

# Dane County Farmers' Market



Only 11 vendors set up around the Capitol Square at the first Dane County Farmers' Market in September 1972. But the market quickly grew. By October of that year there were already 85 vendors.

With more than 270 annual vendors now making appearances at the market, the success of the market is driven by the committed people involved. As a producer-only market, all of the stands are staffed by the farmers who grew, raised or made their products.

This year marks the 45th

season of what is today the largest producer-only farmers' market in the country. To celebrate, consider taking a stroll around the Capitol April 15 for the first market of the season.

"The fact that it's producer only, certainly, is the heart of the market," Market Manager Sarah Elliott said. "So the person — literally the person behind the stand — is the person that grew the vegetable, or raised the chicken or baked the bread."

This makes the vendors tremendous resources for those wandering around the picturesque Capitol Square on a

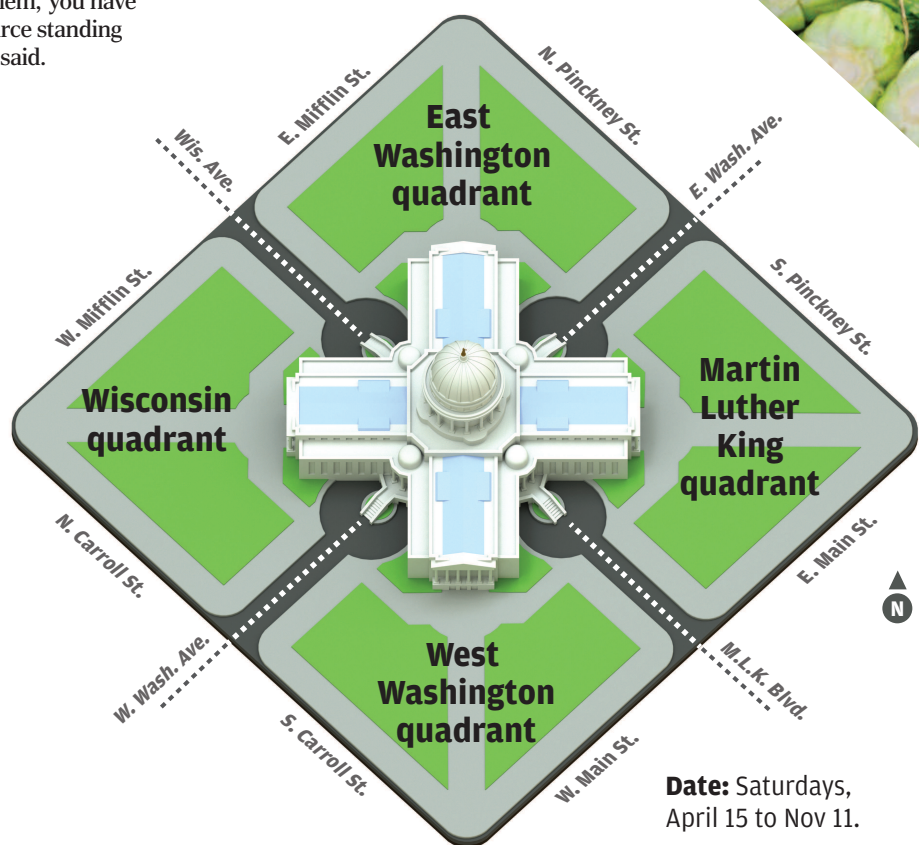
Saturday morning. No one knows more about the product than the producers themselves.

"If there is something you don't know what it is or something that you've always kind of looked at and thought, 'Those look pretty but I have no idea how to cook them,' you have this amazing resource standing right there," Elliott said.

## Finding your favorite vendor

During the three seasons of the market, more than 270 vendors will be making sales around the Square, but only about 150 to 175 vendors show up for each individual market. The best way to find your favorite vendor is to check for their assigned quadrant: East Washington, Martin Luther King, West Washington or Wisconsin.

<b>Bakery items</b>	<b>Dairy, eggs, meat or fish</b>	<b>Processed goods or misc.</b>	<b>Plants or cut flowers</b>	<b>Fruits or vegetables</b>
Whether it's freshly baked bread or a pumpkin-spiced muffin, the market is stocked with baked goods.	Fresh cheese curds, beef jerky, cuts of locally raised meat and more are at the market.	There are also delicious farm-made products like jams, honeys, maple syrup, pesto, cider, oils and more.	With succulents, tulips, basil and more, the market is a special spot for all of your garden favorites.	The fruits and vegetables available at the market change as the seasons pass.



**Date:** Saturdays, April 15 to Nov 11.  
**Hours:** 6:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

### Martin Luther King

- Alex Correll
- Black Earth Valley Produce
- Blue Moon Community Farm
- Blue Skies Farm
- Brunkow Cheese of Wisconsin
- Cabibbo's Bakery
- Canopy Gardens
- Chong's Flowers
- Crossroads Community Farm
- David & Kathy Cook
- Domann's Plants
- Door County Fruit Market
- Driftless Organics
- DuWayne Hoffman
- Ebert's Greenhouse Village
- Engel's Sugar Bush
- Fleming Orchards
- Forgotten Valley Cheese
- Garden To Be
- Ghost Valley Farms
- Gunderson's Great Garlic
- Hickory Heaven
- Honey Bee Bakery
- Hook's Cheese Company
- Jan Goods
- JenEhr Family Farm
- Ken Ruegsegger
- Krinke's Market
- Land of O's
- Lee Garden
- Lewiston Perennial Farm
- Liz Vowles
- Lost Lake Acres Greenhouse
- Lutz Family Farm
- Lynn Knapp
- Mai Lee
- Mao Pha Vang
- Marquardt's Tree Farm
- Marsden's Pure Honey
- Marshview Farm
- May Vang Xiong
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- Nina and Family Garden
- Pecatonica Valley Farm
- Pilgrim's Pantry
- Pleasant Springs Orchard
- Posch's Sauerkraut
- Randy Sagen
- Robert Lane Future Fruit Farm
- RP's Pasta Company
- Shaun Moua
- Sprouting Acres
- Taylor's Greenhouse
- TeBeest Farms
- Ten Eyck Orchard
- The Flower Factory Nursery
- The Gypsy Travelin' Market & Bakery
- Tietz Family Farms
- Tou & Mao Xiong
- Two Onion Farm
- VaLor Acres
- WaFer Ridge Farms
- WaLee & Sheng Farms
- West Star Farm
- Woodside Flowers
- Yang Chang
- Yang Seasonal Garden
- Yee Xiong Yang
- Young Earth Farm

### East Washington

- Alsum Sweet Corn
- Bao Lee Vang
- Blooming Fields
- Blue Valley Gardens
- Bonde Bee
- Brantmeier Farm
- Carandale Farm
- Cherokee Bison Farms
- Chris & Lori's Bakehouse
- Cindy's Country Kitchen
- Cinnamon & Oatmeal Farm
- Country Fresh Garden
- CXL Enterprise
- DOLCI Italian-American Sweets
- Donna's Sweet Honey
- Ducks in a Row Family Farm
- Eagle Nest Farm
- East Side Ovens
- Flyte Family Farms
- Frey Family Farm
- Gentleman Farmers
- Ger's Produce
- Gooch Farms
- Green Barn Farm Market
- Hampton's Greenhouse
- Harmony Valley Farm
- Hickory Lane Farm
- Indian Farm Mushrooms and Hops
- Jesse Edge
- Jimmy Hudson Jr. Produce
- Kim & Mark Kindschi
- Knapp's Fresh Veggies
- Kopke's Greenhouse
- Kou & Mai Vang
- LaClare Farm Specialties
- Las Dulceras
- Link's Greenhouse
- Lor Farm
- Luna Circle Farm
- Mammoth Produce
- Mao Vang Her
- March Rapids Co.
- Mary's Floral & Produce
- Morningwood Farm
- Mr. Home Grown of Wisconsin
- Mysh Garden
- Nami Moon Farms
- Nehmers Produce & Greenhouse
- Patterson Sugar Bush
- Ridgeland Harvest
- Rockwell Ridge Farm
- Roots Down Community Farm
- Steinke Farm Market
- Stenrud Greenhouse
- Steve Vue
- Sunborn Gardens
- Sunshine Farmers
- Sweet Street Bakery
- Taproot Farm & Fruit
- The Nut Factory
- Warren & Ong Xiong
- Werff-More Produce
- Westridge Produce
- Wetherby Cranberry Co.
- Xong Kue Xiong

### West Washington

- A Noble Design
- Abundance Acres
- America's Best Flowers
- Andy Phia & Cheng Vue Yang
- Barham Gardens
- Bird's Nest Nursery & Garden
- Butter Mountain Farm
- Cabin Creek Herbs
- Capri Cheese
- Cher's Garden
- Citron Creek Farms
- Creekside Farm
- Daval's Bison Meats
- Deerfield Greenhouse
- Dirty Girls Farm
- Don's Produce
- Eitsert Valley Farms
- Eplegaarden
- Farmer Johns' Cheese
- Gedko Farm
- Gentle Breeze Honey
- Harvest Moon Herb Farm
- Heck's Market
- Hidden Springs Creamery
- Hosta Garden Companions
- Jones Valley Farm
- Jordandal Farm
- Kissed By the Sun
- Leland & Julie Mellum
- Luck's Produce
- Mai Xiong Vang
- Mai's Flowers
- Mao Xiong & Richard Lee
- Marr Family Farm
- McCluskey Brothers
- Meadow Acres
- Misty Meadow Farm & Greenhouse
- Morren Orchard
- Murph's
- Nessity Gardens
- New Leaf Fields
- Old Stage Vegetable Gardens
- Palm's Mushroom Cellar
- Pleasant Garden
- Potter's Crackers
- River Forks Honey
- Rohrganics
- Savory Accents
- Shooting Star Farm
- Silly Yak Bakery & Bread Barn
- Small Family Farm
- Stonewall Nursery
- Stoney Point Flowers
- Sugar River Country Bakery
- Sutter's Ridge
- The Bee Charmer
- The Gourd Guy
- Tomato Mountain Farm
- Tong Her
- Tony Yang
- Tou & Ka Thao Vang
- Twin Creeks Nursery & Greenhouses
- Valley View Emus
- Vang S. & Mai Pa V. Lee
- Voss Organics
- Wa Lor
- Willow Ridge Organic Farm
- Wisconsin Highlands Farms
- Xay Lo
- Xiong's Tasty Produce
- Yengthao Farm
- Yer Vang
- Yesteryear Farm
- Youa Xiong Her

### Wisconsin

- Almost There Farm
- Bingham Horticultural Products
- Bleu Mont Dairy
- Blooming Grove Greenhouse
- Bluestem Farm
- Bures Berry Patch
- Bushel & Peck's
- Carpenters' Farm
- Lori Christilaw
- Cress Spring Bakery
- Crooked Acres
- Dancing Bee Honey Farm
- de Block Nursery
- Dia Vang
- Doua X. Thao
- Ela Orchard
- Farm Pride Bakery
- Gitto Farm n Kitchen
- Good Earth Gardens
- Healthy Ridge Farm
- Herb n Oyster
- Hickory Hill Farm
- Indigo Earth Farm
- James D Jones
- Jim Alber
- J's Veggie Patch - McDowell Fresh Produce
- Krause Farms
- Lancour's Greenhouse & Produce
- Lange's Country Market
- Lee Family Produce
- Leo Xiong
- Leroux Produce
- Mary Xiong
- Merry's Garden of Eatin'
- Murphy Farms
- Natalie's Garden & Greenhouse
- Northwood Organic Farm
- Norwegianwood
- Pedram Salman
- Priske's Asparagus Farm
- Renaissance Farm
- Roland Schmidt
- San Kor Tea Medicinal Herbs
- Schroeder Kase
- Singing Fawn Gardens
- Snug Haven Farm
- Stella's Bakery
- Sue Vang
- Sugar River Nursery
- Sylvan Meadows Farm
- The Country Bakers
- The Plahnt Farm
- Tipi Produce
- Tom's Handmade Candies
- Top of the Hill Produce
- Violet Rose Company
- Welden Farm
- Weston's Antique Apples
- Wodill Florist
- Wood's Edge Farm
- Xiong Vang
- Yang's Fresh Produce

For information on farmers' markets in Dane County, visit: [go.madison.com/farmersmarkets](http://go.madison.com/farmersmarkets)

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