

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 858\***

Short Title: 21st Century Farmers' Market Program Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Hall, Harrison, and Luebke.

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Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Appropriations.

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March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE 21<sup>ST</sup>  
3 CENTURY FARMERS' MARKETS PROGRAM, A PILOT PROGRAM TO  
4 ASSIST SMALL, LOW-INCOME NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS WHO  
5 MARKET THEIR PRODUCTS DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMERS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Leaflight,  
8 Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the  
9 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2008-2009  
10 fiscal year to assist in the development of and the operational and staffing costs of its  
11 21<sup>st</sup> Century Farmers' Markets Program, a pilot program to assist small, low-income  
12 North Carolina farmers who market their products directly to customers to enroll in the  
13 United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Food Stamp  
14 Program, to educate and encourage these farmers to accept noncash customer payments,  
15 and to provide educational materials to food stamp recipients; thereby helping these  
16 farmers increase their customer base while educating low-income persons about the  
17 benefits of having a healthy diet and improved nutrition.

18       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.