# Mississippi MarketMaker Newsletter



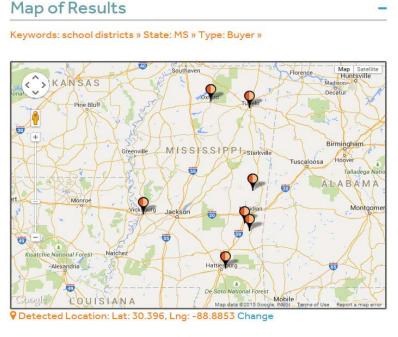
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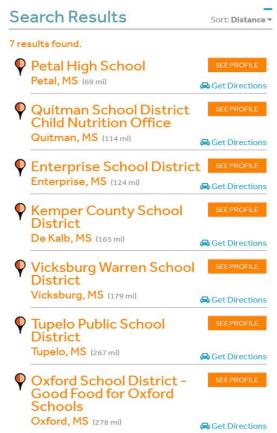
# **Linking Mississippi School Districts with Local Food Growers**

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#### School Districts Registered in Mississippi MarketMaker

To find local school districts registered in Mississippi MarketMaker: (1) Do a **Business Search** in <a href="http://ms.foodmarketmaker.com">http://ms.foodmarketmaker.com</a>, (2) Type "school district", (3) Select **Buyer** under Filters, then **Search By** distance. Remember to specify your current location. There are **seven school districts** registered in Mississippi MarketMaker, as shown in the MarketMaker map below. Please encourage your local school district nutritionists to register their schools at Mississippi MarketMaker and network with local food growers.

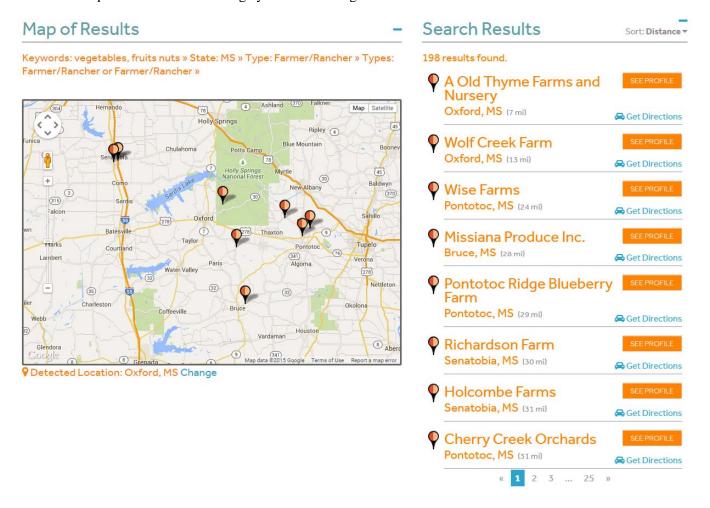




Register your food business and school district and search for local foods at ms.foodmarketmaker.com.

#### Vegetable, Fruits and Nut Growers Registered in Mississippi MarketMaker

To find local vegetable, fruit and nut growers registered in Mississippi MarketMaker: (1) Do a **Business Search** in <a href="http://ms.foodmarketmaker.com">http://ms.foodmarketmaker.com</a>, (2) Type "vegetables, fruits, nuts", (3) Select Farmer/Rancher under Filters, then Search By distance. Remember to specify your current location. There are 198 vegetable, fruit and nut growers registered in Mississippi MarketMaker. The eight growers nearest to Oxford School District are shown in the MarketMaker map below. Please encourage your local food growers to network with local school districts.



### Regional Farm to School Workshop

Attend this informative workshop and get connected to schools and growers in your area on July 28, 2015 from 9-noon at the Forrest County Extension Office. Read more about it at <a href="https://veggiedr.wordpress.com/2015/06/29/save-the-date-farm-to-school-workshop/">https://veggiedr.wordpress.com/2015/06/29/save-the-date-farm-to-school-workshop/</a>.

# MarketMaker Training Workshops for Producers, Extension, Regulators and School Teachers

Available upon request by a group of 6-12 producers, extension agents, state regulatory agencies staff and school teachers. More details at http://www.coastal.msstate.edu/MMInserviceTraining.html.

#### Where can you find the National Food MarketMaker?

MarketMaker can be viewed at <a href="http://ms.foodmarketmaker.com/">http://ms.foodmarketmaker.com/</a>.
Ask Siri or Cortana to search for "Mississippi MarketMaker" on your smart phone.

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