



## Countryside Conservancy

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## **Countryside Winter Farmers' Markets Held Monthly From November through April**

*Local farmers, artisan food producers, and artists offer opportunity to buy local all year long*

**Peninsula, Ohio** -The Countryside Conservancy is delighted to be extending their popular Countryside Winter Farmers' Markets from November through April, on the third Saturday of the month. The markets will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, and April 17. Happy Days Lodge is located at 500 W. Streetsboro Road (SR 303) in Peninsula 44264.

The markets will offer a wide variety of items including fresh and local seasonal produce, artisan breads, croissants, jams and jellies, maple syrup, honey, fresh pasta and ravioli, nut rolls, cookies, chocolates, eggs, beef, pork, bison, lamb, and cheese. Also available will be handcrafted soaps and balms, jewelry, fresh-roasted coffee and locally blended teas. Nearly 50 vendors will be participating in the winter markets. Musician Bobby Patetta will be playing at the November 21 market to add to the ambiance. Visit our "Holiday Gift Bagging Station" at the November and December markets and, for a small donation, you can have all your gifts ready for the holidays.

Market manager Beth Knorr shares, "Each year the demand for local food increases, and the popularity of our winter markets in particular has been overwhelming. The feedback from the community has been unanimous in that they want more! In response we added markets all winter, in the hopes that we can satisfy some of that demand, and provide yet another opportunity for customers to connect directly with farmers and food producers." She added, "The location just can't be beat—we are so lucky to be able to utilize this building for our winter markets."

Several incentives will be offered at the winter markets, including 'market money', when you become a Friend of

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the Countryside Conservancy. You can also purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win \$25 in 'market money' for 25 weeks during the 2010 regular market season, beginning in May. That equates to \$625 in groceries throughout the season. Raffle tickets are \$5, and can be purchased at all winter markets and online at [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org). The grand prize will be drawn at the April 17 market at Happy Days Lodge.

Since 1999, the Countryside Conservancy has supported community-based food systems throughout Northeast Ohio. This unique non-profit organization helps re-establish farms in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and runs farmers markets at Howe Meadow, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and Happy Days Lodge. Other programs help up-and-coming farmers find land, connect local growers to chefs and consumers, and educate citizens about the importance of local food systems. Visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org). For more information on the Countryside Farmers' Markets contact Market Manager Beth Knorr at (330) 657-2538 or email [farmersmarket@cvcountryside.org](mailto:farmersmarket@cvcountryside.org).

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