

Area Farmers' Markets

Lincoln

Centennial Mall Garden Market

Contact: Casey Foster (402) 471-4876

Info: Wednesdays July-September, 12pm-4pm on the Centennial Mall in front of the State Office Building. Must carry liability insurance. Fruit and veg only.

Haymarket Farmers' Market

Contact: Linda Hubka (402) 435-3509/(402) 499-1987 or Jeff Cunningham (402) 435-7496/(402) 475-7502

Info: Saturdays May-mid-October, 8am-12pm in downtown Haymarket. Lincoln's oldest farmers' market.
www.lincolnhaymarket.org

Old Cheney Road Farmers' Market

Contact: Elaine Cranford (402) 770-1705

Info: Sundays late April-early November, 10am-2pm on 56th and Old Cheney Road, in the Old Cheney Plaza. Must carry liability insurance. No craft items. www.oldcheneyroadfarmersmarket.org

Piedmont Farmers' Market

Contact: Randy Nelson (402) 467-2777

Info: Saturdays May-September, 8am-12pm in Piedmont shops parking lot, 1265 S. Cotner Blvd. Currently has approximately 10 vendors, with fairly consistent customer base.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Farmers' Market

Contact: Linda Statton (402) 435-3673 or (402) 617-0320

Info: Tuesdays June-September, 4:30pm-7:30pm at 13th and F St.

University Place Community Market

Contact: Don Medinger (402) 560-3590 or Malinda Burk (712) 369-5019

Info: Wednesdays June 15-September 21 3-6:30pm at 48th and Madison. Must carry liability insurance.

Omaha

Aksarben Farmers' Market

Contact: Heidi Walz (402) 345-5401

Info: Sundays, May 30-Labor Day weekend, 10am-2pm at Aksarben Village, 67th and Center.

Benson Farmers' Market

Contact: Janelle Grieco (402) 571-1785

Info: Saturdays May-September, 8am-12pm on Military Ave and Maple Street~Middle of town. 4th year of operation. Any products allowed. 10-15 vendors/wk. Not super busy, but laid back.

www.bensonfarmersmarket.org

Florence Mill Farmers' Market

Contact: Linda Meigs: (402) 551-1233

Info: Sundays June-September, 11am-3pm at The Florence Mill, 9102 North 30th Street. 34 vendors last year. Currently heavier on produce than other products. Planning meeting in May. Historic agricultural site. Easy access to the market. Events every week.

Nebraska Crossing Farmers' Market

Contact: Lyn Incontro: (402) 332-4940

Info: Thursdays 4-7pm at the Nebraska Crossing Outlet Mall parking lot in Gretna.

www.midtowncrossing.com/events

Omaha Farmers' Market

Contact: Vic Gutman, Heidi Walz, Jana Friis: (402) 345-5401

Info: Saturdays May-mid-October, 8am-12:30pm in the Omaha Old Market, 11th and Jackson. Omaha's oldest farmers' market. www.omahafarmersmarket.com

The Outdoor Market at Midtown Crossing

Contact: Katie Dischler: (402) 333-3062 x 208

Info: Saturdays Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9am-12pm at Midtown Crossing in Turner Park, 31st and Farnam St.

Village Pointe Farmers' Market

Contact: Michael Braunstein: (402) 639-2760

Info: Saturdays May-September, 8am-1pm in the Village Pointe shopping center parking lot, 168th and west Dodge Road. www.voterealfood.org

Surrounding Towns**Main Street Beatrice Farmers' Market**

Contact: Alexis Winder: (402) 223-3244

Info: Thursdays June-September, 4pm-6pm on 5th and High Streets. Around 15 vendors, mainly produce. Will have entertainment.

www.mainstreetbeatrice.org

Crete Farmers' Market

Contact: Bob and Judy Slama (402) 826-2589

Info: May- October on Thursdays, 2:30-6:00, Pamida parking lot, 9th and Main, \$7 weekly, \$80 for season.

Also see:

<http://www.agr.state.ne.us/pub/apd/produce.htm> for a complete listing of farmers' markets across the state
www.localharvest.org for farmers' markets, CSAs, and more.

Questions to ask a market manager when considering where to sell:

What is your seasonal vendor fee? Weekly vendor fee?

How many weeks does your market run?

How many vendors do you have at your market?

How much profit do your vendors average each week?/each month?

How many customers do you average per week?

What gaps in produce, meat, or other products do you see at your market that I might be able to fill?

How many vendors at your market sell _____? Do you think the market for that product is saturated?

What advertising do you do for your market and vendors?

Do you hold special events during the season?

Do you have policies regarding how products are produced (organic, local, etc.)? Do you allow vendors to come in from other states?

Do your vendors serve customers who use Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons or Food Stamps (SNAP/EBT)?

(If needed) Do vendors have access to electrical outlets?

Before you start: Get your scale certified annually. Rick Loock, Division of Weights and Measures Inspector, 402.525.5302