



Sample summer's local specialties at Farmers Markets

THERE IS NOTHING like a farmers market to get a real taste of local produce and treats. In Milwaukee, you can find them in the heart of the city and in outlying areas. More farmers markets are launched each spring as growers and local craftspeople display their products for purchase.

On Saturday May 20, the Milwaukee Public Market opens its outdoor seasonal farmer's market. Hours for May 20, and every Saturday and Sunday following, are 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

The Milwaukee Public Market is located at 400 N. Water St., walking distance from downtown hotels and businesses. There is an adjacent surface lot where the first hour of parking is free. The Public Market features 20 specialty food merchants. These indoor merchants reflect Milwaukee's ethnic diversity by offering fresh fish, poultry, meats, cheese, wine and spirits, baked goods, coffee, confections, flowers, organic produce, bulk foods and ethnic specialties. There is a second floor area for eat-in dining. Hours of operation for the indoor Milwaukee Public Market are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Closed Mondays. For information, phone 414-336-1111 or visit www.milwaukeekeepublicmarket.com

If you're headed west for a day trip to Taliesin or Ten Chimneys (see KEY Attractions), the farmers market in Madison on Saturday from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. is a great stop. Held around the state capitol square in the heart of the city, it features nearly 200 area farmers, live music and more. Opened April 22 this year, the outdoor market is open through Nov. 4.

OTHER DOWNTOWN MARKETS

East Town Farm Market: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat. June 3 to Oct. 28 at Cathedral Square Park, Jefferson and Wells Sts., downtown. 414-271-1416. Look for exciting entertainment at this popular "happening."

Westown Market on the Park: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, June 24 through Oct. 25. Zeidler Union Square, between 3rd and 4th streets at Michigan St. 414-76-6696.

CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN, ON THE NEAR EAST- AND WEST-SIDES

The East Side Open Market: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., June 17 through Sept. 30. Beans & Barley parking lot, 1901 E. North Ave. (Oakland and North Aves.). 414-534-8492.

West Allis Farmers Market: Tues., Thurs. and Sat. 1 p.m.-5 p.m., weather permitting, through Nov. W. National Ave. and S. 65th St. 414-774-2676.

NORTH, OZAUKEE COUNTY

Cedarburg Flea and Farmers Marketplace: Fridays, Early June through Oct. Cedarburg Cultural Center parking lot. 262-377-5856.

Port Washington Farmers Market: 8 a.m.-noon. Sat, July 8-Oct. 28 (no market July 15 for Fish Day). Downtown, E. Main St. 262-305-4220.

SOUTH, RACINE COUNTY

Racine Downtown Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays May 6 - Oct. 28. Case Corp. parking lot, State and Erie streets, Racine. 262-886-3284.

WEST, WAUKESHA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

Brookfield Farmers' Market: Open 7:30 a.m. to noon Sat., May 6 through Oct. 28. Civic Plaza, 2000 N. Calhoun road, between Gebhardt Road and North Ave., next to the Brookfield Civic Center. 262-784-7804.

Downtown West Bend Farmers Market: 7:30 to 11 a.m. Sat., June 3 through Oct. 28, Main St., Old Settler's Park. 262-338-3909.