

Frankenmuth Farmers Market

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Frankenmuth Farmers Market Opens May 14

FRANKENMUTH, MI – The Frankenmuth Farmers Market opens for its 12th season for the first time in its new Pavilion Saturday, May 14, 8am to 2pm. Brief opening remarks will take place at 10am, and a group photo of those who have ordered custom-engraved Market Bricks will be taken at 10:30am on the Brick Patio. As the Market Building's construction is not quite complete, all visitors are encouraged to access the Market off of Franklin Street, one block west of Main Street. The Market is located in northern Frankenmuth at 534 N. Main St., just south of generous Market sponsor Frankenmuth Credit Union. Saturday Markets run 8am-2pm through October 15 with 3-7pm Wednesday Market running June 8 to October 12.

Many vendors and their products have been with the Market since its opening day eleven seasons ago, including Hoffman Farm plants and seeds, Beyer Farm annuals and perennials, Butter Crust Bakery, Kapow Soaps and dog treats, Miller Orchard, 4-H, and the Herb Society. Other returning vendors and products are Tozy Tea, Lawrence Farm plants and soil-less planting mix, Hampshire Farm organic breads, Schiefer maple syrup and honey, Ma Tilger Farms, Great Lakes Pie Company, Kernel Benny popcorn, EB's Monster Cookies, Saverine Creek seed jewelry, and Ludwig Cheese. Producers making their debut at the Market include 1031's coffees, Ann Frank's artwork, Wright Stuff Bakery, and Herban Barb's herbs and garden art. The Frankenmuth City Beautification Committee will be "selling" canna flowers as a fundraiser for free with a freewill donation. Willi's Sausages will serve brats and more, the Frankenmuth Women's Club will feature strawberry shortcake. Johnny Burke will broadcast live on-site.

When construction is complete, the Market's new permanent campus will host the Market Pavilion next to the Market Building which will include a rentable Gathering Barn, a year-round Farm Store, and the "Artisans Kitchen" business incubator kitchen which can be rented 24/7 by those looking to make commercially sellable items in a fully licensed kitchen. The Kitchen's rental schedule is quickly filling up, and those interested are asked to email ffmikitchen@gmail.com.

The Frankenmuth Farmers Market's mission is to promote and provide locally grown food and products, education, and entrepreneurial opportunities to benefit the community and foster sustainability. A founding member of the Michigan Farmers Market Association, the Market was recently listed as one of the top ten must-visit farmers markets in Michigan by the website OnlyInYourState.com. The Market's Christkindlmarkt will operate November 25-27 and December 2-4 again at its original downtown location next to Harvest Coffeehouse. The Market is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing and promoting the values of local food and products in an effort to strengthen and preserve our economy, agriculture, and sustainability. To learn more, please visit www.frankenmuthfarmersmarket.org or the Market's Facebook page.

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