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**Wintergreen Real Estate Company to Provide New Tent and Facilities
for Nelson County Farmers' Market**

Previous facilities ravaged by tropical storm Ernesto

Wintergreen, VA—The remnants of tropical storm Ernesto roared through the Rockfish Valley on Friday, September 1st, pummeling the Nellysford area with relentless wind and several inches of rain. Early Friday evening, the wind ripped the Farmers' Market tents—two canopies spanning 2,500 square feet—from the ground, sending them 100 feet into the nearby power lines. Local authorities were quick to respond, but had no choice but to cut the tents free from the entanglement, in turn rendering the largest tent unusable for future market events.

Wintergreen Real Estate Company provided the original tent and grounds that have been used for the Farmers' Market since its establishment in 1996.

On Wednesday, September 6th, **Wintergreen Real Estate Company** announced that it would be providing a new tent for the Nelson County Farmers' Market for the 2007 season. "The market has become a vital part of our community here in Nelson, and all of the agents at Wintergreen Real Estate are pleased to be able to assist in replacing the damaged tent so that the farmers' market can continue on" said Tim Hess, managing partner of Wintergreen Real Estate Company.

The Nelson County Farmers' Market Board of Directors met on Saturday, September 2nd, to discuss continuing the market until October 14th as originally scheduled. The Board felt that it was important to continue the market since so many residents regularly attend the event. On behalf of all the Farmers' Market vendors, the board offers heartfelt thanks to all Wintergreen Real Estate agents for their generosity in providing a new tent for the Farmers' Market.

About Wintergreen Real Estate Co.:

Wintergreen Real Estate Company has led the real estate market in listings in sales year after year since its inception in 1974. With an office at the entrance to Stoney Creek, and one currently being developed on Wintergreen Mountain, Wintergreen Real Estate's 13 full-time agents and support staff of 11 are committed to protecting the interests and property values of their clients.

About the Nelson County Farmers' Market:

Founded in 1996, the Nelson County Farmers' Market is a producer-only market, featuring fresh local produce, baked goods, fine crafts, plants, cut flowers, live music, and more. The farmers' market is open Saturdays from the first weekend in May through the middle of October from 8am until noon.