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## CHITTENDEN COUNTY



June Farm sells bright bouquets to shoppers at the 2024 Burlington Farmers Market. PHOTOS BY SYDNEY P. HAKES/BURLINGTON FREE PRESS

# Nine farmers markets open this summer

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The reopening of outdoor farmers markets is often synonymous with the start of summer, and it seems Chittenden County is ready to start the season. Farmers markets will be having their opening days in the coming weeks, bringing local meats, cheeses and dairy, produce, flowers and homemade goods back to residents.

Across Vermont, the markets occur throughout the week at various times. Below is the list of Chittenden County markets.

Downtown Burlington will also be host to the Twilight Block Party series this year, with vendors setting up shop in and around City Hall Park on select



The Winooski Farmers Market operates on Winooski Falls Way on Sundays during the summer, with over a dozen vendors selling goods.

Saturday evenings. Many Vermont markets accept a variety of payment options, including cash, debit or credit, SNAP or EBT, Crop Cash, Farm to Family, Venmo or Paypal and checks. Looking for something specific or have an interest in having your own booth next season? Vendor information can be found on the markets' websites or social media accounts.

### Burlington Farmers Market

**Where:** 345 Pine St., Burlington.  
**When:** Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 10 to October 25.  
More information can be found at [burlingtonfarmersmarket.org](http://burlingtonfarmersmarket.org).

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# Trump announces trade deal with UK

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President Donald Trump said the United States has reached a trade deal with the United Kingdom, the first trade pact since he paused reciprocal tariffs and began negotiating with countries to lower trade barriers. "The agreement with the United Kingdom is a full and comprehensive one that will cement the relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom for many years to come," Trump wrote in a May 8 post on social media after teasing the announcement the night before without details. "Because of our long time history and allegiance together, it is a great honor to have the United Kingdom as our FIRST announcement." The president imposed reciprocal tariffs on a slew of countries on April 2 but later paused most of them for 90 days, saying those nations' leaders were eager to negotiate trade deals. Since then, administration officials repeatedly have said they are close to making deals. Trump commented about the intense interest in the trade deals during a May 6 meeting with Canadian prime minister Mark Carney, the prime minister of Canada. "Everyone says: 'When, when, when are you going to sign deals?'"

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President Donald Trump meets Feb. 27 with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. "Because of our long time history and allegiance together, it is a great honor to have the United Kingdom as our FIRST announcement," Trump said May 8 on Truth Social. CARL COURT/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Long-dormant Vermont Reggae Festival returns this summer

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The Vermont Reggae Festival was a big event in the 1980s and '90s before fading away. It's returning in 2025. The festival that had taken place in Burlington and Hardwick will come back to Burlington for a one-day event Saturday, Aug. 23 at Switchback Brewing on Flynn Avenue. The schedule, released May 6, includes Barrington Levy, John Brown's Body, Lambsbread, The Skatalites and the Channel 2 Dub Band. A separate, earlier

family show on Aug. 23 has Rock and Roll Playhouse performing the songs of Bob Marley. Lambsbread was Vermont's top reggae act during the heyday of the Vermont Reggae Festival. The group's members included Bobby Hackney Sr., who in 2023 published a book titled "Vermont Reggae Fest: The Power of Music," detailing the event's first five years. Hackney founded the festival and later became known for his previous work with the proto-punk band Death, which led his sons to establish the Burlington rock band Rough Francis. See **REGGAE FEST**, Page 3A



Bobby Hackney's dreadlocks are flying as he and the members of Lambsbread get the crowd moving at the 13th-annual Vermont Reggae Festival in Hardwick in 1998. ROB SWANSON/FREE PRESS FILE

