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Probably the simplest definition for farming is that of growing things. What is the greatest "crop" any of us can ever grow?



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The number of farmers markets nationally is steadily growing with a 110 percent increase from 1994 to 2004 according to a USDA, AMS report. There is a growing appreciation for local, seasonal, organic food. This positive reception is linking urban and farming communities. For many small and beginning farms, these local sales are the key to economic sustainability. This photo was taken about three years ago at the Delaware County Farmers Market on the Delaware (Ohio) County Fairgrounds. It is open Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon. A second market, Main Street Delaware Farmers Market is located downtown and is open on Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Photo by Andy Stevens