

SAMPLE EVENTS TO DRAW CONSUMERS TO FARMERS MARKETS

2008 Agriculture Photo Contest

The Massachusetts Department of Agriculture is looking for photos for the 2009 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar. They are looking for active, lively photographs depicting the diversity of agriculture and horticulture within Massachusetts. The winning photos will be featured in the calendar and the photographer will receive tickets to the Eastern States Exposition, copies of the calendar, and an invitation and recognition on Massachusetts Day (Sept. 18th) at the Big E. They will be looking for seasonally-appropriate photos for each month. For contest rules and an entry form, visit their [website](#). The deadline for submission is June 1st. Click [here](#) to see last year's winners.

Call for Nominations: Glynwood Center's 6th Annual Harvest Awards

The Harvest Awards recognize farmers, organizations, and businesses that do an exceptional job of supporting sustainable, regional agriculture. This year's categories include:

- Farmer Award
- Connecting Communities, Farmers, and Food Award
- Wave of the Future Award

Bike Tour of 'At Risk Farmland'

Thursday, May 15

Celebrate Pioneer Valley Bike Week and local agriculture with a bike tour of 'At Risk Farmland' in Hadley. The ride will start and finish at the Norwottuck Rail Trail entrance at Whole Foods Market. The ride begins at 4:30pm. This Pioneer Valley Bike Week event is sponsored by the Kestrel Land Trust. For more information, contact Judy Eiseman at (413) 253-2932. To learn more about this and all the great events that are happening in the Valley throughout the week of May 10-18, please visit the Pioneer Valley Bike Week [website](#).

Film Screening: *Two Angry Moms*

Friday, May 16

Join the Media Education Foundation for a screening of *Two Angry Moms*. This documentary follows the story of two mothers fighting for the health of America's kids by working to change food in schools. It focuses on the history of the school lunch program and the impact of government policy and private interests on children's health. This event is free to the public, with refreshments and information beginning at 6:30pm.

5th Annual Fleece Market at Webs

Saturday, May 17th

Once again Webs will be hosting their Annual Fleece Market on the first day of their Tent Sale. Many local sheep and alpaca growers will be on hand to offer a variety of fleeces, fiber and yarn from their very own animals. Come browse, buy from the producers, talk spinning and even bring your wheel. Check the [website](#) for a list of participants as the event approaches. The event will be from 10:00am-5:00pm.

Greenfield Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 24

The 13th annual Greenfield Garden Club Extravaganza Plant sale will also include a green thumb tag sale, raffle and bake sale. Plants come from club members as well as from the Trap Plain Display Garden. Fun for all and a great place to get perennials for your garden. All proceeds support the many community projects of the club including a