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**WEST VIRGINIA FARMERS' MARKETS HOSTING HOLIDAY EVENTS**

Several great holiday events will be taking place at West Virginia farmers' markets this holiday season. These open houses and food and wine tasting events are designed to encourage everyone to buy and eat West Virginia Grown products during the holidays and throughout the year. West Virginia products make terrific gifts and farmers' markets are great places for one-stop shopping for all of those people on your Christmas list.

Saturday, December 7th, the Point Park Marketplace in Parkersburg will hold their open house from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Vendors will provide samples of their products to give customers the opportunity to select the perfect holiday party food or gift. More than 15 vendors will showcase their products including breads, pickles, sauces, salsa, jams, jellies, candy and much more. In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and take part in some Ag activities like cow milking (Santa appreciates WV milk too!). You can even select a West Virginia Christmas tree from a local tree farmer.

Saturday, December 14th, the Inwood Farmers' Market will offer a wine and food tasting event from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Inwood Market is the largest retailer of WV Farm Wines in the eastern West Virginia area and they stock wines from all 17 WV farm wineries. Guests will be able to sample a variety of those wines from noon until 5 p.m.

To complement the WV farm wines, guests will be able to sample WV Grown food products from companies such as "The Custard Stand," "Yoder's Products" (including nut butters, jams and jellies), "Big Riggs" in Romney, WV, salsas from three WV companies, and mustards from two WV companies that also offer a variety of BBQ and cooking sauces.

For more information you can visit the Facebook pages for both Farmers Markets: "Downtown Farmers' Marketplace" and "Inwood Farmers Market."