

Markets back on for some farmers

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Farmers say they're being allowed back at Nathan Phillips Square and Metro Hall square to sell their produce.

The weekly markets had been barred from the two locations when the municipal workers strike began.

However, late last night, the farmers learned the city had relented, said Cathy Bartolic, executive director of the Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association.

"We're thrilled," Bartolic said. "It's huge."

Bartolic said the city relented only so far as to allow the produce vendors selling fresh fruit and vegetables. The cheese and smoked meat vendors still aren't welcome.

She said the produce people will be at Metro Hall on Thursday and at Nathan Phillips Square next Wednesday.

City spokesperson Rob Andrusevich refused to say if there's been a policy change on farmers' markets, saying that details will be given out at the city's daily afternoon briefing.

Bartolic said Yonge-Dundas Square, which is run by its own board of management, has offered space for farmers to sell produce Thursday.