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Hastings, MI – The Hastings Farmers has become a downtown fixture on Saturday mornings, and that is not going to change the week of Summerfest.

The market will be open Summerfest weekend on the brick portion of Church Street between Apple Street and State Street, so community members are encouraged to make their regular Saturday trip to the market to get fresh produce.

"Summerfest is a great opportunity for the Hastings Farmers Market to get some exposure to people who may not come to the market regularly, or who may not even know about it," said Barry County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Alliance President Valerie Byrnes. "The market has grown a lot this season, and we're really excited to be a part of Summerfest."

Hastings Farmers Market vendors have everything from fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, syrup, crafts, flowers, herbs, jewelry, and wind chimes. The Market will be located on Church Street between State Street and Apple Street on Saturday, August 29, 2009 and return to its standard location on the Courthouse lawn the following weekend.

For more information about the Hastings Farmers Market, or to volunteer or participate, call the Barry County Chamber of Commerce at 269-945-2454 or e-mail [hastingsmarketmaster@gmail.com](mailto:hastingsmarketmaster@gmail.com).

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Hastings Farmers Market customers brave the rain Saturday, Aug. 8, to buy produce for local vendors. "We've been very happy with the turn-out at the farmers markets this summer," said Barry County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Alliance President Valerie Byrnes. "I think that people came out in the pouring rain shows the community's dedication to supporting a healthy farmers market."

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