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Portland Farmers Market Closing Buckman Location

Portland, Ore. (December 17, 2015) – Portland Farmers Market today announced its decision to permanently close its Buckman neighborhood market, which was open Thursday afternoons at SE 20th Ave and Salmon Street in the parking lot of Hinson Baptist Church.

While Portland Farmers Markets' other locations have experienced stable and in some cases growing shopper visits and sales over the years, the Buckman Market has experienced a consistent decline in shopper counts since 2010. As a result, vendor interest in the market has waned. Portland Farmers Market assumed responsibility of this neighborhood farmers market in 2006 from a local community group who opened it in 2003. Today, neighbors can shop at more than 10 grocery stores and healthy food markets within a two-mile radius around the Buckman location.

"We deeply appreciate the loyal shoppers who have supported our market over the past 11 seasons. Hinson Baptist Church has also been a generous and understanding landlord," said Trudy Toliver, Executive Director of Portland Farmers Market. "We hope that our shoppers will continue to purchase locally grown and produced food at the People's Farmers' Market located at the People's Food Co-op and at other area farmers markets."

About Portland Farmers Market

Celebrating its 25th season in 2016 and founded in 1992, Portland Farmers Market operates world-class farmers markets that contribute to the success of local food growers and producers, and create vibrant community gatherings. The independently-run local 501(c)6 nonprofit employs seven full-time and seven part-time employees who manage six weekly farmers' markets in the Portland area year round. More than 700,000 shoppers purchase farm-fresh produce, meats, cheeses, seafood, baked goods and other specialty foods from

nearly 200 vendors generating more than \$8 million in sales annually. In addition to operating markets, Portland Farmers Market also serves as an incubator for emerging businesses, a leader of the local food movement, a source of education, a culinary focal point in the community, a cultural destination complete with musical entertainment, and a beacon for Portland's sustainability movement. To learn more about how Portland Farmers Market aims to grow, nourish and inspire the community, become a Twitter and Instagram follower, Facebook fan, blog reader and visit portlandfarmersmarket.org.