



# The Monthly Chicken

The best farmers market newsletter since scrambled eggs!



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# #TastiestMarketInTown

As a former Gopher football coach one said: "Are you hungry, or are you starving?" Well, either way the farmers market will fill you up!

The Annex began our new concession program 3 years ago. From those first 10 vendors our ready to eat food has morphed and grown every year since. Today we have 17 vendors serving ready to eat deliciousness. Having this wonderful spread of vendors allows each one to focus on their special food and make it amazing!



So just how popular is ready to eat food to your average visitor to a farmers market? A recent study asking shoppers the primary reason they come to the farmers market concluded: The #1 primary reason people come to a farmers market is: fresh produce... But the #2 primary reason is: to socialize... But the #3 primary reason is to eat!!! And when asked about ALL the reasons people come to the farmers market, 50% of respondents said they come to eat, second only to buying fresh, quality, local produce (which we will shamelessly note that we also have at the market).

Hungry? Starving? Trust us, the Farmers Market Annex will fix that for you! (Though we can't promise to fix Gopher football. That might be a lost cause.)

Oh! We'd love for you to share on social media what deliciousness you found here at the Annex. Snap that pic, post it to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and tag it:

## #TastiestMarketInTown

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Farmers Market Annex!

We are open  
Apr 27 - Oct 27, 2019  
Saturdays & Sundays  
7:00am - 1:00pm

When you visit the Annex, please remember:

- No dogs
- No smoking
- Many vendors accept plastic. They all take cash!
- Bring a reusable bag, cause this is kinda what it's meant for.

We are a family friendly market and welcome everyone to visit and see what makes us a Next Generation Farmers Market

## Upcoming Events

June 15-16

- Medica Healthy Savings begins
- Live Music from Miles Warren

June 22-23

- Live Music from Kirk and Low

4th of July

- Open normal hours both June 29-30 and July 6-7. Saturday & Sunday 7am - 1pm
- Market Flowers Hours Thursday July 4: 9am - 12pm

July 27-28

- Summer Celebration Weekend

## What's In Season

- Asparagus
- Green Onions
- Ruhlbarb
- Bok Choy
- Lettuce
- Peonies!
- Herbs



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## Market Flowers This Month

Local Peonies are here!

Market Flowers has a fantastic selection of fresh peonies in their coolers, all grown right here in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Now that the local peonies are here, they will have them though mid-July. Mid-July? But how? Peonies are unique in that you CAN dry store them for up to a month after they are cut. With their coolers they can dry store a lot of peonies! Don't worry, once they are in water, they perk up and are beautiful as if they were just cut from the plant.

You can find peonies in all the colors: white, light pink, medium pink, hot pink, coral, and burgundy. So come get your peony fix while they are in season!



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## Meet Our Vendors

### Our Concession Vendors

The Farmers Market Annex features 17 vendors serving up hot food and cold drinks. If you haven't tried something from all of them, you should. You won't be disappointed!

- Amy's Classic Confections - Deserts and gelato
- Bee Chang - Grilled veggies
- Chef Earl's Barbecue - BBQ Ribs, pulled pork & more
- China Wok - Teriyaki Chicken & Won Tons
- FAH Tea - Teas & slushies
- Go Crepe - Crepes and Boba Tea
- Hastings Roasted Corn - Roasted Corn & Elote
- Honey & Rye Bakehouse - Pastries & Breads
- Luther Enterprises - Mini donuts, cheese curds, & corn dogs
- Miss Papaya - Papaya salads, sticky rice with mango, & more
- Quince Mpls Market - Breakfast burrito, BLTs, pastries
- Shaved Ice - Shaved Ice
- Squeeze Team Lemonade - Ice cold lemonade
- Tasty Gyros - Gyros & falafels
- Tiny Footprint Coffee - Coffee, espresso, kombucha & more
- Tollefson's Meats - Brats, breakfast skillet, Tricky Ricky, pulled pork & more
- Vang Express - Eggrolls, spring rolls, & more



## Deceivingly Empty

As you stroll through the market you may notice a number of empty stalls. Are we out of vendors? Going out of business!? No one wants to sell here any more?!?!  
**NOPE!**

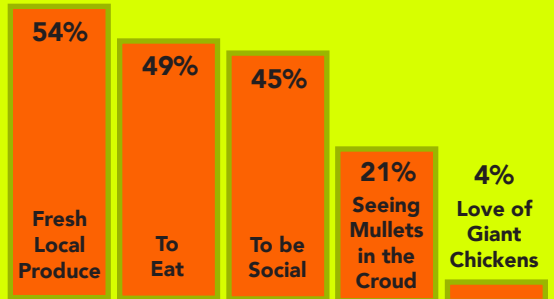


These are stalls for our local growers who aren't here for the season yet. People automatically think "fresh local produce" when they think farmers market, as they should. But we live in Minnesota. Our winters last till June. Thus a lot of that homegrown produce you expect to find is still a month or more away from harvest. That said, local asparagus, lettuce, green onions, herbs, rhubarb, and other spring produce are here!

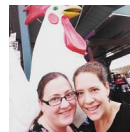
So life lesson: if you see more empty stalls than normal in June, don't panic! That just space waiting for the local produce to come! Oh, and know our market is about WAY more than just local produce. That's what makes us a Next Generation Farmers Market: we are here with crafts, speciality items, fresh cooked food, goods and services of all kinds regardless of if the local produce is ready for picking or not.

## Survey Says...

As mentioned earlier, there was a survey done which asked people for all the reasons they visit a farmers market. Here are the results.



We found this on the internet, so we can only assume it's 100% accurate, right?



Take a pic by the chick  
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