

# Busting a Myth: Farmers' Market Produce is Fresh and Affordable

The following items grown by Three Springs Farm and sold at the Tulsa Cherry Street Farmers' Market in 2005 were either cheaper than or comparably priced\* to produce sold at Tulsa supermarkets.

- Basil
- Beets
- Bok Choy
- Green leaf lettuce
- Chard
- Green garlic
- Green onion
- Lacinato kale
- Leeks
- Red leaf lettuce
- Butterhead lettuce
- Romaine lettuce
- Green peppers
- Red bell peppers
- Yellow bell peppers
- Poblano peppers
- Salad mix
- Patty pan squash
- Yellow squash
- Heirloom tomatoes
- Vine-ripened tomatoes

\*25 cents or less per lb difference between the cheapest of the grocery store prices and the farmers' market price.



Selected produce price comparisons (\$/lb.), Tulsa-area farmers' market and supermarkets.

	FARMERS' MARKET	WAL-MART	ALBERTSON'S	WILD OATS
<b>SPRING</b>				
Romaine Lettuce	\$0.76	\$1.38	\$2.65	\$4.55
Turnips	\$0.91	\$1.46	\$0.99	\$1.99
Green Onions	\$1.63	\$3.26	\$4.21	\$5.96
<b>SUMMER</b>				
Vine Ripe Tomatoes	\$2.74	\$2.84	\$2.99	\$2.99
Red Bell Peppers	\$2.74	\$4.48	\$5.31	\$7.99
Eggplant	\$1.83	\$1.54	\$1.99	\$2.29



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