



COMMUNITY MARKETS INC.

Locally grown. Locally connected.

Food Security & Local Food Access in West Virginia

Community Markets Inc. Basics

Legal Status: 501(c)(3) nonprofit

Founded on March 1, 2021

Located in Shepherdstown, WV

Serving 12 WV Counties*

*As of January 2026



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Mission & Vision

Mission:

- CMI exists to connect locally grown food to families in need.

Vision:

- West Virginia grown food is on every West Virginian's plate.



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Why Community Markets Inc.?

- Feeding Underserved Appalachian Families
- Supporting WV & Local Farmers
- Increasing Access to Healthy WV-Grown Food
- Growing Wealth & Wellness in West Virginia



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Poverty in WV

West Virginia is one of the most economically impoverished states in the nation with an overall poverty rate of **17.9%**.

Poverty Rates in Eastern Panhandle:

- **Jefferson County:** 9.3%,
- **Berkeley County:** 11.1%
- **Morgan County:** 15.7%.

The ALICE Threshold: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed.

Households below the ALICE Threshold:

- **Jefferson County:** 33%
- **Berkeley County:** 39%
- **Morgan County:** 40%



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Remember This?



March
2020:
Pandemic!



We are ALL Vulnerable to Food Insecurity!



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Impact Summary (as of January 2026)

In over 3 years, **Community Markets Inc.** has:

- Fed **21,450 people**
- in **12 WV counties**
- with **226,470 lbs.** of healthy food
- & put over **\$628,500** back in to **local farmers' & small business owners'** pockets



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CMI's Initial Programs

- **Food Box Giveaway Program**
- **Local Food Access Program**



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Food Box Giveaway Program

- Twice Monthly
- Donations/Grants used to buy healthy staple foods at a fair price from local farmers
- Distributed free of charge to needy
- In Food Deserts & Low Income Communities
- Underserved families, children, elderly, lacking healthy food access
- Volunteer Friendly!



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Local Food Access Program

- 2 Mobile Farmers Markets serving WV's Eastern Panhandle
- Weekly Online Pre Orders
- Over 25 Local Vendors
- Healthy & Affordable Groceries made EASY!
- Staple Foods: High Quality Low Price
- Mobile Cold Storage Key



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St. Isidore Market

- Weekly Year-Round Mobile Market
- Charles Town, WV
- Thursdays 5:00-6:30 pm
- April 2023 CMI took over
- Pre Order Online Fri-Tues
- Walk Up Sales too!
- Money Goes Back to FBG

www.saintisidoremarket.com



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Magnolia Market

- Biweekly Seasonal Mobile Market
- Paw Paw, WV
- Fridays 4:30-6:00 pm
- Pilot Aug 22 - Oct 17, 2025
- Pre Order Online Fri-Tues
- Serving Morgan Co. Food Desert
- Money Goes Back to FBG

www.facebook.com/MagnoliaMarketWV



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Union Market - CLOSED!

- Weekly Seasonal Mobile Market
- Harpers Ferry & Bolivar, WV
- Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm
- Ran Aug 2023-Oct 2024
- Food Truck, Music, Local Food

- Appalachian Snail Open!
Local Food Store: Coffee / Ice
Cream / Sandwiches / Groceries



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Mobile Markets: Economic Development

- Business Incubator
- Provides nearly-free eCommerce store
- Diversify Direct to Consumer Marketing Channels
- Test Demand for New Product/Business Concept
- Businesses Scale Up
- Case Study: Joan + Joe Coffee



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AmeriCorps VISTA Program

- CMI is HIRING AmeriCorps VISTAs!
- Critical Program for CMI Capacity
- Bi-Monthly Living Stipend
- Healthcare
- Education Award
- Host Site Benefits



AmeriCorps
West Virginia



West Virginia's Promise
The Alliance for Youth



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Community Partnerships

- JCS Backpack Program
- Bushel & Peck Partnership
- Greater Impact Through Collaboration
- Leverage Existing Infrastructure
- Impact Multiplier
- Stronger Together!
- Filling in Gaps in Service



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We Love Our Partners!



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Stay in Touch!

Monthly Newsletter, Upcoming Events, Volunteer Opportunities

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Can You Help?

- **Donate**
- **Become a Monthly Donor**
- **Volunteer**
- **Shop at Mobile Markets**
- **Tell a Friend!**



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Become a CMI Monthly Donor!



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Feed Hungry Families. Support Our Farmers. Increase Local Food Access.

Your donation ensures that Community Markets Inc. can continue connecting locally grown food to families in need.

Community Markets Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. All donations are tax-deductible.

The [Board](#), staff, and volunteers of Community Markets Inc. thank you for your generosity!

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Your donation

One-time donation

25

will provide a family with a food box every other month

ANY Amount
Helps!



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Thank You!



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Questions? Comments?



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