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**Melons of all flavors and sizes abound at The City Market Melon Festival  
Where the City Market Celebrates Feeding Kansas City for 150 Years!**

**KANSAS CITY, MO**– As part of the continuing 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the City Market will host a Melon Festival on Saturday, September 1 from 8 am – 2 pm. Farmers and vendors will offer a variety of melons and melon related products. Programming includes family friendly activities at the Jack FM Radio tent including an old fashioned watermelon seed spitting contest, melon bowling, melon shot put and melon ball soccer. Wonderscope will host a children’s art tent and recipes and sampling will be provided courtesy of the University of Missouri Extension Office. Shatto Milk Company will be on hand selling their delicious, mouth-watering dairy products and will also have several baby calves present, seeking a good pat on the head.

**Melon Festival Schedule of Activities**

8 am – 1 pm	University of Missouri Extension Office Recipe and Sampling
8 am – 2 pm	Wonderscope Kids Activities
9 am – 2 pm	Mother Nature Storytelling
10 am – 12 pm	Jack FM Contests
10 am – 10:30 am	Melon Bowling Contest
10:30 am – 11 am	Melon Shot Put Contest
11 am – 11:30 am	Watermelon Seed Spiting Contest
11:30 am – 11:55 am	Melon Ball Soccer

The City Market continues partnerships with the *National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame* and *The Kansas City Public Library* to promote how closely tied the City Market is to agriculture. Farm equipment is on display throughout the Market and a historical display is now available for viewing at

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20 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The City Market's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will culminate with a *Fall Harvest Festival* on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14 which will include the Harvest Festival Olympics, City Market pumpkin patch, musical performances by Dino O'Dell and the Veloci-Rappers, stage coach rides, storytelling, a Bluegrass concert and much more.

The City Market's 150th Anniversary Celebration is sponsored by the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, The City of Kansas City, Missouri, Renewal by Anderson, the Planned Industrial Expansion Authority, HOK Venue + Event, Copaken White & Blitt, the Kansas City Public Library, National Agriculture Center and Hall of Fame, 105.1 Jack FM, River Market Community Improvement District, Winslow's Barbecue, 101.1 the Fox, Embassy Properties, Inc., Original Juan Specialty Foods, Piper-Wind Architects, Thomas & McGee, Mallin Gibson Real Estate, 310 Delaware, River Market Business Association, Type-Pro Graphics and KCSalsa.com. For more information, contact the City Market Office at 816-842-1271 or visit the City Market at [www.thecitymarket.org](http://www.thecitymarket.org).

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