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Check out what's blooming at the Greenville State Farmers Market

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Gardeners are itching – not so much from the pollen – but more likely from spring fever. They're itching to get down and dirty and refresh their lawns and gardens for the spring and summer.

The Greenville State Farmers Market will soon be in full bloom with the last of the SC Department of Agriculture's three spring festivals for 2012. The Piedmont Plant and Flower Festival will be held at the Greenville State Farmers Market, 1354 Rutherford Road in Greenville on May 3-6. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

With the arrival of warmer temperatures, gardeners in the Upstate are looking for plants to spruce up the yard or for a vegetable garden. This four-day festival offers a wide variety of plants, flowers, and lawn and garden décor. Visitors are encouraged to bring along a wagon or cart to carry their purchases and to wear comfortable shoes. The festival will be held rain or shine.

Hugh Weathers, South Carolina's Commissioner of Agriculture, said spring is always a great time to get out into the yard and garden.

"There isn't any other way to kick off the spring than working outdoors," Weathers said. "And you'll find just what you need for your yard and garden at the Piedmont Spring Plant and Flower Festival."

Exhibitors will be on hand selling a wide variety of plants, flowers, and yard décor. There will also be a booth for Clemson Extension's Master Gardeners to answer gardening questions, and members of the South Carolina Specialty Food Association will be selling their Certified SC products.

For more information about the Piedmont Plant and Flower Festival, call the Greenville State Farmers Market at 864-244-4023 or visit <http://agriculture.sc.gov>. Also keep up with what's going on with South Carolina Department of Agriculture by following the SCDA on Twitter @certified_sc or Certified South Carolina on Facebook.

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