

Princeton Farmers Market Celebrates 30 years

Every Saturday morning, May through October, the Princeton Farmers' Market brings a buzz of activity to Princeton's downtown. On Saturday, June 3rd, that buzz will be a little louder than usual. The Princeton-Zimmerman Farmers' Market Association (PZFMA) invites everyone to its 30th anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 3, 10a.m. to 1p.m. at 111 South Rum River Drive (Princeton Mall Parking Lot). Enjoy free food (while supplies last), music, and games during this special celebration for a unique community organization. As usual, visitors have the opportunity to engage local producers and gain a deeper understanding of the local food scene and choose from a wide variety of local farm products available for purchase.

About Princeton-Zimmerman Farmers Market

In 1985-86, former Minnesota Governor C. Elmer Anderson, the Rum River Citizen League, and the City of Princeton sponsored community meetings to address the ailing economic situation of Main Street. As a result of those meetings, the Princeton Farmers Market was originally conceptualized to be a downtown community market that encouraged local economic activity. A consortium of local specialty crop farmers was organized by the Minnesota Food Association Chapter and the market began the summer of 1987. Initial farms included the Melon Patch, Clasen Acres, Promise Land Organics, Foltz Orchard and Nursery, Pelucidor Farm, Polly's Pickins, and J.Q. Fruit Farm and Orchard. Initially, the market was located at Princeton's Riverside Park. In 1987, Princeton Farmers Market began its mission to help area farmers sell their products directly to consumers with the goal of expanding local food production, improving the variety, freshness, taste, safety, and nutritional value of produce available to consumers, and to strengthen the local economy.

PZFMA Grows

As it grew with more farms, the Princeton market moved to its present location, the Princeton Mall parking lot. In 2006, the organization started the Zimmerman Farmers' Market. The consortium of farms eventually incorporated in 2009 as the Princeton-Zimmerman Farmers Market Association—a non-profit farmer association with markets in Princeton and Zimmerman. Currently, the association enjoys more than twenty member farms.

PZFMA is Unique

Today, PZFMA represents an ideal seldom seen in practice—100% Local and 100% Farmer Run. The markets feature only local products sold directly by the producer. All vendors and their produce sold at market must originate from within 45 miles of the Greater Princeton-Zimmerman community. This is stipulated in the organization's bylaws and enforced by an elected board of farmer-directors. Despite these restrictions, the variety found at PZFMA markets is stunning. It consists of: a wide variety of vegetables including rare Asian and European varieties, meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey, and duck, fresh fruits including apples, blueberries, currants, raspberries, and strawberries, various syrups, baked goods,

and canned goods, milk-based and plant-based soaps and lotions, apiary products, and annual and perennial plants. Just as it was conceptualized in the mid-1980s, PZMFA showcases the agricultural diversity of the Princeton-Zimmerman area and continues to be an exemplar of rural American entrepreneurial spirit, bringing economic vibrancy to our Main Streets.

For more information on PZFMA or the 30th year anniversary celebration visit www.pzfarmersmarket.org or call 763-389-2567 or 763-389-7098.

PZFMA is a farmer organized, non-profit corporation headquartered in Princeton, MN (501c6). It holds farmers' markets at Lions Park in Zimmerman on Tuesday evenings during the summer months and Saturday mornings in downtown Princeton year around.

Announcement

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Saturday, June 3rd

Princeton Farmers' Market

"30TH ANNIVERSARY"

Public is invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the local farmers market on Saturday June 3rd, Market is from 8:30 am to 1:00pm, with events starting at 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.
111 Rum River Drive,
Princeton Mall Parking lot.

The Princeton Farmers Market has been a local farmer run market, since 1987. It started with seven farmers, today over twenty farmers provide locally grown food at the market for the community. Visit our Web page @ PZFarmersmarket.org or on Facebook.

**Meet your Local
Farmers and Growers**

**Free Food, Music and Games
(While supplies last)**

**Fresh Summer Vegetables, Fruits,
local raised Meats, and so much
more!**

**30 years of providing healthy and
locally grown foods to the
community.**

**Be part of the Celebration and
support your Local Farmers'
Market**

**PZ FARMERS' MARKET
ASSOCIATION**

111 South Rum River Drive

Princeton Parking Lot

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