

## FAQ's - Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where is the Cellar Market?**

The Cellar Market is located on Eisenhower Road, on the Penn State University Park campus. The market is behind (east of) the Tyson Building and beneath (south of) the Horticulture greenhouses. The structure itself is still a functioning root cellar for some horticultural crops like potatoes. The market is fully enclosed, so we are open rain or shine!

### **Where does the food at the Cellar Market come from?**

The herb and vegetable transplants, fruit, vegetables, herbs and cut flowers sold at the Cellar Market are grown at the Penn State Horticulture Research Farm. The farm is located 10 miles west of campus on Rt. 45, in Rock Springs. The only item we sell that is not grown at the Horticulture Farm are mushrooms. They come from the Mushroom Research Facility on campus.

### **Is the food at the Cellar Market organic?**

For the most part, no. There is a small amount of land on the Horticulture Farm that is Certified Organic. If there is produce available from the land, we will sell it, and it will be labeled accordingly. All of the other food comes from one of two areas, either the High Tunnel Research and Education Facility (HTREF) or open field production. The food produced at the High Tunnel Research and Education Facility is grown without the use of herbicides and with Integrated Pest Management strategies. Although conventional herbicides and pesticides are used in open field production, they are used sparingly and only when needed. In some cases, namely summer and winter squash, herbicides are not used at all. The best part is, the folks that run the Cellar Market know where all of the different foods are grown, so just ask, and we will be happy to tell you!

### **When is the Cellar Market open?**

The days and hours that the market is open fluctuate with the seasons. As there is more food to sell, we are open two days, and as the fall and winter approach, we are open one day, and then we shorten the hours (as the days shorten and get colder). Please check the Cellar Market website for specific dates.

May – Wednesdays, 12-5:30

June - Wednesdays, 12-5:30

July - Wednesdays, 12-5:30

August – Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12-5:30

September – Wednesdays & Thursdays, 12-5:30

October - Wednesdays, 12-5:30

November - Wednesdays, 12-2

December - Wednesdays, 12-2

### **Who can shop at the Cellar Market?**

Absolutely anyone is welcome to stop in and look around and purchase fresh local produce. You do not have to be affiliated with Penn State to shop at the Cellar Market.

**What form of payment do you accept at the Cellar Market?**

At this time, we only accept cash and person checks. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you happen to find yourself at the Cellar Market with no cash, there are a few ATM's near by. There is a PNC ATM in Career Services Building (near the Natatorium) at the east end of Eisenhower Road. There are also Penn State Credit Union ATM's in the HUB, just a few blocks south of the market. Lion Cash is not accepted.

**How fresh is the food you sell at the Cellar Market?**

The food and flowers sold at the market are typically harvested on Monday and Tuesday, for sale on Wednesday. Some items may be harvested Wednesday morning, and sometimes yet another harvest is done Thursday morning for popular items that may have sold out on Wednesday. As the availability of food decreases at the end of the season, we will sometimes try to stretch out the harvest and save food for the following week. Or, if a hard frost is forecast, we will clean the plants of ripe or near-ripe fruit and hold it in the coolers for sale the next week. Again, feel free to ask us how old the food is, we will be happy to tell you! All of the employees of the Cellar Market are employees of the High Tunnel Facility; therefore have intimate knowledge of when and how the food is grown.

**How do I know what you will have for sale each week?**

Tuesday or Wednesday of every week, an updated list of what we have available is posted on the Cellar Market website. This list also helps you to become more familiar what is in season. Not all fruits and veggies are available all season long. So check back every week to see what is new!

**Is there parking at the Cellar Market?**

Unfortunately no, we do not have a parking lot. There are a few metered spots outside of Eisenhower Auditorium, as well as outside of the campus Police Station below Eisenhower Parking Deck. Parking on campus in a restricted lot may result in a parking ticket, so park at your own risk. We are sorry for any inconvenience. CATA buses stop just a block or two from the Cellar Market as well.

**Are there any interesting sites near the Cellar Market?**

Of course! Located on the roof of the Cellar Market is a green roof. A wide variety of plants are growing on the roof and there is very easy access to this roof. Stop by to see the green roof! We are just a block from the new Berkey Creamery (where you will find the world famous Creamery ice cream) as well as the Palmer Museum of Art.