

## ASAN SMALL FARMS RESOURCE LIST - COVID-19

**WHAT THIS DOCUMENT IS:** This spreadsheet is a compilation of resources for farmers (as well as some for market managers and consumers/community members who want to support farmers) in Alabama. This includes folks near/just over the state lines. Many resources are national in scope or borrowed from other states.

**HOW TO NAVIGATE IT:** Use the tabs at the bottom of the screen to navigate; they are organized by category. There are two small arrows to the right of the tabs, that will scroll to view additional tabs. This spreadsheet is better viewed on a computer than a phone screen.

**DISCLAIMER / REQUEST FOR GRACE:** We are working as fast as possible and so there may be mistakes, gaps, delays, etc. Please bear with us!

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<https://asanonline.org/about-us/>

TITLE	SOURCE	LINK
Growing Farmers - compilation of good resources for farmers during COVID-19	Growing Farmers	<a href="http://www.growingfarmers.com/tips">http://www.growingfarmers.com/tips</a>
Strategies for staying healthy and in business through the COVID-19 pandemic	Growing For Market (4/1/20)	<a href="https://www.growingformarket.com/articles/strategies-staying-hea">https://www.growingformarket.com/articles/strategies-staying-hea</a>
Considerations for Fruit and Vegetable Growers Related to Coronavirus & COVID-19	Univ of Vermont	<a href="https://blog.uvm.edu/cwcallah/2020/03/13/considerations-for-fruit">https://blog.uvm.edu/cwcallah/2020/03/13/considerations-for-fruit</a>
Building Farm Resilience in this Crisis	Cornell Small Farms Program	<a href="https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/2020/03/building-farm-resilience-in">https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/2020/03/building-farm-resilience-in</a>
COVID-19 FAQ for U-Pick Farms	NC State Univ	<a href="https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/U-Pi">https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/U-Pi</a>
The Direct Market Farmer's Guide to COVID-19	Local Line	<a href="https://go.localline.ca/covid-19">https://go.localline.ca/covid-19</a>
<b>COVID-19 Readiness Assessment for Continuity of Farm Business - open-source checklist for developing a continuity of business plan during the coronavirus pandemic</b>	PASA, in collaboration with Penn State Extension	<a href="https://pasafarming.org/resources/covid19-assessment/">https://pasafarming.org/resources/covid19-assessment/</a>
Changing your farm budget for COVID-19 - Comparing Actuals to Projections. <b>WEBINAR APRIL 7, 12-1pm CT</b>	The Farmer's Office	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comparing-actuals-to-projections-tic">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comparing-actuals-to-projections-tic</a>
Legal resources for farmers/farm businesses -- in general and specific to COVID-19	Farm Commons	<a href="https://farmcommons.org/">https://farmcommons.org/</a>
Ten Equity Implications of the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak in the United States.	NAACP	<a href="https://naacp.org/coronavirus/">https://naacp.org/coronavirus/</a>
Decolonizing Community Care in Response to COVID-19	NDN Collective	<a href="https://ndncollective.org/indigenizing-and-decolonizing-communit">https://ndncollective.org/indigenizing-and-decolonizing-communit</a>
Coronavirus Food Systems Media Articles and Other - compilation	Michigan State	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/10w7MKa1lurkJR5zJJBbG-L">https://docs.google.com/document/d/10w7MKa1lurkJR5zJJBbG-L</a>
<b>PARTNERS' RESOURCE PAGES</b>		
<b>Partner/title</b>	<b>Link</b>	
Farm Aid	<a href="https://www.farmaid.org/blog/resources-for-farmers-affected-by-covid-19/">https://www.farmaid.org/blog/resources-for-farmers-affected-by-covid-19/</a>	
Farmers Market Coalition	<a href="https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/farmers-m">https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/farmers-m</a>	
National Young Farmers Coalition	<a href="https://www.youngfarmers.org/young-farmer">https://www.youngfarmers.org/young-farmer</a>	
Food & Land Sovereignty Resource List for COVID-19 -- compiled by Soul Fire Farm, Black Farmer Fund, and Northeast Farmers of Color	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B6">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B6</a>	
<b>Not specific to food / ag / farmers:</b>		
How to organize a neighborhood "pod" for community care	Mutual Aid Dorchester	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KNf8zA05P0Sbe4hSrf_0N/">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KNf8zA05P0Sbe4hSrf_0N/</a>
Understanding CARES Act "Recovery Rebates"	Southern Economic Advancement Project	<a href="http://www.theseap.org/wp-content/uploads/SEAP-CARES-Infographic.pdf">http://www.theseap.org/wp-content/uploads/SEAP-CARES-Infographic.pdf</a>

Opportunities to collaborate and to piggyback onto existing infrastructure. Many farms with CSA programs and/or farm stands/stores may be willing to incorporate products from neighboring farms as well. ASAN will work to reach out to consumers and make them aware of these opportunities to directly support local farms/farmers.

Type	Farm name	Farm location	Pickup/dropoff method	Pickup/dropoff location(s) (if other than direct-to-home)	Other farms involved (if applicable)	Open to additional farms participating?	Website	Contact name	Phone	Email	Facebook	Instagram
CSA, farm stand/store, other	Lead farm, if multiple	COUNTY - City/town	home delivery, central pickup site, etc.	City (County)		y/h						
online farmers market	Market at Dothan	varies, Wiregrass region	central pickup site	pickups spots in Dothan, Daleville and Enterprise	many	y, normal range is 50 miles of Dothan, open to wider range during COVID-19	<a href="http://marketatdothan.com">marketatdothan.com</a>	Ros Horton		marketatdothan@gmail.com		
food hub	Farm Food Collaborative	varies, N and Central AL	variety of wholesale buyers	wholesale buyers only	many	y	<a href="http://footbankofnorthal.org/programs/ffc/">footbankofnorthal.org/programs/ffc/</a>	Carey Martin-Lane	256-947-1003	cmartinlane@fb.org		@foodhubal
food hub	Deep South Food Alliance	MARENGO - Linden				y		Andrew Williams		williamsandrew1976@gmail.com		
CSA, deliveries on farm sales	Naturally Rad C&H Farms	AUTAUGA - Prattville	Delivery/ CSA bi weekly	Montgomery, Prattville		y	<a href="http://www.benaturallyrad.com">www.benaturallyrad.com</a>	Rachel Dickinson	3344622128	Benaturallyrad@gmail.com		
on farm sales	McCray's Old Field Farm	BLOUNT - Oneonta	on farm sales			y		Mack or Suzy McCray	205 353 5506	mccray@yahoo.com		
on farm sales	Avalon Farms LLC	COFFEE - Kinston	on farm sales			y	<a href="http://avalonfarms.us">avalonfarms.us</a>	Wendy Robbins	334-806-5058	info@avalonfarms.us		
delivery, on farm sales nationwide mail order	Coosa Fancy Heritage Farm	COOSA - Rockford	deliveries, farm stand	Coosa Co, Lake Martin/Alex City, Wetumpka/Montgomery and Bham metro		y	<a href="http://Coosa-Fancy.com">Coosa-Fancy.com</a>	John Burke	205-552-4592	Johnburke@coosa-fancy.com		
on farm sales	Mayim Farm LLC	COVINGTON - Opp	nationwide mail order			y	<a href="http://www.mayimfarm.com">www.mayimfarm.com</a>	Greg Lolley	3347643960	greg@mayimfarm.com		
on farm sales	Five Oak Farm and Kitchen	CULLMAN - Holly Pond	on farm sales			y		Kathy Howard	256-338-6376	kgchoward@gmail.com		
farmstand food/county hub (still in early days, but gathering info to make it happen sooner than planned)	Mildred's Meadows Farm	DEKALB - Mentone	farmstand			y	<a href="http://www.mildredsmeadowsfarm.com">www.mildredsmeadowsfarm.com</a>	Domenic and Lesly	256-634-0208	MildredMeadowsFarm@gmail.com		
	Silver Heritage Farms	DEKALB	online/deliveries	home deliveries	county wide	y		jennifer.dart/olivia.cleveland				
online store	Whirlwind Farm	DEKALB - Geraldine	online store, pickup points	Huntsville/Madison, Collinsville, Ft Payne		y - other farms will have their own mini store online so people know which farm they are getting their food from	<a href="http://www.whirlwindfarm.net">www.whirlwindfarm.net</a>	Dove Stackhouse	256-486-4582 / 256-465-1614 - text or email best, phone service spotty	whirlwindfarms4@gmail.com		
on farm sales on farm sales, shipping, statewide outlets	McGriff Family Farm	GENEVA - Slocomb	on farm sales			y		Robin McGriff	(334)648-5772	mcgriff.family.farm@gmail.com		
deliveries, on farm sales	Working Cows Dairy	GENEVA - SLOCOMB	farmstand, shipping			y	<a href="http://www.workingcowsdairy.com">www.workingcowsdairy.com</a>	Rinske de Jong	334-791-6830	Rinske@workingcowsdairy.com		
deliveries, on farm sales	Hawkins Homestead Farm	HOUSTON - Kinsey	on farm sales, online ordering, home delivery in Wiregrass	Wiregrass		y - must fall within chemical-free guidelines	<a href="http://www.hawkinshomesteadfarm.com">www.hawkinshomesteadfarm.com</a>	Rachel or Brandon	334-595-5128	info@hawkinshomesteadfarm.com		
deliveries, food co-op	Fountain Heights Farms	JEFFERSON - Birmingham	home delivery, food co-op	metro Bham deliveries		y - ISO farmers of color to supply #WeAllEat Food Cooperative -- more info at Facebook Group *#WeAllEat Food Cooperative*	<a href="http://www.fountainheightsfarms.com">www.fountainheightsfarms.com</a>	M. Dominique Villanueva	206-419-6189	fountainheightsfarms@gmail.com		
farmstand	Magic City Mushrooms	JEFFERSON - Irondale	honor system farm stand	Irondale (Jefferson)	BDA Farms	y		Tim Pfitzer				@magiccitymushrooms
deliveries, on farm sales	Mothering Herbs Farm	LAUDERDALE - Florence	on farm sales and pickup point	Once a week delivery to Florence and Farm pickup		y	<a href="http://www.motheringherbs.net">www.motheringherbs.net</a>	Summer McCreless		Blutmc@aol.com		
delivery	Garden Ridge Farm	LAUDERDALE - Killen	delivery	Killen, Florence		y		Eile Yelding	2567149068	gardenridgefarm@outlook.com		
CSA / delivery	Joy Haven Farm	MACON - Shorter	CSA and delivery to 2 locations			y	<a href="http://joyhavenfarm.weebly.com">joyhavenfarm.weebly.com</a>	Sheila Dicks	334-652-3459	joyhavenfarm13@gmail.com		
CSA, deliveries	Duncan Farms	MADISON - Gurley	home deliveries, CSA	Huntsville	Sweet City Micros	y	<a href="http://http://www.huntsvillefarm.com/">http://www.huntsvillefarm.com/</a>	Kaitlin Duncan	415-470-1321	duncanfarmslc@gmail.com		
farmstand / dropoff point	Alchemy Plants	MADISON - Hampton Cove	farm stand, online sales in the works		not yet	y		Marguerite McClintock		marguerite.mcclintock@gmail.com		
on farm sales	Plant'n Roots Farm	MARION - Brilliant	on farm sales, accepts Farmers Market Nutrition vouchers			y	<a href="http://www.plantnroots.com">www.plantnroots.com</a>	Conya Rawls	205-495-8537	plantnrootsfarm@gmail.com		
online store, home delivery	Bronze Star Farm	MARSHALL - Grant	online store, home delivery	Madison and Marshall Counties		y	<a href="https://www.bronzestarfarm.com/">https://www.bronzestarfarm.com/</a>	Laura Shaffer	2056129357	admin@bronzestarfarm.com		
farm store	DSR Farms	MORGAN - Danville	on-farm farm store	Danville (Morgan Co)	will involve other farmers	y	<a href="http://dsrfarms.com">dsrfarms.com</a>	Jesse Murphy	256-303-9019		@DSRfarms	@DSRfarms
on farm sales	Champion Farms	MORGAN - Falkville	on farm sales			y	<a href="https://championfarms.weebly.com/">https://championfarms.weebly.com/</a>	Marilyn Champion	256-476-3742	marilynchampion@ymail.com		
deliveries, CSA, farmstand	BDA Farm	PERRY - Uniontown	CSA, home deliveries, on-site farm pick-up, drop-shipping (coming soon)	Home deliveries Tuscaloosa & Birmingham		y	<a href="http://www.bdafarm.com">www.bdafarm.com</a>	Elise Ferrer (Marketing, Comm), Kyle Platt (Produce), Ben Moore (Livestock)	(985) 789-8181 (321) 208-0808 (662) 809-7875	eferrer@bdafarm.com		
on farm sales	Leffler Farms -Beyond our Roots	RANDOLPH - Rockstand (Roanoke)	Facebook - Leffler Farms			y		Danielle Leffler	4042168754	Danielle03leffler@outlook.com		
online store, on farm pickup	Blue Rooster Farms	SHELBY - Chelsea	online store, on farm pickup			y	<a href="http://www.bluroosterfarms.com">www.bluroosterfarms.com</a>	Kirk and Allison Creel	(205)356-5508	csa@bluroosterfarms.com		
deliveries	McClendon Meadows Farm	SHELBY - Alabaster (in the process of moving to TALLAPOOSA - Camp Hill)	deliveries	Shelby County		y		DeAnne Benedict @flowerstables	2055651029	graceace01@gmail.com		
home deliveries, pickup points	Stillwater Farm	ST CLAIR - Pell City	home deliveries, pickup points	Pell City, Bham area, Trussville		y	<a href="https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1451611421734169&amp;ref=content_filter">https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1451611421734169&amp;ref=content_filter</a>	Ben and Bethany Fleming	2059191733, 2053813618	stillwaterfarm13@yahoo.com		

home deliveries, pickup points	Ireland Farms	TALLADEGA - Alpine	home delivery and pickup points, order online	Birmingham		y	<a href="http://www.ireland-farms.com">www.ireland-farms.com</a>	Scott Ireland	205-757-6029	scott@ireland-farms.com		
online store / home deliveries	Marble Creek Farmstead	TALLADEGA - Sylacauga	home deliveries	home deliveries between Sylacauga, Pell City, and Bham metro		y	<a href="https://marblecreekfarmstead.com/">https://marblecreekfarmstead.com/</a>	Matthew Lawrence	205-936-6120	MarbleCreekFarmstead@gmail.com		
deliveries	Pilaroc Farms	TN - Fayetteville	deliveries	Madison, Huntsville, Lincoln Co TN		y	<a href="http://www.pilarocfarms.com">www.pilarocfarms.com</a>	Jennie Schutte	9318140312	Jennie@pilarocfarms.com		
on farm sales	Burdick Landing Farms	WINSTON	on farm sales, ordering via FB			y	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/burdicklanding/">https://www.facebook.com/burdicklanding/</a>	Melanie Burdick	2562741107	burdicklanding@gmail.com		

<b>Online Sales Platforms to Check Out:</b>	Local farms using these platforms			
<a href="https://www.barn2door.com/">Barn2Door https://www.barn2door.com/</a>	Ireland Farms			
<a href="https://croplis.co/">Croplis https://croplis.co/</a>				
<a href="https://www.farmigo.com/">Farmigo https://www.farmigo.com/</a>	BDA Farm, Snow's Bend			
<a href="https://www.food4all.com/sell-food-online-csa-software/">Food4aAll https://www.food4all.com/sell-food-online-csa-software/</a>				
<a href="https://www.harvie.farm/">Harvie https://www.harvie.farm/</a>				
<a href="https://home.localfoodmarketplace.com/">Local Food Marketplace https://home.localfoodmarketplace.com/</a>				
<a href="https://site.localline.ca/">Local Line https://site.localline.ca/</a>				
<a href="https://www.shopify.com/">Shopify https://www.shopify.com/</a>	BDA - Elise			
<a href="https://thepryingmantis.wordpress.com/2020/03/17/diy-direct-sales-the-reko-system/">Reko system - https://thepryingmantis.wordpress.com/2020/03/17/diy-direct-sales-the-reko-system/</a>				
<a href="https://locallygrown.net">locallygrown.net</a>				
<a href="https://www.openfoodnetwork.org/">https://www.openfoodnetwork.org/</a>				
<a href="http://www.yourlocalfarmer.com/">http://www.yourlocalfarmer.com/</a>				

WEBINARS, TRAININGS, AND OTHER RESOURCES	When	Link	RECORDING:
<b>Training: Farm to Freezer - Online Sales &amp; Shipping Meat - hosted by</b>	Thursday, April 2	<a href="https://oregonstate.edu/extension/online-learning/online-learning-courses/farm-to-freezer-online-sales-and-shipping-meat">https://oregonstate.edu/extension/online-learning/online-learning-courses/farm-to-freezer-online-sales-and-shipping-meat</a>	
Webinar: Local Food Marketplace packaging for farmers	Wednesday, Mar	<a href="https://attendee.goticket.com/tickets/1234567890">https://attendee.goticket.com/tickets/1234567890</a>	
Univ of KY - webinar that *slowly* walks farmers through the process of setting up an online sales platform		<a href="https://shop.monster.com/1234567890">https://shop.monster.com/1234567890</a>	
		<a href="https://www.uky.edu/ccd/onlinestore_webinarlinks">https://www.uky.edu/ccd/onlinestore_webinarlinks</a>	

<b>Questions to ask when you're choosing which service to work with:</b>				
How long has your online sales platform been in use?				
How many farmers are you currently working with?				
What will it cost my farm to use your platform? What is your fee structure?				
I'm ready to start selling products right now. What does it take to get started? Is there a wait because of the current increase in demand for online sales platform services?				
How will your online sales platform integrate with my current website?				
What is the process for entering the products that I have to sell?				
How do I update my product list and pricing?				
Will I be able to set inventory limits so that I don't oversell products?				
How does the customer interface work? Is your platform easy to use on a Smartphone?				
How do customers pay for products?				
Are credit and debit card fees charged to customers?				
Can customers pay by check or cash on delivery?				
Can customers pay with EBT?				
Is there a way for me offer customers discounts, coupons, and promotions?				
How long does it take for customer payments to deposit into my farm's bank account?				
How is sales tax handled on your platform?				
Is it possible to integrate your platform with my accounting software?				
Is it possible to create pack lists directly from your sales platform? How about labels?				
Does your platform offer any suggestions for delivery routes based on orders?				
What kind of IT support does your company provide?				
How is my farm's sales data used and/or shared?				
What happens to my farm's sales data if I stop using your platform?				
What other features does your platform offer that I should know about?				
<b>SNAP and EBT are not acceptable payments for ANY online purchases</b>				

List your farm in these directories to make sure folks know how to find you directly!			
Name	Range	Website	
ASAN's Local Farm/Market Direct	statewide, AL-specific	<a href="https://bit.ly/ASANlocalfood">bit.ly/ASANlocalfood</a>	Link to list your farm: <a href="https://forms.gle/TdRyoRVVoRUDckmL6">https://forms.gle/TdRyoRVVoRUDckmL6</a>
Agroshare	statewide, AL-specific	<a href="http://agroshare.com/farm-finder/">http://agroshare.com/farm-finder/</a>	**Says it's \$15 to list your farm but it is FREE, they are working on updating the site.
Local Harvest	nationwide	<a href="https://www.localharvest.org/">https://www.localharvest.org/</a>	
Bham Now Local Business Guide	Bham area	<a href="https://bhamnow.com/2020/03/17/support-local-t">https://bhamnow.com/2020/03/17/support-local-t</a>	

If already picked/packed:			
Food Bank of North Alabama			
Food Bank of Central Alabama			
<b>Society of St Andrew</b> - gleans unpicked crops from fields, to donate to local food banks/pantries.	<a href="https://endhunge">https://endhunge</a>	Adrienne Hollaw;	205-245-3214

TITLE	SOURCE	LINK
On-Farm COVID-19 Food Safety Info & FAQs (3/27)	Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)	<a href="https://www.caff.org/covid19-foodsafety/">https://www.caff.org/covid19-foodsafety/</a>
Considerations for Fruit and Vegetable Growers Related to Coronavirus & COVID-19	Univ of Vermont	<a href="https://blog.uvm.edu/cwcallah/2020/03/13/considerations-for-fruit-and-vegetable-c">https://blog.uvm.edu/cwcallah/2020/03/13/considerations-for-fruit-and-vegetable-c</a>
Food Safety During Emergencies FAQs	FDA	<a href="https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-corona">https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-corona</a>
Recorded webinar - Food Safety in the time of Coronavirus (3/26/20)	Future Harvest CASA and Chesapeake	<a href="https://chesapeakefoodshed.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e776d9a64a9e9">https://chesapeakefoodshed.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e776d9a64a9e9</a>
<b>COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Food Distribution and Purchases</b> -- for farmers, with sections on on-farm pickup/CSAs, farmers markets, and employee safety	Future Harvest, Maryland FM Assn, ar	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g0_Ey8DG2INnk2aWYunGP-OLE--W32eV">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g0_Ey8DG2INnk2aWYunGP-OLE--W32eV</a>
ADPH latest updates	Alabama Dept of Public Health	<a href="http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html">http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html</a>
ADPH recommendations	Alabama Dept of Public Health	<a href="http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/legal/orders.html">http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/legal/orders.html</a> and <a href="http://www.alabamaput">http://www.alabamaput</a>
Workplace safety and worker protections - The Covid-19 Crisis: Planning for Extra Care on your Farm	Agricultural Justice Project	<a href="https://www.agriculturaljusticeproject.org/media/uploads/2020/03/25/Planning_for">https://www.agriculturaljusticeproject.org/media/uploads/2020/03/25/Planning_for</a>
<b>Other notes on best practices</b>		
Food Handling, separation of duties, cash+card person separate from food handler person, NO SAMPLES		
Ditch the table cloth, use plastic tables -- emphasize non-porous surfaces		
USE GLOVES THE RIGHT WAY - ie wash hands before use, and do not reuse - once done with a surface, throw out		
If accepting cash/check, put them in a ziploc and let them sit for 4+ days "in quarantine" to let the virus die off		
Lots more at the links above		



<b>SMALL BUSINESS AID</b>			
<b>CARES Act and Small Business Administration</b>			
* ASAN 4/4 e-blast with info/links about Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)	<a href="https://asanonline.ourpowerbase.net/civCRM/MAILING/view?rese">https://asanonline.ourpowerbase.net/civCRM/MAILING/view?rese</a>		
* National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) blog about PPP, EIDL, CARES Act, incl outstanding questions/uncertainties	<a href="https://sustainableagriculture.net/blog/confusion-remains-over-">https://sustainableagriculture.net/blog/confusion-remains-over-</a>		
* Carolina Farm Stewardship Assn (CFSA) resource page on PPP	<a href="https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/covid-19-relief-funds-available-to-farmers-starting-apr-3/">https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/covid-19-relief-funds-available-to-farmers-starting-apr-3/</a>		
* CARES resource guide from Growing Farmers	<a href="https://www.growingfarmers.com/caresresource">https://www.growingfarmers.com/caresresource</a>		
<b>Pandemic Unemployment Assistance</b> - provides benefits to many people who lost their jobs amid the pandemic but don't qualify for traditional unemployment benefits. This includes self-employed people, and people whose workplaces closed because of COVID-19.	<a href="https://www.alarise.org/blog-posts/unemployment-insurance-in">https://www.alarise.org/blog-posts/unemployment-insurance-in</a>		
<b>Bham Strong Fund</b> - central landing page for needs/offers of assistance for small businesses, individuals, and orgs. Includes emergency loan fund for small businesses	<a href="https://bhamstrong.com/">https://bhamstrong.com/</a>		
Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)	<a href="https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-">https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-</a>		
<b>American Farmland Trust - Farmer Relief Fund.</b> Cash grants up to \$1000, application deadline April 23	<a href="https://farmland.org/farmer-relief-fund/">https://farmland.org/farmer-relief-fund/</a>		
<b>Greater Birmingham Community Foundation</b> -- rapid response grants for organizations	<a href="https://www.cfbham.org/assets/2020/03/Covid-19-Grants-Guidelines.pdf">https://www.cfbham.org/assets/2020/03/Covid-19-Grants-Guidelines.pdf</a>		
<b>FOOD / RENT / UTILITIES AID</b>			
United Way - COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund	Call 211 and provide zip code, they will refer you to local agencies/resources for support		
List of programs in Alabama dedicated to providing food for those in need of financial assistance. Mostly central Alabama	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fyiU2QdBDIdlrPP-0effE">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fyiU2QdBDIdlrPP-0effE</a>		
Free meals for central Alabama kids during COVID-19 school closures	<a href="https://abc3340.com/news/coronavirus/free-meals-for-central-a">https://abc3340.com/news/coronavirus/free-meals-for-central-a</a>		
Birmingham City Schools Grab and Go Meals for Students	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dMBf145dEwEnFLkCrTJRjqap3">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dMBf145dEwEnFLkCrTJRjqap3</a>		
Food pantries			
School meal replacement programs			
Understanding CARES Act "Recovery Rebates" -- from the Southern Economic Advancement Project	<a href="http://www.theseap.org/wp-content/uploads/SEAP-CARES-Infographic.pdf">http://www.theseap.org/wp-content/uploads/SEAP-CARES-Infographic.pdf</a>		
<b>MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT</b>			
Managing Stress & Anxiety (CDC info and links)	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing</a>		
Calm.com (Sleep stories, soothing music, meditations, etc.)	<a href="https://www.calm.com/blog/take-a-deep-breath">https://www.calm.com/blog/take-a-deep-breath</a>		
Headspace (Meditations, articles)	<a href="https://www.headspace.com/covid-19">https://www.headspace.com/covid-19</a>		
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - guidance, resources (PDF)	<a href="https://www.nami.org/getattachment/Press-Media/Press-Relea">https://www.nami.org/getattachment/Press-Media/Press-Relea</a>		
<b>MUTUAL AID NETWORKS</b>			
Birmingham Mutual Aid	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/12wY7BG4wzI0TJ6IHlg2">https://docs.google.com/document/d/12wY7BG4wzI0TJ6IHlg2</a>		

TOP POLICY PRIORITIES				
<p>Explicitly include Local Food and Farm Businesses in Small Business Support Programs</p> <p>Ask CDC to explicitly name farmers markets (along with grocery stores etc) as essential public services</p> <p>Explore potential for small farmers to be heavily monitored for handling food and products in the future</p>				
<b>Partner orgs to follow</b>	<b>COVID-19 response</b>	<b>Organizational website</b>	<b>Organizational Facebook</b>	
Alabama Amie - for Alabama-specific policy advocacy around issues relating to poverty and economic justice. ASAN is a member	<a href="https://www.alabamianetwork.org/blog/posts/covid-19-7-policy-changes-that-would-help-prohibit-discrimination">https://www.alabamianetwork.org/blog/posts/covid-19-7-policy-changes-that-would-help-prohibit-discrimination</a>	<a href="https://www.alamie.org/">https://www.alamie.org/</a>		
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition - federal policy action around sustainable ag. ASAN is a member	<a href="https://sustainableagriculture.net/our-work/issue-areas/food-access/">https://sustainableagriculture.net/our-work/issue-areas/food-access/</a>		<a href="https://www.alamie.org/">https://www.alamie.org/</a>	
Farmers Market Coalition - advocacy and connectivity for farmers markets and FM associations around the country. ASAN is a member	<a href="https://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/">https://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/</a>	<a href="https://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/">https://www.farmersmarketcoalition.org/</a>		
National Farm to School Network	<a href="http://www.farmtoschool.org/news-and-articles/sponsoring-our-community-farm-to-school-05-09-19">http://www.farmtoschool.org/news-and-articles/sponsoring-our-community-farm-to-school-05-09-19</a>	<a href="http://www.farmtoschool.org/">http://www.farmtoschool.org/</a>		
National Young Farmers Coalition	<a href="https://na.civilex.com/">https://na.civilex.com/</a>	<a href="https://www.youngfarmers.org/">https://www.youngfarmers.org/</a>		
<b>Briefings / reports / etc</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Link</b>		
Mitigating Immediate Harmful Impacts of COVID-19 on Farms and Ranches selling through Local and Regional Food Markets	<a href="http://localfoodeconomics.com">localfoodeconomics.com</a>	<a href="https://localfoodeconomics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020_03_18-EconomicImpactLocalFood.pdf">https://localfoodeconomics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020_03_18-EconomicImpactLocalFood.pdf</a>		
<b>Action alerts, petitions, etc.</b>	<b>Link</b>			
Food Chain Workers Alliance - Front Line Food Workers Need Protections NOW	<a href="https://actionnetwork.org/letters/food-workers-on-the-front-line-need-urgent-protections-now/?view_id=ue4link_id=0&amp;can_id=aa2ba0c2bd2475565d151d6243c37&amp;source=email_what_food_workers_on_the_front_lines_need_right_now&amp;email_referrer=email_7569118&amp;email_subject=take-action-its-time-to-value-the-labor-of-food-workers">https://actionnetwork.org/letters/food-workers-on-the-front-line-need-urgent-protections-now/?view_id=ue4link_id=0&amp;can_id=aa2ba0c2bd2475565d151d6243c37&amp;source=email_what_food_workers_on_the_front_lines_need_right_now&amp;email_referrer=email_7569118&amp;email_subject=take-action-its-time-to-value-the-labor-of-food-workers</a>			

TITLE	SOURCE	LINK
Farmers Markets - Resource Page	Farmers Market Coalition	<a href="https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/farmers-markets-covid19/">https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/farmers-markets-covid19/</a>
COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR MARKET MANAGERS	Mass Farmers Markets	<a href="https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/covid19-advisory-for-market-managers">https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/covid19-advisory-for-market-managers</a>
Alabama FMA best practices	AL Farmers Market Authority	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DpCPAsRCaUkcdHXpezq_y94-Cz_cY-uR/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DpCPAsRCaUkcdHXpezq_y94-Cz_cY-uR/view</a>
One-pager "COVID-19 FAQ FOR FARMERS MARKETS"	NC State Univ	<a href="https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Farmers-Market_COVID-19_031320.pdf?fw=eno">https://foodsafety.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Farmers-Market_COVID-19_031320.pdf?fw=eno</a>
THE NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET AND VENDOR INSURANCE PROGRAM	Campbell Risk Management / Farmers	<a href="https://www.campbellriskmanagement.com/">https://www.campbellriskmanagement.com/</a> <a href="https://www.flipprogram.com/">https://www.flipprogram.com/</a>
Food Liability Insurance Program		
Local Farmers' Markets Do Their Part to Flatten the Curve on Coronavirus -- incl concrete best practices from Carboro FM	Debbie Roos, NCSU Extension	<a href="https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/03/local-farmers-markets-do-their-part-to-flatten-the-curve-on-coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR2sCsY9MoblKx-EJCIzAm-6uEC6S_7bkXXtkG6yFjkMTXFN6_jwFdc">https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/03/local-farmers-markets-do-their-part-to-flatten-the-curve-on-coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR2sCsY9MoblKx-EJCIzAm-6uEC6S_7bkXXtkG6yFjkMTXFN6_jwFdc</a>
<b>FOR STARTING ONLINE SALES</b>		
<a href="http://locallygrown.net">locallygrown.net</a>	Online scalable platform for online farmers markets	Can also lean on Ros Horton, Market at Dothan for support -- <a href="mailto:marketatdothan@gmail.com">marketatdothan@gmail.com</a>
Webinar that "slowly" walks farmers through the process of setting up an on-line Square store. good for less tech-savvy farmers	Univ of Kentucky	<a href="https://www.uky.edu/ccd/onlinestore_webinarlinks">https://www.uky.edu/ccd/onlinestore_webinarlinks</a>
<b>Small sampling of best practices:</b>		
Space vendors apart	Pepper Place Market - coming up with scalable market strategies in light of new protocols	
Limit non-essential vendors ie crafts etc.		
Limit cash/check sales - put cash/checks in a ziploc for 4 days after market		
Food Handling, separation of duties, cash-card person separate from food handler person, NO SAMPLES		
Provide ample hand sanitizer, etc. but be aware that hand sanitizer is not as effective as soap+ water.		
Mandatory hand washing for customers. Portable hands-free hand-washing stations use footpedals to feed water from a cistern, and are often available for rent from porta-potty rental companies		
USE GLOVES THE RIGHT WAY - ie wash hands before use, and do not reuse - once done with a surface, throw out		
Offer "picking" ie drive through concierge service if possible?		

<p><b>Advocate!</b> See policy tab</p>	
<p><b>Support local farmers! Enroll in a CSA program, order directly from farmers and farmers markets, buy gift cards from local businesses who support local farmers.</b> CSAs put money directly into farmers' pockets when they need it most. See list on group sales tab and use directories on directories tab</p>	
<p><b>Organize your neighborhood / community</b> -- ASAN believes that deep, authentic, community relationships are the foundation for a resilient agricultural system (and a resilient world). Connect with your neighbors, form a neighborhood "pod", etc. Resources available under "Mutual Aid Information" in the doc linked at right.</p>	<p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oM9vh26TA1Y57ddEXoGHzs">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oM9vh26TA1Y57ddEXoGHzs</a></p>
<p><b>Volunteer with Meals on Wheels</b> -- many regular volunteers fall into high-risk categories for COVID-19 and are therefore not able to volunteer, even as the need for these support programs surges. If you are low-risk please consider volunteering.</p>	
<p>If we hear a strong need for social support and basic human-to-human connection, we may set up a phone tree! Anyone can volunteer to check-in on others in our network via phone, FaceTime, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Safety</b> - buying from local farmers, directly or at markets, is comparatively safer than going to a regular store; now and in the future. more accountability with local farmers who you know and who you can reach out to</p>	
<p><b>Patience</b> - being patient with farmers while they are experiencing a very stressful time; either super busy or not. farmers are people, not a giant corporation. times like this can make or break someone's business. be patient, it's chaos for everyone. farmers are going to treat you the same as everyone else, and work to give you exceptional products and service</p>	
<p><b>Language</b> - consumers are people. food is not just a commodity. use new language to express the magnitude of impact that local food systems have on cultural behaviors and mindsets.</p>	
<p><b>Showing up in Hard Times</b> - the impact of community will last beyond disaster. and people will remember that you fed them and provided for them during a time of struggle. yes, that means repeat customers but it also means deeper community.</p>	
<p><b>Education</b> - reiterating the nutritional importance of fresh local food to consumers. not just stocking up on commodity foods.</p>	
<p><b>Push Support</b> - getting the public ramped up in supporting local farmers markets. this will remind them of community and let markets feel more comfortable opening on time. support from public will keep individuals aware of food sources and farmers/markets aware of support.</p>	