of other garden-grown offerings for sale.

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