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Fresh vegetables, eggs, herbs, more at Milford Farmers Market

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The eggs are from Kintnersville, and they aren't just free-range, they're pasture-raised.

A few picnic tables have been set up so that visitors seeking summertime refreshment can relax over freshly cut melon topped with sherbert.

An "Asian Cabinet" contains such exotic items as guava jam, mango jam, noodles, fish sauce, chili garlic sauce, hoisin sauce (Chinese barbecue sauce), and a sauce for spring rolls.

There's also organic coffee produced by an Upper Black Eddy Company, inexpensive flowerpots, charcoal, honey from Steve Vasacz of Flemington, and of course fruits, vegetables and herbs -- from local farms when available. They're all to be found at the Milford Local Farmer's Market, formerly River's Edge Farm Market, located off Bridge Street beside the Cottage Garden Florist and behind the Lovin' Oven restaurant. Across Church Street to the rear stands the First United Church of Christ and its little cemetery. Tom Tetesco's house sits beside the cemetery -- not much of a commute.

"The stand is just another way to be involved in Milford," said Tetesco, a resident for about eight years and a member of the borough's volunteer fire company for five. "It has been here for years and I wanted to see it continue. It is part of what makes Milford a self-contained community."

The former owner gave up the stand to enter a new line of work, and Tetesco, who had been a steady customer, stepped in.

He plans to remain open each year from April through October, when he expects to have hay bales and pumpkins available for Halloween. Weather permitting, he'll stay open longer, and he may stock Christmas wreaths and grave blankets.

Tetesco also provides weekend flea-market space at the market, at \$10 per table.

The Milford Local Farmer's Market is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Tetesco, who was born and raised in Elizabeth, also heads a company that installs satellite dishes. For more information about the market call 995-2345.

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