

Local Grower-Local Buyer event in Easton aims to strengthen food partnerships

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Easton Farmers' Market Winter Mart opens for the season on Dec. 13, 2014

Nancy Williams, of Pen Argyl, shops for produce from Josie Porter Farms in Stroudsburg at Easton Farmers' Market's Winter Mart.

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[Easton Farmers' Market](#) and [Buy Fresh Buy Local of the Greater Lehigh Valley](#) are partnering for a Local Grower-Local Buyer meet and greet.

The event will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the [Nurture Nature Center](#), 518 Northampton St. in Easton.

The first part of the evening will allow local producers and food buyers to create new business alliances, according to a news release.

At 7 p.m., the public is invited for a farm-to-table panel discussion with Tim Stark of Eckerton Hill Farms, [Chef Lee Chizmar of Bolete](#) and Andrew Puglia. The panel will talk about local sourcing and field questions from producers, buyers and consumers. A reception featuring local Lehigh Valley foods grown by Buy Fresh Buy Local partners and Easton Farmers' Market will follow the discussion.

Vendors and buyers can register for the free event by emailing Lynn Prior at lynn@buylocalgreaterlehighvalley.org or Brittany Vokoun at brittanyankine@gmail.com.