

COMMENTS ABOUT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET SUBMITTED ON BALLOTS FOR THE 2010 AMERICA'S FAVORITE FARMERS MARKET CONTEST

Brian	Not only is this market a place where you can find fresh produce, fruit, etc. grown by local farmers, but you can also find other things like locally produced cheeses, baked goods and more! Then, too, if you have a mind to find some coffee to drink while walking through the market, there is a cafe/coffee shop on premises along with some other places to grab a small bite to eat!
Maria	The Rochester Public Market is very progressive in addressing the needs of low-income families access to healthy foods. Vendors accept EBT cards. Buses transport people from local low-income housing projects to the market. Cooking healthy demonstrations occur at the market. Advertising is extensive in order to reach families in need.
C.J.	An incredible institution, going back over 100 years, providing fresh foods to an otherwise industrialized city.
Jason	The devotion of city residents to the market is awesome.
gretchen	We enjoy a The Rochester Public Market not just for it amazing variety of produce and goods from nearby farms but also for its incredible multicultural diversity of produce and products. You will not find a better deal anywhere. The market is frequented and enjoyed by every culture in the greater area and from all economic levels as well. The Public Market has been restored over the past 15 years to beyond its original "heyday" . It has never been moved from its original location and boasts sales that keep it in its fine economic standing for The City of Rochester. Not only does the market have wonderful produce, it is home to the world's Greatest Garage Sales, Artist's Row, Bands on the Bricks as well as a host of other fine programs and events. Hands down it's the best spot in Rochester to shop, enjoy people and discover something new each and every time you visit.
Daniel	There is so much variety and the vendors are very friendly.
Evan	For over a century the Rochester Public Market has been the glue that importantly binds the city and its surrounding farmers and farmland; the Market has also since 1905 been a source of diversity, color, and community character. Our Market has a proud past and is still today progressively leading the community into the future, on pivotal issues of economy, ecology, social equity.
Rebecca	I get to buy produce from my favorite growers and at a lower cost than I'd pay in a grocery store! Huge selection, great prices.
Brandon	Affordable, mostly local produce in probably the most culturally diverse setting in Rochester; what's not to like? A perfect Saturday morning: egg sandwich at Scott's, coffee at Java's, beer samples at Rohrbach's, then shopping and people watching. Can't beat it.
Leslie	we have a very diverse market: there are local and organic farmers with amazing produce, as well as bakery cooperatives who mill all of their own flour; which is used to make many versions of TASTY gluten free bread(and gluten-containing breads as well), which are especially important now that celiac is becoming mainstream. besides all of these local and organic farms there are more affordable options for the people who may not be able to afford a \$3 or \$4 head of lettuce or loaf of bread. the rochester public market is a melting pot of sorts . . . all walks of life can be seen mingling together; those from the wealthier suburbs as well as the inner city and everything in between. it is nice to have the option to support our local businesses and shop in the open air, especially when our short summer is upon us.
Michael	Great produce, great plants, great food, great coffee, and great people watching... Need I say More.
Bethany	They have the best hand made desserts, pasta, produce and the most friendly people. I love going there and buying my food for the week, or specialty items for a fancy dinner.
Elaine	The Rochester Public Market is phenomenal - the variety of products available suits every taste and saves money for every family, while giving them a great social and cultural experience! A huge variety of locally grown produce, grass-fed beef, organic produce, meat and dairy is complimented by fish mongers, sausage makers, cheese vendors, bakers of breads and sweets, & bee keepers, plus artisan pastas & pirogues, wines from regional vineyards, and exotic spices. In the spring and early summer, every imaginable plant is available to gardeners - flowers, vegetables baskets and even shrubs and small trees. All these wonderful comestibles are mixed with vendors of all kinds of interesting merchandise - hand made soaps, oils and fragrances, purses, shoes, dresses,and more. Scattered around the Market, local musicians perform every week, adding to the festive air. Ready-to-eat foods, barbecue, classic hot's'n'burgers and empenadas complete the experience! The Customers know their Vendors, the Vendors know their Customers by name, and each have watched their children grow up coming to Market, and perpetuate the tradition. Open year around, even when it hits zero degrees!, the Rochester Public Market has supported Local Farmers, and shoppers, since 1827!
Katie	This market is over 100 years old and is a Rochester institution! It operates year-round with fresh local produce, dairy products, meats and more. This is not the kind of new, trendy market that caters to upscale foodies (although it is certainly a favorite of upscale foodies, chefs, etc.); it draws people from all walks of life and is one of the best places to see the diversity of Rochester. In addition to being open three days a week as a regular market, it hosts special food events, "Flower City Days," community garage sales, and more. It's an amazing place!
Christy	It rules!!
Mike	Supports local growers in a more positive way than even great grocery stores (Wegmans!) can. Very empowering for a small-volume (home) buyer to have direct access to farmers.
Jeffrey	It's the one place in Rochester where everyone from all walks of life come together and meet. When people come to visit from out of town I bring them to the Public Market--this is Rochester, I tell them.
Sarah	It's one of the largest, most eclectic market I've ever been to. It's a year round market providing the surrounding area with fresh fruits and veggies even in the dead of winter. It has some of the friendliest vendors of any market I've ever been to!
Tate	Rochester's downtown public market is the most enjoyable place to shop in Rochester, with the added bonus of great value for your money! I grew up going to the market, shopping for local produce and specialty items that could be found nowhere else. The market also has flea market days and "Flower City Days" which gives the market a great mix of people and goods. And what a wonderful piece of history - a continuously running market in this location since 1905!
Megan	The variety of produce, the characters of the market people, the environment.
Chris	It is one of the few places in the Rochester area where people can cross race and income lines to meet and socialize while purchasing inexpensive fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and other food items. On a summer Saturday, upwards of 40,000 people congregate on the market. More importantly, it's within walking distance from my place.
Alyssa	There's nothing like waking up early in the morning and driving down there just to see all of the fresh produce and merchandise. The people are friendly and are always ready to help you chose the best produce. They have the best breakfast sandwiches there. BEST. The energy that buzzes around that place is so intense that you can't help but get sucked into it. Sure I could get fresh produce from Wegmans but it's not the same. Wegmans isn't open to the fresh morning air or filled with bustling people that are there to enjoy themselves and to get something to eat. There's just something so personal about the farmer's market. Even though I'm not morning person I still love to go. :)
Kate	The most diverse place in Rochester in terms of both produce and products available and clientele.
Lita	It is open ALL YEAR! Everything is priced for a budget-saving consumer--this isn't for tourists or luxury-seeking consumers. Food is fresh and local, many of the booths incorporate organic produce also. Everyone loves coming out to the market... it is like going to a county fair every weekend where you enjoy spending your money. An all-around wonderful place!!!
Maggie	They have done many improvement more accessible for people, and they have more vendors.
Gina	They are community oriented and there isn't one person I know that doesn't love it. They have the best produce, greatest vendors. They have become so popular that they needed to expand their parking area and now provide shuttle services. Thursday's half our workplace go down to grab a bite to eat and pick up items for the week. They also provide live entertainment during the summer and this helps bring people into the City of Rochester which is very helpful for our economy here locally. It is a blessing to have local farmers bringing in fresh food that they take pride in the quality of their product.
Courtney	There's a lot more than vegetables at the Rochester Public Market; a flea market, great prepared foods, beautiful fresh flowers and just a wonderful place to meet friends and be a part of the community.

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Melyssa	It's been around over 100 years, so I guess they know how to really do it very successfully! n Rochester, it's the best place to for local food, people watching and coffee (Java Joe's!!).
Diana Louise	I feel a sense of history when I shop this market. I imagine my grandmother coming as a child, with her immigrant mother, during the first years the market was open. When I shop at the Rochester Public Market, I also experience diversity like no other venue in town. Urban shoppers mix with rural vendors. It seems that every ethnicity is represented. You have low-income folks using food stamps and well-heeled foodies shopping together. It's not just a good place to shop, it's an experience!
Scott	Egalitarian deliciousness!
Carolyn	The Rochester Public Market is huge, old and serves a wide variety of people. It adds huge amounts of community to the city of Rochester.
Cheryl	The Rochester Public Market in New York State has the freshest, least expensive produce from local farms and follows both traditional and organic farming. The quality is the best, the choice is extensive and as always the price is right! I also believe that this Market stays alive due to the many other events sponsored her such as "Flower City Days" in the spring and "Band on the Bricks during the summer.
Kate	The Rochester Public market was one of my favorite places as a child. Fresh fruits and veggies as far as my eyes could see as well as other types of local produce (baked goods, meats and fish, coffee, flowers, and live chickens, ducks and rabbits).
Linda	The market is a wonderful opportunity for our local farming community to share their goods, and for the local community to eat healthier. The variety is outstanding and the quality is great. The market is open year round, and has been for over 100 years!
Amanda	Great place to connect directly with local farmers and the community.
Ronald	It has everything. Good prices, good food, good atmosphere. We would rather go to the Public Market than go to Wegmans.
Richard	Rochester Public Market not only has local produce and other products, but it has become a focal point for inter-community awareness with representation by many area communities throughout the season. I believe it has also helped promote a strong "buy locally, think globally" mentality here.
Lisa	It brings people from all walks of life together in one place for one purpose. Everyone has the opportunity to learn from each other, experience other cultures and appreciate diversity all while supporting local growers.
Susan	This is a wonderful family place to go and shop on the weekends and during the week. People are always so nice and it is great to see the community come out and support independent sellers.
Jeff	The public market has some of the best food available and much of it comes from local farmers. We have great prices, and great deals, and it brings together people from all walks of life. The public market has much to offer that goes beyond food too!
jaimie	everything is farm fresh with a large variety of products. the vendors are wonderful and remember your likes from week to week & always have a smile too. this market has a way to bring together the entire community with regard to race & class within a peaceful productive setting. a joy to spend our saturday mornings!
Jeannette	When my family moved to Rochester, New York. In 1953 the market was there and the bakery. We had a large family. This was the only place closest to Joseph Ave that we could get food reasonably. It still here with great improvements. It allows farmers and other vendor to offer products in one place.
Ted	It is a total melting pot of people and culture. Everything can be found from food to cultural wants.It brings all that is local from farmers to vendors to local food and politics.
Ken	This market is one of the best that i have been to. The vendors are friendly. The merchandise is top notch. I couldn't think of a better place to meet my friends on a Saturday morning.
Chris	It is one of the oldest, it is ALWAYS packed and it has a great atmosphere!
Jack	It has a wonderful array of fresh foods, locally grown products, meat, fish, cheese, plants, and so much more. Plus, it's a great people-watching environment, with a blend of ethnic types and backgrounds that make you feel it's the way the world is supposed to work
Joseph	This market is huge and they have anything you can think of! It's good to know that by buying at the market, you are helping your community by supporting the local farmers. The people are friendly and you can't beat the prices either! We go every week and have a great time. I love my market!!
Jennifer	I've been going to the Rochester Public Market for more than 40 years. My mother would bring my sisters and me there as young children and I've continued the tradition with my children (ages 7 through 19). They love it just like we did. The fresh produce vendors deliver such high quality fruits and veggies and the prices are much, much cheaper than the grocery store. My kids love to see the flowers, gifts and trinkets offered by other vendors. I think my favorite part of the market is its placement in the heart of Rochester. It's a wonderful opportunity for my children to experience such a diverse group of people. The vendors are so helpful and the patrons are always happy. The best.
Jennifer	it has everything and anything that you could ever want---all local!!
Susan	This is the BEST market. The Vendors and workers are great!!! The woman on the speaker is very funny... She will let a person know that they are parked in the wrong place and "nicely" ask them to move in a very funny manner
LaPadre	Lots of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables available every week
Susan	I love the Market It is a weekly trip!! Giving back to the local growers. The experience is amazing You can get it all there the atmosphere is awesome
Jerry	Lively, fresh, local. What's not to love!!
Jeraldine	It is a part of the history of Rochester, I would go there with my father all the time and my grandmother and she would buy chickens and the man would take care of them right there (if you know what I mean). So many memories and wonderful people and smells of food and the Italian cheese. I wish my grandchildren could see it may be someday, I have lived in Florida now for 32 yrs. There is nothing like it in the world. Thank You Jeraldine Imburgia
John	Variety. price, selection. FOOD
Lauren	The Empanada Guy!!!!!!
Karen	Great food selection from local farms. Lots of people diversity. Just a pleasure to walk around throughout the year.
Don	Many different languages and cultures every time I go. Many unique foods grown or raised right in this area, from fresh exotic herbs to home made Amish pies
Melissa	I have been going to this market since I was a baby. The first necklace I ever received was a present from my dad who let me pick it out at this market. The market continues to provide fresh local produce at more than reasonable prices. You can find more produce at the market than you can find at the grocery store and MUCH cheaper. The amount of people: old, young and otherwise up at 7am on a Saturday to get veggies is remarkable!
Scott	Farm fresh produce at great prices,friendly vendors and I love to support the local economy!
Daniel	It is very family friendly.They have a tour that school children can go on with their class.
Dave	The Best!!
Melissa	It is and has been a staple of our community for over 100 years. You go to enjoy the vendors, patrons, quality, variety, savings and food smells! Our Market is a gathering place for friends and family. We are lucky that our Market is utilized for many food/plant/holiday events as well as our garage sales. I am proud to take out-of-town visitors to the Public Market. It is a wonderful experience whether you just visit once or if you go several times each week! I feel blessed to have such

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	a fine Market in my town.
Doris	I just love spending Saturday mornings at the downtown public market. So many vendors are regulars & it's nice to have a rapport with them. I love that I can go there & get some really unique stuff. I love to people watch & enjoy the deals!
Giuseppina	Our market is like an outside mall. It has such a variety of products and the prices are low enough for even me to get the food I need. The market also has several outside cafes with tables and chairs for people to sit and have their drinks and anything else they may desire. It is always crowded and everything is always so fresh whether it be food or plants. People come from all over to shop at our public market. I've shopped there since I came from Italy with my parents 60 years ago. My dad was born in a house across the street from the public market and was taken back to Italy at the age of one. So for us to be able to go to the market twice a week was such a pleasure. The environment is awesome as the center of activity. When my sister comes in from California, we make it a point to go to the market. It is not only fun to shop but it brings back so many memories for us.
linda	Always fresh food with great prices and friendly people
Bridgett	Rochester NY's Public Market has something for everyone. The atmosphere is friendly & inviting, and the veggies & fruits are the best in Western New York. Go Rochester!
Bill	I visit the market every Saturday, winter, spring, summer and fall. I LOVE IT! So much to see, so much to buy....I save literally thousands of dollars per year. I love the variety of Vendors; all the produce and other offerings. It is an exceptional place to visit to enjoy a nice view of life!
Chelsea	It's huge, especially for a city of Rochester's modest size. It's open year-round. It's in a low-income neighborhood, providing easy access to produce for those who typically have the hardest time accessing it. It's very inexpensive and the produce is delicious!
Kym	All of the vendors are so great, and always willing to extend a helping hand. They are willing to give deals and always friendly. Always smiling!!!
laurie	it's great
Kirk	The amount of local produce and number of local farmers selling personally.
jeffrey	The environment is amazing!
Carisha	It's the one place in Rochester where you see all the kinds of people that live in this area in one place. The RPM is one of the few resources in this area that is in "the city" that everyone uses, urban or suburban. It's the one place in Rochester where everyone can access (and afford) fresh, healthy, and locally grown food. You can get to know the people who grow what you eat.
Kathleen	it's not just the local farmers and prices-it's the variety of people, vendors you meet each time you go! What an adventure! produce, seafood, bakery items,clothes, doodads, kitchen utensils and much much more. i still miss the Banana man-who you could hear throughout the market yelling bananas, bananas! The cheese shops, coffee shops, the empanada Stop. What an experience! My grandfather started taking me there when I was a little girl, each time i go I still think about him, Celestino Villareale Local Farmers are priceless. what would us city folk do without them?
LeRoy	Lots and lots of good foods at super prices. Great vendors Home of the banana man. You have to try the 5 year old cheddar. If it is in season somewhere it will be on hand for sale.
Kathy	Our market has served generations of shoppers, in its early days primarily city dwellers but has grown to serve a very wide area with shoppers from the city, suburbs and well beyond. The vendors have also grown in number and in the breadth of products offered, some traveling nearly 100 miles to sell their wares. More organically grown products bring these options to a wider audience. The area surrounding the facility has become known as Marketview Heights and the popularity of the market has spawned many successful small businesses mostly restaurants. Over the past ten years and especially during the economic recession more and more shoppers have discovered this gem. At the same time a "Friends of the Market" volunteer group has been working with the City of Rochester which owns and operates the market to promote the market and to resolve any issues, e.g. adequate parking,improved handicap accessibility, etc. This partnership has proven most productive and beneficial, with expanded hours, shuttle service and additional parking available. An especially exciting newer feature has been Flower City Days at the Market when only garden plants and accessories are sold,is held each Sunday during May and June. The market is considered "a happening place" for locals and visitors alike. It is an exciting, beautiful and heartwarming mix of people focused on helping to make wonderful, fresh, healthy, multicultural foods available and affordable.
Richard	It is the center of the community, the gathering place for urban, rural and suburban people from all over Rochester, the versatile "common ground" where people share the bounty and abundance of Western New York state. Having recently celebrated its centenary (1905 -- 2005), it is stronger and more vital than ever: for 52 weeks a year, 40,000 people a week come to buy from over 100 local farmers and purveyors.
Ruth	It is a long standing market -- way back to our roots of European Immigrants. It has continue to change and grow with the times.
Nicholas	An endless variety of local meats, seafoods, produce, cheeses, honey, and wine. A central location in the city, liberal parking, and tremendous patron following keeps this market popular and something to look forward to on weekends.
Rob	If is a friendly clean market
tim	i have been going to the public market since i was old enough to remember, i now take my kids.. No where else can you get fresher produce at such low prices.
Wilbur	It's open year round; the prices and selection are great. Also the best breakfast sandwich anywhere at Scott's
Donna	Because of its rich tradition
tereza	This market is wonderful because it offers a variety of produce as well as seasonal items. It is such a pleasure to buy items from this market, knowing I am supporting local farmers.
Duffy	Plethora of tasty vegetables and fruits. Excellent diversity of "flea market" products. Unique combination of food and culture. A great experience for friends and family.
Michelle	The diversity of the products available and the diversity of the shoppers make Rochester Public Market a great part of weekends in Rochester.
sarah	I love supporting local growers :)
vinny	its a clean safe market with a little bit of everything for everybody ...good coffee good empanadas
Jeanette	Visiting the City of Rochester's Farmers' Market brings back so many wonderful childhood memories of the visits with my late grandmother Florence and the great time we had, not only 'shopping' together, but also of the friendliest of the people in general and the interaction of the farmers and the customers...many who after many visits, knew each other's first names and developed lasting friendships with each other. You can say that the Rochester Market it a unique piece of historical significance...over 100 years old! ...Jeanette Ferretti-Wojtas
Frank & MaryAnn	Size, variety, convenience, great values!
John	Good selection, good prices, nice people.
Rich	It has everything all in one place. The people are friendly. The prices are great
Michael	Extremely diverse, with a fun and active crowd. It's like visiting another country on a Saturday morning. Fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, and seafood adds up to a very yummy experience.
chris	incredible atmosphere, great selection of vendors, buy local, eat local..good for the environment, good for health
Brian	It is a wonderful example of an urban market. It melds the farmers and their goods with the urban consumer, who can experience an open air venue. In addition the City of rochester has expanded the footprint and upgraded facilities to allow

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	for even more people to experience it.
Marcella	It's a wonderful cultural and culinary melting pot, you can experience a cross section of our city as well as the world!
Lisa	This is one of my favorite public markets in the Rochester area. It's good old fashioned fun...great produce, food and vendors each and every year. They host several events throughout the year, such as Flower City Days (my favorite) where you can go to purchase all of your hanging baskets, fruits, annuals, and perennials in the month of May. Christmas at the market and Halloween events. It's fun for all ages...my 4 yr old twins get excited whenever I say we are going to the market!! Def one of the best!
Matt	always a variety of people to see. always see people you know there. something for everyone. freshest produce in the summer. vendors get to know you by name. encourages buying local. easy to try something new when it's inexpensive. italian cheese shop. the empenada stand. awesome breakfast. great seafood and pasta year round.family friendly. attracts people of all socioeconomic groups. no better way to start a saturday morning. centrally located (great bike ride, assuming you keep your purchases under control)
Michael	Terrific atmosphere, great selection of great quality products from real local farmers, at great prices. The market has a wonderful heritage and is real part of Rochester history. Going to the Rochester public market is just a wonderful way to spend a morning and come home with a good healthy produce at a good price.
mary	Friendly place to shop for fresh veggies, fruits flowers grown by regional farmers. A meeting place for old friends. Brings everyone, young, old and in between together. It is an amazing place to be on a Saturday or Sunday morning.
Nakia	I can go get a great cup of coffee, a breakfast taco, and my herbs & produce all under the sun. I absolutely love it..
Yvonne	Firstmost, the Rochester Public markets is one of the oldest, most successful, and best markets in the country rich in tradition and history. Many early 20th century immigrants, mostly from Italy, worked tirelessly to make this a cultural and community hub. This market has survived over the years with its high quality food, produce, and other goods and services. It has also re-invented itself and adapted to changing times. You can find a great cup of coffee, delicious breads and pastries, season produce, meat, seafood, cheese, flowers, household items, clothes, and just about everything else in between at the RPM. Community garage sales, outdoor concerts, seasonal festivals, and Flower City Days are some of the more popular events and draw large crowds. While you're there, you can grab a breakfast sandwich at Scott's Originals or an empanada at the Empanada Restaurant. It's truly one of Rochester's gems!!
angela	so many vendors and a huge variety of not only fruits and veggies but also premade food and Tons of nonfood items.
Helen	Our Public Market really draws a crowd. People from all over the five county area can be found as purveyors of goods, consumers or entertainers. We have coffee shops and restaurants all nestled on cobblestone roads from yesteryear. Local produce is the best, with farmers selling their locally grown products with pride. May and June hosts the Flower City Days at the market, where you can purchase all your flowers for the growing season. Vegetables too. Then in the summer is a giant flea market and fall brings about an art festival, highlighting local artists. It really supports the community.
Mitch	great variety & prices, wonderful scale, classic history and beautiful people
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david	it is HUGE!!! many vendors offer better prices and you name it, you will find it at this market. We don't go to our market just for fruits or vegetables but the carnival atmosphere, in people watching, good food, and friends.
Robert	Awesome
Karen	It's friendly, beautiful range of produce -including organic, the farmers are educational and full of information about how to prepare their foods, lots of people of all ethic background, great prices and, what more could a woman want, but clothes!
Adele	The biggest, most fancy market.
Bill	Because it's fun!
Heather	The prices can't be beat and there is such a huge variety of goods. Anything you need you can get there!
Chanda	Public Market offers best variety of fruits and vegetables at a very affordable price. Friendly vendors make it a great day.
Barbara	A jewel in the center of the city, the ethnic origins of the market vendors, the associated restaurants, neighborhoods and crowed, noisy Saturday mornings are a must to be a real Rochesterian. The history by Nancy Rosin, the traditions kept to this day, the influx of new farmers - gourmet, veggies, flowers, etc. - exquisite!
Sarah	People from every race and class and a variety of goods and produce from around the world.
Alex	A fantastic gem in the heart of the Flower city. It brings together people of all backgrounds, ages and walks of life to an experience that is uniquely Rochester!
Elecia	It draws people from the suburbs and all over the city, a true community.
Eileen	The City of Rochester's Public Market is great because it is open year-round, not just in spring / summer / convenient months. The vendors are LOCAL farmers. You know that this is their family's livelihood. The market is HUGE, and has EVERYTHING from fresh produce to organic meats, eggs, cheeses, flowers, spices, and so much more, all for reasonable prices. You get to know the vendors, their farms, what is growing best right now, and what to look for in the coming weeks. What's most important to me about the Public Market is being able to personally say, "thank you" to those amazing folks who grow and harvest and sell the food that ends up on my table. They feed not only by physical body, but my soul as well. My dinner guests know that Alexander and his mom, from Red Creek, grew the butter beans and Italian kale we had for our simple supper. And we're all looking forward to when Alex's sunflowers are in full bloom. The Rochester Public Market is also a great gathering place for people from all walks of life -- all ages, all ethnicities, all socio-economic levels. Walking through the market every week is like taking a trip through the United Nations. It's a great market... you should come visit!!
Carl	It is a great place to shop. There are many different small merchants with all sorts of goods. Any and everything can be found there.
jan	My dad who is 90 yrs. young, delivered the daily newspaper to families in the neighborhoods of the public market. My dad has such fond memories and always shared his love of the I have been going to the market since the mid-70's with my husband,then teaching my 3 children the importance of local shopping,supporting our farmers. The joy of the food,colors and cultures in the open air have been a wonderful part of our lives.Thank you Rochester!!
Ted	It is a great thing to do with your kids early weekend mornings.
Joel	The farmer's market has consistently provided fresh, local fruits and vegetables every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday since I was a child. Of course, it has been operational since 1905, so my mother and grandmother had childhood memories there too. I still go at least once a week for veggies, fruit, meats, fish, and cheese. Sometimes I even get coffee there! It is so important to me to know where my food comes from, whether that be from California or a local farmer. The farmer's market allows me to make more responsible choices which will protect local farmers and small businesses.
Paul	Excellent produce. Open year round 3 days a week. Been around for 100 years.
Anthony	HUGE
Caedra	It has everything! Food, plants, clothes... and it is a real gathering place for the community.
Joan	The Rochester Public Market has been around for over 100 years...it is a link between urban and rural communities and culture. It's a great place to visit.

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Pat	Terrific selection, fresh flowers and fruit and veggies, generally locally grown, open year round reasonable prices
Joan	It's a great place to shop and I get to meet people from all over the country.
Nancy	Fresh produce, variety of vendors, and great restaurants, along with ease of parking make this a top notch market and destination. The special events held on non-market days, flea markets, Flower City Sunday garden sales, evening concerts and food events involve population of the entire area. The market is managed in a professional manner, is clean and safe for families.
Patrick	This is a great venue with consistent quality.
Nilda	I love to go there on the Saturdays. It's the best place to get your fruits, veggies, and lots more. The vendors are friendly and you get the best quality of what your are looking for.
John	Great place to find fresh foods, @ great prices, and great people
sheila	Diversity of shoppers, great prices, great variety of produce and products (mainly grown, produced locally), open year round, has a strong sense of community (fund raisers, concerts); well-maintained; convenient parking, shopping at the market is a social event and a great way to maintain contact with others.
Melissa	Delicious, cheap, busy!
Alison	This market has been around for over 100 years...and it is still a thriving melting pot of Rochester-area citizens and farmers coming together to feed our families!
AMANDA	THE ROCHESTER FARMER'S MARKET GIVES A NICE SENSE OF COMMUNITY. IN A CITY THAT STILL SEEMS SOMEWHAT SEGREGATED IT'S NICE TO SEE PEOPLE OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS ALL WORKING AND BUYING LOCAL PRODUCE, ETC...TOGETHER. AND IT IS ALWAYS, ALWAYS PACKED!
Linda	Availability of many products; specialized sales such as flowers and plants in the spring and flea market days; friendly and helpful vendors; fresh products at a reasonable price; recent updates in parking and facilities.
Arlene	From the time I was a very little girl this market has been part of my life. My grandfather, the Rev,Domenico Porfirio, was a regular visitor and patron. I remember that he went at dawn on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get the freshest produce and visit the many friends he had made among the farmers. The market's appearance has been vastly improved and the clientele is more suburban-based, but the ambiance is still the same. My family loves to go for Saturday coffee and enjoy watching the people from all walks of life.
matt	fun and cheap. very clean. supports local economy. has been around for over 100 years
Melanie	open year round...feature food from local area
Jason	It is a very nice and clean market , with the best prices .
Lainie	Fresh everything, great prices. The market brings together a city that has been more and more divided over the years. People shop together, even chat at booths, that may never have even returned a hello elsewhere. A great "feel good" place!
Dennis	Just plain fun to go there. Overwhelming selection of fruits and vegetables and just real nice people
Alicia	I'm originally from Brooklyn, NY. When I moved to Rochester, I never thought I'd find the types of ethnic foods I could easily find in the big city. The Public Market in the City of Rochester SO proved me wrong. In addition to fresh and locally grown fruits and vegetables at prices that can't be beat, I found great seafood from the Asian fish monger, New York bagels from the Jewish baker, plantains from the Puerto Rican abuelitas, sweet pastries from the Russian vendors, empanadas from the Chileans, and I could go on and on. What a GREAT place.
Megan	Great selection, prices and year-round events!
leon	Variety of people, items and events. A great cross section of our population. Good events, they work at pleasing.
joan	it is the place to be the fresh produce, flowers food, and most of all the people.
Ira	The City of Rochester's Public Market is a cornucopia of fresh produce, flowers, dry goods, meats, cheeses and ethnic goodies that can't be beat. Located on the eastern edge of the downtown district, the Market is a gathering place for people of all ages from all corners of the Rochester and Finger Lakes region. It's the un-mall that's got it all!!
gwen	Everything in our market is home grown/the vendors are as diverse as america,and we have some of the friendliest people in our city.
mike	Great atmosphere
Richard	The variety of produce and other goods in the Rochester Public Market is phenomenal. When I go to the market, I go to the bank first and get a stack of dollar bills, because almost everything at the market costs a dollar. The farmer decides how much of whatever he is selling should be a dollar's worth and puts it in a paper container. I then buy as many dollar containers as I need. There're no pennies or other coins or bills to contend with. I absolutely love it. --Richard Reisem
Joann	It has been there for so many years and not only can you purchase your fresh vegetables, fruits, etc you can always run into old friends and old neighbors. I grew up around the corner in the 1950's and my dad used to buy the soup chickens, bring them home and I would clean them. My mom made soup every Saturday. It is a large area, good products and easy to get to.
Siobahn	AWESOME selection of produce and flowers, at great prices! Plus you're buying directly from the local area farmers.
laura	It's absolutely amazing, enormous, with an unbelievable variety of items.
J	Great place to meet friends and make new ones. Produce is great.
Greta	Hearing Russian, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and English while shopping for home grown tomatoes, potatoes, green beans, eggplants, zucchini blossoms, and gorgeous flowering plants shows Rochester's market is a cornucopia of people and edibles.
Alexis	I love that my local market is located in the heart of Rochester city, which makes it available to a diverse population of people. Rochester is a city rich in diversity, which is evident when one visits the Rochester Public Market. I love seeing shoppers from different ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds merge together to share a really cool space while purchasing a variety of foods and goods. Shoppers are able to buy imported cheeses, fish, empanadas, spanish breads, sweets, vegan products, flowers and trees, and vegetable plants. Another plus is that the Rochester Public Market is open three to four days per week during the growing season. I am fortunate to be able to walk to the Market from my home to purchase foods that are grown locally, some organic. I love the energy of the market and the familiar faces I see when I bump into neighbors and long-time sellers. Lastly, the Rochester Public Market reminds me that I live in a city with an exciting and rich history. I really love where I live.
dawn	been around forever and it is one of the things u must do in rochester ny.
S	It's wonderful to be able to purchase locally grown food with my children. We even buy from some of the same family vendors, such as the "Apple Lady" I remember from my childhood visits. It is open many days of the week offering a wide variety of products! I love that public assistance programs help to support the market & may be used to buy quality, low cost, food for people in the area. I have lived in many places and by far, Rochester has the best public market!
Janet	Our market is a most exciting place to be.Other than the normal offerings of plants,produce and fruits,we have honey,spices,cheeses,bread,fish, meat,oils and perfumes,kitchen gadgets and great,unusual clothes.Our market is in a big square and the best thing is that we can sit around inside or outside and watch the nationalities of the World go by... sitting at little tables while sipping numerous kinds of coffees,lattes and teas and tasting anything from German sausage to

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	empanadas to gourmet pastries or the best breakfast sandwich in the city. I love it.
Amanda	Many reasons...the locally grown produce is excellent. Seven Bridges not only provide us with locally raised beef, chicken, and pork but they really care about each of our individual needs. I have seen generations of Datthyn Family Members through the years take pride in what they do. Rain or shine, hot or cold they really care about us, the consumer, their extended family.
Bonnie	"always fresh" local produce
Christina	Historical, diversity, convenient, and economical. They have a free book shelf for kids, recipes for current fresh food selections, and even cooking demonstrations. Not only do they sell food, they host super garage sales, flower sales, and even concerts and festivals. They are open 3 days a week and continue to expand their parking and shopping areas to accommodate their ever increasing base of customers.
Dina	A huge selection of foods, both fresh and prepared are available in addition to household items and garden plants. I know I am supporting local farmers rather than factory or out of state farms.
Sue	The Rochester Public Market has been in existence since 1827 and it is still going strong. It is a great way to spend a Saturday morning. The produce, flowers, goods are all fresh and unique as are the people. It still has some of the old buildings in use. It is festive and unique!
Meg	The variety of products is amazing. The value keeps me coming back. Dependable and consistent - always good, always fresh and always there even in the dead of winter. Love the seasonal special days too - flower days, holiday market, etc.
Yolanda	We have traveled the world over and make a point to visit the Public Market in each community. The diversity in people and food are hard to match. Our community has a Rochester City Public Market that has longevity, architecture, bustle and variety of vendors and customers. It is the best in the world.
Johanna	It's historic roots. The diverse crowds it draws. The abundance of variety of vendors. So many local farmers for the region. I always bring my daughter, providing a wonderful educational experience at every turn.
Tiffany	It's diversity and cost savings!
Garth	The Rochester Public Market is an amazing destination for a Saturday morning. We can get a great cup of coffee, buy all locally grown produce for the week, and catch up with friends. It is a Rochester treasure that brings together ALL of the diversity and strength that this city has at its heart.
Nancy	There is always great variety of fresh produce and flowers. All of the vendors are super friendly and helpful. I really like knowing where my products came from. It's hands down my favorite place to go every week.
Alexa	I go every weekend, even through-out the winter. The farmers are great and EVERY type of person in our city is there-African American, Asian, Middle-Eastern, White, young, old, suburban, urban... it is one of the few places you are guaranteed to see everyone. I have lived in Washington, D.C. and New York City and Rochester has the biggest and most bustling market I have ever found. This is one of my favorite aspects of Rochester!
Rebecca	I love the variety, affordable prices, and friendly people at the booths!
Audrey	Rain, shine or snow this market is always hopping. It is a must do for all of our out of town guests! This market hosts additional events including tastings and musical acts. It is a great way to find new businesses.
Selhan	Everything and everybody is so nice and friendly!
Brie	The Rochester Public Market is an urban, established, historic asset to our City. Unlike most modern markets, it has evolved from its original location through the efforts of vendors, public users and employees.
jennifer	amazing variety of products, several vendors, good place to hang out and people watch, friendly farmers, local businesses, draws in people from various communities, unites the city
Rebecca	I love it because of the flowers and vegetable plants they sell. Also, you must get a breakfast sandwich while you are there.
David	The Public Market is one of the primary centers of community life in Rochester. I bring my kids, and we always come home with tons of fresh food and bellies full of fried dough.
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Scott	Amazing selection of vegetables, fruits, meats, cheeses, breads, desserts, crafts & more all in a beautifully restored historic location! What's not to like?
lisa	Great produce, fun atmosphere, wonderful prices and fresh, fresh locally grown products! what's not to love.
Amy	The Rochester Public market is an icon in our community. Thriving for decades in the inner city it brings people from across our community together to support local farmers and other small businesses. On any given Saturday throughout the year you will find an eclectic mix of both people and produce. Flowers, cheese, tomatoes, honey, bread, seafood, Empanadas, Pierogies, you name it and you can find it at the Rochester Public Market.
joy	wonderful products. everyone is extremely friendly. great way to see old friends, neighbors, work mates. Even in the winter it's a great time. Sleigh rides, hot chocolate, everyone bundling together for warmth. my kids love to pick up the flowers that fall and see the animals for sale. Plus the FOOD vendors. Its breakfast every Saturday or Sunday morning there- pierogie and polish sausage. Wonderful ethnic food of all ethnicities is available!!
Stephanie	This market is amazing. It runs year-round, three days a week. You can buy everything from fresh, affordable produce to hot coffee to frozen pierogies to handmade empanadas and breakfast sandwiches. I go most Saturday mornings, and it's usually packed. I love the Rochester Public Market!
Laura	Markets should be a place for communities to gather and the Rochester Public Market is the best example I've ever visited, reminding me of markets I visited as a child. It's open all year round, it caters for *everybody* (unlike the trendy and expensive small farmers' markets that have sprung up recently), and it has an inclusive, friendly atmosphere. The wide-range of wares is good quality and reasonably-priced, and the site is accessible and kept clean and tidy.
Dan	Incredible diversity of people and vendors.
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Calin	A Rochester tradition since 1827, the Rochester Public Market offers over 300 vendors all year round. That includes the winter. locals and visitors can enjoy the freshest produce no matter the season. The market also features special events, entertainment and even festivals.
Christina	The Rochester Public Market is a melting pot of diversity that brings people together in a blend of cultures that is amazing to experience! The produce, prepared food and variety of other goods available there make shopping an exciting adventure.
Ruth	they have empanadas and raindance harvest has awesome hot pepper and tomato plants
M.	The Rochester has something for everyone and best of all, great deals on fresh produce and flowers!
Jennifer	I have lived in many places but there is no Farmers Market like the one in Rochester, NY. It is truly one of a kind with its large selection of locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, pastries and cheeses. The large variety of plants on Sunday as well as all the other items you can buy make it the best place to shop for almost anything you want, and all at great prices!
Pat	this is a clean, well organized farm market. The local farmers have visually attractive displays of fresh, health fruits and vegetables. There is something for everyone at the Market!
Karen	It is an awesome place to watch people and get a variety of wonderful food.... fresh and beautiful food, wonderful vendors.... a place to take out of town visitors, for sure!!!
David	The diversity of both the agricultural offerings and the demographics of the people who frequent this market make it uniquely special.
Christopher	The Rochester Public Market provides local produce and meats at unrivaled quality and affordable price. It is helping to improve its surrounding neighborhoods, and makes Rochester, NY a more vibrant place! It connects local farmers with

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	city and suburban residents. It's the inexpensive, healthy, and ecologically-sustainable way to eat!
Sheryl	It's one of the first real markets in the country. The vendors are plentiful, and are fun to talk with. I have learned many of their names, and appreciate their advice and products! I enjoy knowing exactly how and where my food was farmed. I try to buy/eat locally as much as possible. I think that it is important to support our local farmers, reduce our fuel consumption, and cut out the "middlemen."
Emily	Its so people friendly and has a wide variety of things to pick from! Cheaper than most grocery stores, and supports local farmers!
Veronica	Our market is a wonderful way for our local farmers and shoppers to mingle. The Rochester Public Market is stocked with beautiful produce, local wares, meats, cheeses, flowers, etc.
Mama	I travel from NH just to go there.
Ann	The Rochester Public Market offers great variety of fresh produce, meat, and baked goods. It is consistently jam packed with people from diverse backgrounds, including both urban and suburban shoppers. I appreciate that the market supports local farmers and artisans.
Barb	Amazing diversity and quality of products and people!
Keri	The history and the diversity of not only the vendors but the people who visit the market are what is special about our city.
marina	affordable, fresh produce, great variety
Chris	The produce is as fresh as it can be and you actually get to meet the growers. It's locally grown which supports the local economy. The market also includes coffee shops, bakeries, fish and meat markets, clothing and knick-knacks so there is something for everyone. It is well run by its director Jamie Farr and he's always around chatting with customers and meeting the needs of the vendors. I love, love, love the veggie valet service which takes your purchases to your car. The prices can't be beat especially for flowers. See you at the market is a familiar refrain from friends and family. I'm very grateful for how Rochester values this as a destination.
Jae	Such a variety of goods as well as people from all walks of life. My daughter enjoyed helping pick out a fish with its head on for dinner that night, and right across the way were fresh cilantro, lime and ginger for only a dollar. One of that stalls has the thickest yogurt drinks, and another has beautiful handmade soaps. I've never had too much trouble parking, and though it is crowded, I find that adds an exciting dimension that smaller markets sometimes lack.
Tracie	Diversity, Variety, local connections.
jessica	the place to be in rochester anything you are looking for is there just a wonderful place for our city
Ashley	The people!
Ivan	The Rochester Public Market is a real market place, not a gentrified, disneyfied place. The bustle is wonderful, the selection of food, flowers & folks is excellent, varied throughout the year. Our market is extremely photogenic, as is our entire city!
Marisa	This market has everything you can ask for and it stands rain or shine. The prices make healthy eating possible and affordable. It's been in business for over 100 years and still going strong. It isn't just grocery shopping, it's an experience.
Danette	This market provides access to freshly grown food from local farmers. You need to check with each vendor though because I've seen pineapples and mangoes so it's not all local. The market is open year round which is convenient. I believe it's the oldest continuously operating farmer's market in the country. You can also grab a meal or snacks to eat while you shop. And you can pretty much do your entire weekly shopping here, because along with produce, they also have meats, fish, breads, spices.
Mary	The Rochester Public Market consistently has great produce,gorgeous plants,low prices, and has a family-friendly atmosphere. The selection of home grown produce can't be beat. There is food and fun for all age groups and there is also a nice diversity at the Market in both products and customers that adds spice to one's shopping experience. It's definitely a destination spot!
Susan	It's the BEST!!! Always wonderful fresh fruits and veggies. Many great plants to choose from. Fun vendors, located in the center of Rochester, always being updated. Prices to help with any budget. Many events for all ages. Cooking classes, farm animals...can't say enough. Small local restaurants...um, um, good!
Bethany	Fresh and often local produce, great value and selection, delightful personalities, sense of community, great coffee and breakfast sandwiches!
A	Best people, prices and products!
Norman	Large # of Farmers, diversity and quality of produce. Always friendly and reasonable prices.
Ronald	lots of fresh stuff at good prices
Derek	This market has everything and then some. The vendors are great, the food is great and there even is a brewery and various wine sellers from vineyards in NY state. There are no cultural divides as our market and you can get products and food from all different cultural influences. It is also a great place for entertainment as well as political and social demonstrations.
barbara	our market is open year round, 3 days a week.there is so much local produce, meat and dairy products to chose from. There is even fresh pasta, breads..everything you need to feed your family can be bought here.
Richard	I think our local market should win because we have the best fruit and veggie at a great price!!
Lisa	The City of Rochester Public Market has a large variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and fish, pastries, wines, clothing, trinkets... it's a great place to be on weekends and is open all year round!!! We love our City of Rochester Public Market!!!
Richard	Its open all year and I can find any food I need here.
Richard	I've never seen a better one--I've been to the St. Lawrence Market in Toronto, and Rochester's is much better. I've been to many markets, and Rochester is the best of them.
Richard	The food is the freshest... the fruits and vegetables are wonderful and the variety is tremendous.
sarah	Samere's Greenhouse sells the most beautiful flowers there!
Richard	The people and the food! And the empanadas!
Audrey	The Rochester Public Market brings the whole community together, promotes eating locally and healthfully, and has a little bit of everything! It's organized well and it's always a lot of fun.
Penny	It is open year around, we have local farmers come in and sell their crops. The local farmers who bring in their plants for us suburbanites also are fountains of information for when to plant and how to keep our purchases alive and thriving. The public market also hosts special events, Flower Days in May, Garage Sales, Organic Days, and Holiday Shopping. What is not to love at The Rochester Public Market????!!!
Nicole	This market uses all fresh food, and is really important to the community.
Richard	The vendors are very helpful and sweet. The market always has great deals and the produce is always so fresh and good.
Richard	It's a friendly place and I love the sense of community.
Richard	There's such a great variety and it's so convenient.

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Casey	I've traveled all across the country and made a point to shop at farmer's markets along the way, but Rochester's Public Market is by far the freshest, most abundant and most enjoyable. I don't believe there was ever a time when I couldn't find exactly what I was looking for, no matter how obscure the ingredient was. From fruits, veggies, meats and fish to flowers, handbags, toiletries and toys; they've got it all! Not to mention the fabulous coffee shops and delicious cultural food vendors... YUM! I'm proud to be from Rochester!
Jack	its a great place for food, fun, friendships and families. it continues a tradition appreciated by those that remember how it was and those committed to make it continue. its a place to enjoy life.
Deanna	I <3 the Market!
Angela	The Rochester Public Market is amazing!! I remember going there with my grandparents and now I love to take my own kids to see this wonderful, diverse market in the heart of the city where we can get great bargains on fresh, locally grown products.
Peter	Great deal of enthusiasm on the part of management and vendors.
debbie	variety, accessibility, quality.
Marisa	It's colorful, loud, huge and offers a ton of variety in produce and other foodstuffs. It also offers a huge variety in people, ethnicity and economic status. Some people shop at the RocPubMkt because it's cheap and they can't afford more expensive things and others go because it's trendy. This market is a great place just to hang out and support local business!
Jack	nicey laid out, brings people to the city more commerce to the economy for local growers/farmers Friendly, affordable with good range of vendors including seasonal.
Jetta	It is well run, has great selection of items to buy, great people watching and feels like you are supposed to be there shopping on a Saturday. You can support local farmers as well as save yourself some money.
Ronald	There are many cultures, religions , races and walks of life that converge in one place to shop for necessities and even some specialties. No where can you find this huge assortment of products. Some are new to the world, some are local products such as Maple goods, beeswax products and produce. Other things include foods from or inspired by Many foreign lands. It is a diversity unmatched in the modern world. And a camaraderie that comes from mutual respect among our neighbors in life.
Lauren	The Rochester Public Market is open year-round, and we've taken advantage of this service to build strong relationships with the farmers and other vendors who show up in snow, sleet, rain, and humid heat. It's a great feeling to be among so many other Rochesterians (and yes, the place is always jam-packed) who support local growers.
Tom	Great selection of different vendors. Nice people. Very good atmosphere for downtown. Very good prices.
Thomas	great prices on fresh produce,organic meats and vegetables,organic dairy products.locally grown fruits and veggies .small farmers gotta eat too! also love the atmosphere.
E.	Always a variety of produce, flowers, and meat. Social gathering, friendly people always willing to help.
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tim	it has a large variety, not only of produce but crafts,clothes,food, and people
LyndA	It is huge and fun to be at. Its very cost efficient and you find awesome deals!!!
Susan	My market is carefully cared for. It is the market where I have gone since I was a little girl going with my grandfather and hearing the bartering in Italian. The Rochester Public Market is more than a market, it is a center for concerts, flower and plant sales, and other events. It is an important institution in Rochester.
Tracy	If you want to know where all of Rochester is on Saturday morning, come to our Public Market! The farmers and vendors are quick to share tips on how to best cook up their offerings, often remember you by name, and serve up some of the best home grown produce I have ever set out on my dinner table. What has really impressed me: farmers taking time to answer my questions about how they raise the food I buy from them. I look forward to every Saturday morning and my weekly trip to the market. In short, it means a lot to know who is growing my food. Our Public Market has made such an impact on how I shop, who I buy from, and what I put into my body.
Lisa	Our market allows people to eat wholesome, healthy food at far less cost then the local grocery stores that get their products (especially produce) from "who knows where." There are also a lot of interesting people from all over the world that shop there.It is especially heartening to see young people and young families shopping there. It brings back memories of my grandparents taking me there when I was VERY young. I've loved the market since then.
steven	within walking distance from park ave area good quality food great environment for children
Rachel	Excellent selection, low prices, and a wonderful place to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday - I've been going to the market for years, winter and summer. Without spending a lot of money, I can bring home a lot of good, healthy food, and I regard many of the vendors as my friends. If I miss a Saturday, they notice; unlike my local mega-market where no one knows my name! It's more than just a place to buy food - the weekend isn't complete without a trip to the Rochester Public Market.
Joaquin	Tradition and regularity. The Rochester Public Market has been bringing fresh, local produce, meat, cheese and prepared food to the City of Rochester year-round, every week for over 100 years.
D	At the Rochester Public Market you can get gourmet lettuce right next to sweet corn, 12 for \$1.00. The people that sell the food genuinely care about what they are selling and whether or not you will like it. They have different types of produce, so it is not the same stuff you see in the store week after week. You have to get it while its in season - its special, once a year. The farmers will chat about the growing year they are having or tell you their favorite way of preparing something. When you return week after week, you are a part of the community and they recognize you and are glad you came back. They are hardworking people and I appreciate the opportunity to enjoy the fruit of their labor. We start every weekend with breakfast and shopping at the Rochester Public Market. And we save money while having all this fun!
Anne	The public market is so diverse in both people and products. You can find almost anything there from freshly baked goods, homemade barbeques sauce, fresh veggies, wines, meat, homemade breads and cakes and cookies, clothes, purses, hats, belts and delicious breakfast sandwiches and freshly ground coffee. Not to mention the free tastes and demonstrations and the wonderful freshness of all the foods. vendors are friendly and helpful and our "voice" of the market is so funny and entertaining as her voice comes over the loud speaker talking about anything from cars with their lights on (or maybe getting towed) to the upcoming events at the market. It is just a joy to go every week and I never miss a saturday. My son and I go year round together to share mom and son time, breakfast and buying our fresh foods.
Anne	Love the variety and freshness of the products, and diversity of people who visit it. One stop shopping at its best!
Jim	good location
Anthony	great variety and prices. It is very accessible and has just a great atmosphere.
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Heidi	The Public Market has great local produce, artisanal cheeses and baked goods, organic poultry, beef, pork, and eggs, vendors from local wineries-- even clothes and crafts sometimes. Plus great coffee shacks, a taco stand, and Juan and Maria's Empanada Stop. Very friendly vendors. It has everything you could want for produce, and the prices are incredibly good. Yesterday for about \$20, I got a huge bagful of veggies and fruits as well as free range eggs and fancy cheeses. I am a graduate student on a budget and I do a lot of my shopping at the public market. The atmosphere is great-- amazingly diverse, because of the good prices. People are speaking all different languages. At the public market, you really interact with people from every walk of life in Rochester and the surrounding areas. And I always see someone I know-- that's why living in a small city is great too. The Public Market is one of my most favorite things about the city of Rochester-- it is so special.

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Christina	They have an amazing variety of vendors. It is a complete mix cultures all coming together. It is colorful, cheerful, fun, and a great atmosphere. It is a tradition in Rochester that is being passed on through generations!!!!
Marissa	The activity and the variety are great! There's a huge selection of grocery goods and breakfast or lunch stops. Every week is different and exciting each time.
Constance	I love the Rochester Public Market because you get value for your dollar. You can find just the right amount for your particular family. Vendors are always happy to assist you. The Public (Farmer's) Market is a place to see the abundance of America in one place. The Market is a microcosm of Americana. It is THE place to buy produce. It is THE place to find the real America. I love my Market. I go every Saturday. I buy fruit, vegetables, meat and sometimes flowers or clothing. The Market is my FIRST stop for grocery shopping.
Magdalene	This market has everything! Friendly Rochester people and a great variety of vendors- from produce to purses! it's the perfect way to spend a Saturday morning in Rochester! It's a great way to support local farmers in our community! Also, not only is the produce phenomenal-- the prices are unbeatable!
Pat	Rochester's market has grown with our culture yet has retained the flavor, quality and pricing as the place to get top quality fruit, produce, meats, cheeses, breads and flowers. Fun place to be; lots of energy and urban feel.
Jessica	I love going to the Rochester market for all kinds of things! all-natural hot dogs, cheese, amish butter, jelly & baked goods, honey... and so much more!
Ron	The City of Rochester has made this the best market in the country. They have done everything right and continue to make improvements.
Debbie	FRESHEST PRODUCTS, FRIENDLIEST PEOPLE Fun Community
Peggy	The variety of the produce plus the prices....we visit our sister who lives in Rochester and we always visit the Public Market...reminds me of several we visited in Europe when we lived there.
Daver	Good variety, and good prices. They also have the best announcer ever!! Very funny and entertaining.
Brian	The selection of fresh fruits and vegetables is amazing. The interaction with the folks selling the product is great. Cooking tips; planting tips; Nutritional tips. I've only been going to the Rochester Public Market about 1 year but I wouldn't miss a weekend! (rain, sunshine, or snow!)
Brian	The selection of fruits and vegetables has helped me expand what I can cook. And I love to cook. The ambiance of the Rochester Public Market makes shopping an event rather than a chore.
Tracey	So much culture. Great food. Great people.
Elyse	The products are nice and fresh AND nicely priced. The people/vendor/farmers are all friendly and helpful with suggestions for recipes and ideas. Its diversity is great and one is reminded of how diverse a community we are. We go all year round - yes, even during our cold winters, and love doing so. It's THE place to be on a Saturday!
Deb	It brings a large community together
Todd	Great food and great people -- farmers remember our orders!
Mary Lou	located in an area of the city with the lowest per capita income. Open all year round. opportunity to purchase fresh produce from local farmers. a European experience in an urban setting!
Steve	It's a wonderful resource that brings the community together in celebration of something simple - food grown and harvested locally.
Patricia	This market has been in existence for over 100 years, providing city residents with an incredible variety of quality food at reasonable prices. It connects city people with the local rural community. It's an established tradition in Rochester and to shop there is an unbeatable experience!
Lucas	BECAUSE IT'S AWESOME.
Ted	It's fun. It's been around for years and there is nothing to compare it to. It's unique and brings farm food into the heart of the city. Great variety and prices. Fresh fresh fresh.
Devin	people..passion..produce
Jon	It's awesome, I love all kinds of carrots and stuff, and farmer people are so cool. They yell stuff like "buy my fruits" and "holler for the two dollar.... sack of potatoes" so I do because it's good prices, and delicious. You should go and buy some stuff, especially from Timmy Ophardt, and his pops, they got the best fruits and veggies.
Jeffrey	the site has maintained its "old world" style while adding new offerings that continue to draw large crowds each weekend.
Jon	yummy farm fresh food goodness. go now.
Gillian	It is one of New York's most culturally diverse markets (outside of NYC). There is a communal experience of positive energy from people enjoying each other's interactions...
Lori	the Rochester Public Market has a wonderful selection of fresh produce, bread, cheese, fish, etc. The atmosphere is eclectic and welcoming. I have been a faithful 'marketer' for a few years...even when I was pregnant. So many of the vendors remembered me from week to week...and it was a joy to bring my son to the market once he was born. Now we go every week!
Jesse	The Rochester Public Market is a great alternative to the corporate grocery store. Practically anything you could need can be found. There are numerous vendors who provide local food, natural food, and organic food. There are even CSAs you can join and a microbrewery down the street! The Rochester Public Market provides affordable, healthy options without the markup of the grocery stores. It allows its patrons to know where their food is coming from and build relationships with those who provide it.
Mark	multiple vendors, large customer crowd of many nationalities and languages, great selection, great quality, great prices.
eileen	Rochester has a vibrant, thriving, welcoming market. Vendors/farmers are congenial. Parking has expanded w/o losing the ambiance of a true urban, diverse marketplace where many nationalities mingle happily. Smells and sights envelop the marketers. Great place to get empanadas, warm breads, fresh cheeses, firm fruit and vegetables, locally grown.
Guy	very clean, personable, friendly, convenient. Many ethnic foods, Parking, just a great place to spend a weekend morning enjoying diversity and meeting friends, not to mention great produce and prices
Liz	-There is a fabulous selection of local produce, organic produce, meats and herbs -Clothing, wine, music, food and gardening supplies are offered at the market -The market was brought back to life and restored beautifully. It has brought life back to the area that was declining at a rapid pace. -ONE OF THE BEST CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MARKET IS THE WONDERFUL WOMAN WHO ANNOUNCES THINGS OVER THE LOUD SPEAKER. she has a great sense of humor and sarcasm and every time she announces something, you hear the entire market laugh. It's pure entertainment!
William	Great atmosphere, prices, and people. Long history.
David	The Rochester Public Market is an amazing place. Located for over 100 years in what is now a fairly blighted inner city neighborhood, the market brings together every type of person into the City's heart with a focus on food and community. It is a mix of all things culinary, with a focus on local production and local consumption. I have been going to the market for nearly all of my 33 years, and it has continuously improved with time. I now bring my wife and two children to the market on a weekly basis and they love every minute of it! Rochester definitely has one of the greatest farmers markets in the nation!
Victoria	#1 the food is great and the prices are very reasonable. Everyone can afford to shop there. #2 it is the most diverse place in the region. People from all backgrounds, ethnicities, and ages are there every week. #3 the vendors are wonderfully friendly and helpful. #4 it is a clean and nice place to shop. #5 it has a great history #6 it has had a very positive impact on a transitional neighborhood #7 they have wonderful special programming, from concerts to flower days and holiday shopping

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Andrew	Rochester's Public Market is a true jewel of the City of Rochester. It provides a wonderful gathering place for people from all over the city and local area. There is a wonderful energy that translates to the wonderfully fresh produce, flowers, and baked goods sold. Rochester's Public Market is the best and certainly deserves this recognition.
S	The variety of fresh locally produced products is outstanding!
Naomi	The market has a lot of vendors that sell their own fresh produce that are lower than the supermarkets. Many of the produce are different and I do learn about the produce and how to stay healthy.
Lee	Great produce and Outstanding Flowers and Plants. Quality is the best and prices are the most reasonable around.
Debbie	so much variety
Mary	I just love the Rochester Public Market. I've been going there since I was a little girl. Most Saturday mornings my mom and I would go at first light and beat the crowds. I looked forward to it every time. It was something special I did with my mom. Very different from - and so much better than - the grocery store. I still look forward to going every chance I get. I love the history (at its current site since 1905), the sense of community (actually talking with the vendors), and the vast assortment of what is available (fresh produce, crafts, cheeses, textiles, herbs, baked goods, and so much more). Our market is always growing and changing to meet the diverse needs and interests of our community. In addition to regular market days, they also do Night Markets with live music in the summer, Flower Days, Holidays at the Market, and more. It's such a fun event to go to the market, pick out fresh produce and beautiful plants, have a coffee at Boulder, an empanada at Juan and Maria's Empanada Stop, tour Rhorbach Brewery right next door, and enjoy all the sights and smells of the market. On weekends there are plenty of crossing guards and parking attendants to help ensure that visitors have a safe and problem-free visit. They are always friendly, greeting you with a smile. Overall, the Rochester Public Market is fantastic and should be a definite stop for anyone visiting the area. This truly is one of America's Favorite Farmers Markets. And, of course, knowing that you are buying from mostly local vendors makes a huge difference!
Patricia	Visiting the Rochester Public market reminds me of the Saturdays I spent roaming the Benton Harbor, MI, Farmers Market in my youth. People and produce came from all over the country. There was such a feeling of community and camaraderie present. It was a meeting place for the community as well as a place to sell or purchase the freshest produce available. That feeling permeates the Rochester Public Market. Everyone is there, the farmers and their produce, politicians seeking public opinion, prepared food vendors and stalls filled with all other kinds of merchandise. Our market continues to grow with each year.
Mitchell	I have been going to the public market since I can remember, and even though I no longer live in the city of Rochester I still make the trip regularly. It has by far the best variety of fresh produce, artisan cheeses, pastas and meats available in one place in the entire north east. It's worth a 4 hour drive every time :)
paula	Great prices and great produce!
Margaret	I LOVE the variety of produce at this year-round Market. And the wonderful local farmers who work so hard to bring us such great fresh foods! In addition to the great foods and merchandise - Guest Chef Demos, Healthy Eating Tastings, Market Merchandise for sale, numerous special events, and a fun family feel.
Travis	It has great parking, great prices, and great people.
Sean	The Public Market is great because of the very diverse people that it brings together: rich and poor, all races, and many languages. Not only do you get fresh good food, but also a rich cultural experience!
Christine	Where to begin? It's in a timeless historic cluster of structures which have recently been refurbished and enhanced. The outbuildings are excellent examples of adaptive reuse--cafes, cheese shops, wholesale florists, etc. It serves as a neighborhood anchor and a catalyst for creative businesses to take root nearby, including antique shops, artists' lofts and galleries, and restaurants. When I shop the market, I interact with the very people who make my meals possible; I see people of every conceivable background there; I run into old friends and new; I contribute to my local economy; I benefit from the connections; and I leave a few bucks lighter but a whole lot happier. Best of all, of the thousands of regular visitors, I'm one of the thousands who feel this way!
Joe	Cheap, local, fresh.
Bradley	It's the atmosphere and the locals who sell there along with knowing a number of people that shop there.
Nancy	Great variety, prices, quality and the friendly vendors and people!
Nick	It's consistently the best place to buy local produce! There is an undeniable sense of community when you know the vendors that supply your food.
Ramona	It is not only a place where the best of produce, flowers, goods, etc. are sold, but it also a place that uplifts our city!
Carol	I love the Rochester Public Market. The prices are right, the food is fresh, and there is a great variety.
eli	awesome
Jamal	This market is large, diverse and has everything from fresh produce to great coffee and baked goods to clothing and so much more.
Laurie	This market is open year round on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. It offers diverse farmed produce along with cheeses and meats. Different ethnic groups are well represented making it a real community.
Ed	great prices, selection & people
Dennis	Not only is there a great variety of produce and flowers, the diversity of the vendors and shoppers is a real attraction for me. I grew up as a kid living in the Marketview neighborhood. It is still the only centralized spot in the city that I can go to see young and old together, hear many different languages, be informed of local and national issues, meet local politicians and buy fresh produce.
Nakia	As one of the oldest markets in the country, it is a beautiful reminder of how much we need to get back to the simple basics of fresh, farm living!
diana	its the largest and best stocked farmer's market that I have been to.
DICK	THE GREATEST PRODUCE !!!!!
Mike	great selection of vendors, friendly folks, great prices, open all year
Suzanne	The variety of offerings is superb! Everyone can enjoy the fruits of others labor as foodstamps are accepted, allowing even those with limited incomes to purchase the freshest produce and provide good food for their families.
bob	fabulous variety of goods; year round operation; helps support local farmers
Ellen	The best place to meet and mingle with everyone in town - from every walk of life - great shopping of every kind, incredible farmers with long history at market and product knowledge and care for their calling. Fabulous flowers, food and fun. Vibrant, exciting atmosphere that can only exist in a true public market. Great meat and fish markets, organic food of all kinds, locally raised grass fed beef, local wines, bakery and more. The crowds and people watching while eating breakfast or lunch in the many restaurants is unique Rochester experience that should not be missed. Visitors love it too!
Ellen	Our Saturdays aren't complete without a visit to the Public Market!
Mary	Variety, Affordability, diversity, FUN !
Wes	The Rochester Public Market has a large number of vendors with quality produce, or other food items or plants, etc. It has a very large following in the Rochester area. People are always saying that they go to the Public Market. Everyone knows what it is and what it represents. They are expanding the parking because so many people like to go there. It makes me giddy to go or to even think about going!

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Sally	Diversity of people, produce and other goods Clean Friendly staff Special events Customer focused The happy mayhem and buzz of commerce when the farm comes to the city
DC	Love it!
Neil	You can find anything you want. You run into people you haven't seen in months. You run into people you see every day. You hear languages you can't identify. Local products. Imported products. Handmade crafts. Diversity.
Pam	You can find everything there.. I have been going for years.. the people are wonderful
Judy	Lots of local farmers, much to choose from.
Kurt	It helps bring members from all over our community together to share in nature's bounty. We have the best market I've ever been to.
Molly	Super diverse and friendly. Though I don't live in Rochester anymore, I try to make several visits each year.
john	It's a fun happening which includes a market. It stresses locally grown quality product, as far as food products and floral products. Between the public address announcer who is a full fledged circus in herself with her comedic announcements that at times has the whole place in stitches, to the many food stands and coffee shops along with the buskers, its a fun time for all ages.
Saul	It has something for everyone. The choices of merchants and the interactions with people makes it a great community gathering place.
Charles	Over a hundred vendors. Always fresh food and always packed. A good time with great deals.
Maura	The Rochester Public Market is a treasure, and is open all year 'round. And in Rochester, New York where it snows a bout six months of the year, this is no small feat! Great produce, meat, flowers, bread--everything you can think of with the friendliest bunch of vendors anywhere. Hope they win!
aloyse	It is a wonderful place to meet farming people, to find different varieties of items, to have fresh food available from local growers. The vendors & shoppers are a mix which I do not find in a local store. At market we are all on the same page. It is a very happy, pleasing experience to attend. It is certainly more exciting than supermarket aisles. I learn a lot.
ann	because it's open all seasons and it's a wonderful affordable place to shop
Jason	It is always a good time at the market. Lots of consistently good food and products.
Alicia	the Rochester Public Market has the most eclectic offerings, chock full of local farmers. Winter summer spring or fall, Saturday Mornings at the Rochester Public Market are always the highlight of my week!
Bonnie	The food is fresh and the vendors are so friendly and helpful. If they don't have what you want they can usually tell you which stall has it.
Katherine	Excellent produce and meat vendors, interesting shops, enjoyable special events, restaurants and food stalls, and wonderful people-watching opportunities.
Sarah	The RPM brings a diverse cross-section of Rochester together every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday... and is truly one of the best aspects of the city! Deals on fresh fruits and veggies can't be beat. And the ambience is ALWAYS lively and entertaining!
Regina	Not only is it a great place to buy fruits, vegetables, meats & fish but it's a market full of culture.
K	The Rochester Public Market is open year-round and boasts so many wonderful vendors!
amy	the people are great there is something for everyone it is a wonderful multicultural experience and i can buy local and organic produce
Matt	The rochester Public Market has been in this community for 105 years. In a smaller city like Rochester, the Public Market is the ONLY farmers market that counts and hence it is the one that everyone uses. In our city, in our market, you almost always run into people you know. It is so much a community builder as it is anything else. Also, Rochester is cheap, and the public market is doubly so... I can walk in with 10 dollars and get more vegetables and fruits than I will need for the whole week. This cannot be true of larger cities. Our prices are cheap. Also, in upstate New York, we live in a diverse food growing region. Our market reflects the high quality farms and farmland of the area. Here, in Rochester the public market has a BIG impact on the community.
Monica	Walking through the Rochester Public Farmer's Market is an exercise in refreshing the senses: the scents of fresh coriander mingles with the empanadas cooking across the way; the vibrancy of the fruits, flowers, and veggies draw your eyes to and fro; you'll hear live acoustic guitar, a multitude of languages, the world at work; you'll rub elbows with the friendliest folks in town; and you'll taste samples of food--new cheeses and breads and meats--that beg you to take them home.
Erica	Greatest Farmer's Market with a variety of fresh produce, cheeses, meats, flowers, etc. I would consider it the cultural center of our city, because it attracts people from all over. Great prices, quality foods, and rich social experience.
Vicki	Something for everyone's budget, taste, culture, and uniqueness...a Rochester tradition that brings people together even in the midst of winter's cold hard grip! I've been going there since I was a little girl, my father worked there in the 40's making .25 cents a day...I remember staring in awe as the adults bantered back and forth, bartering, speaking languages I didn't understand, all the sights and sounds seemingly larger than life...and I am still in awe every time I go; those feelings of childhood come rushing back, and I now appreciate my father and my friend's Kurdish mother "dragging" me there on a Saturday morning, doing what they do best...bartering for the best price to feed and take care of their families. This is what the Public Market is about...back then, and especially now, as everyone struggles to take care of their own...
Sheila	You can buy all kinds of varieties of fruits and vegetables to every meat imaginable. Cheeses galore, olives from mediterranean, cotton candy and popcorn, clothes with incredible prices, incense and perfumes, plants for your gardens, herbs and vegetable plants, fruit trees. It is the cleanest most loveliest farmers market. This year their adding much needed extra parking. People come from all over to go to the market. There is just so much to see it's unbelievable. I could spend half a day there.
Sharon	People from all walks of life go there. The prices are great. There is a very wide variety of items to purchase.
Pamela	Because there is no need to shop for food anywhere else -- they have it all -- the best organic beef, the freshest seafood, Mennonite baked goods (no preservatives), great cheese, even the most wonderful pastas and pierogies...not to mention all the fabulous fruit and vegetables. It's become our Saturday morning tradition, year-round.
Robert	the variety of goods, the quality of goods for sale, the vendors and the location
Shruti	Great variety of fresh produce ranging from locally produced to organic. Coffee roasters, florists, food sellers - with great service and sense of community.
MP	Great produce, good food, flowers, people, fun!
Gina	Our public market is well-organized, has something for everyone, is the best for people watching and is actually a way to SAVE money! Dry goods and produce are actually a bargain, unlike at many "trendy" farm markets. There is great shopping and delicious food - a great way to spend a Saturday morning!
Ionna	It is over 100 years old and still going strong. It attracts people even on cold Rochester days. It is a melting pot of people and foods.
Bonnie	The food, the atmosphere, the incredible bargains, the history...wonderful!
Ellen	Tradition, variety of offerings
Margie	The Rochester Public Market is bustling...even at 7am it's crowded with a diverse group of shoppers who are looking for fresh produce, cheeses, bakery items, etc. You can find great deals on annuals and perennials, even shrubs, for your yard. If you like bargains, there's also home goods and clothing. The atmosphere is fun and there's always something new.

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Katherine marcy	It is open year-round, and has a huge diversity of foods available for all cultures and tastes. It is "the" place to be seen on Saturday morning. On a more personal note, I have fond memories of going every week with my dad when I was a kid. It was there that I learned about the important of buying local!
M. Eve	The Rochester Public Market has been operating for over 100 years now. My immigrant great grandparents, 1st generation American grandparents and my parents brought their produce and farm animals to the market when it was still paved with bricks. I think of them each time I go to market -- whether it be on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. The citizens of this region know that they will always find high- quality, low-priced, homegrown food at the Market. But there is so much more: food and wine tastings, holiday celebrations, Sundays in May dedicated to selling flower and vegetable plants, great restaurants and people from many nations. The Market brings our community together as one. It instills pride and allows people to create a livelihood. I am in love with the public market.
Martin	The Rochester Public Market brings in the best of the regional growers and products.
Beverly	Variety, local produce, diversity of shoppers and vendors.
Laura	Friendly farmers with great produce and prices. The market also has the annual Harvest Day for kids, rock concerts, garage sales, and artists' day. There is an active Friends group and wonderful murals. Jim Farr is a great leader and Joan Hildebrand is so nice. I love Dathyn Farms and their apples.
Rose Mary	it's got a pulsing life, outstanding selection of local products, and a fun place to visit.
D	It is the heart of the city, bringing in the best locally grown and harvested products so that they are accessible to everyone and a great price.
Laurie	Public Market offers regional farmers the opportunity to sell year round. Many vendors comes as far as Buffalo and from the Finger Lakes region since our market has the diversity to sell their products. It is on the same level as the Toronto Public Market.
Karen	Rochester Public Market is my favorite place to buy fresh produce. The prices are better than the supermarket prices, and it's easier to tell if I'm getting locally grown produce.
Dawn	Great selection of fresh vegs and fruit and flowers The flower market Sunday at market is great way to get the summeregarden season started and I love the food ,and coffee , its the best
David	It has everything you can think of as well as exotic and new things that they change up every year. I love going there and making it a day event.
Melanie	I love the food, the people, and the vendors. It's a place where people take care of each other and get access to great food and plants.
Luke	It is awesome
Jessica	It's awesome - you can get anything at the market - fish, cheese, fruit, veggies, meat, plants, jams, wine, baked goods you name it. So many people from different backgrounds at the market - on a saturday you can hear many languages being spoken. it's just a giant melting pot of goodness!
c	Great produce at great (low) prices all year round; lots of interesting people buying and selling
Deborah	It is convenient and has a large variety to select from. It offers goods from local vendors/farmers. Atmosphere is very friendly and family oriented. Plus the special events such as spring plants, garage sales and employee wellness are great.
Karin	The Rochester Public Market certainly offers beautiful,fresh, locally grown produce. But in my opinion,it also does so much more than that! It is a where the rural, suburban,and urban communities in our region come together. When I bring my children to the market they see diversity. They learn about real & healthy food. They learn local history (seeing as the market has been there for over 100 years). They learn about the economy and the value of a dollar.
Chelsea	EVERYONE goes to the Rochester Public Market for cheap, healthy, & local food. It's not just a upper-class thing, but somewhere you see everyone in the city mingling together.
J	The variety of fruits, vegetables and other articles is amazing. the best; better than all the rest!
Vicki	The market is a vibrant urban center filled with area farmers and growers bringing a wide variety of food and plants to the center of our city. Interesting that many people come from the suburbs to shop here.
Sarah	Spending a Saturday morning at the Public Market has become a tradition among my group of friends. We do a round of the market, always running into people we know, and taking a look at what's available, then it's on to breakfast at one of the many family-run places (empanadas, Jimmy's famous breakfast sandwiches, Java Joes). Once we have some food in our bellies, we go for a second round to make our purchases, now that we've seen how everyone's pricing compares and what fruits and veggies looked the best. This is an extremely active market, and has been for almost a century. I love the history, as well as the real sense of community I get everytime I go.
kathy	I love the people! A wonderful blend of the region. Multiple nations represented and all generations and walks of life! Great food and plants & flowers! Great bargains! I eat better when I shop at the Market! Great place for breakfast or lunch - to meet with friends and visit!
Dagmar	The Rochester Public Market is an experience, great food, lots of variety, music, coffee, people from all walks of life come together.
ann carol	How many farm markets have run for 105 consecutive years? How many have grown and filled the needs of the consumer? How many markets have kept up with the times and food innovations and community needs? With 300 stalls, special events and warm and friendly vendors! What can market can top that! I vote for the Rochester Public Market.
Lynne	Besides being one of the oldest in the country, it is rich in diversity and culture.
Rachel	Culturally diverse. Wonderful atmosphere. Large selection of produce, prepared foods, condiments, organic meats, flowers. 52 weeks/yr!! great entertainment. Safe, fun. Local produce.
Sue	Fresh affordable fruits, vegetables, free-range eggs, flower Sundays, the cheese guy with hand pressed olive oil from his families Italian grooves, breakfast sandwiches, New York State Apples (and Cider), one dollar, one dollar, one dollar. Home grown garlic, local honey (and for a quarter get some in a stick to satisfy your crave on the spot). Christmas trees, pumpkins for jack o' lanterns, fresh cut flowers, oh and the kettle corn.
Vincent	The Rochester public market is always full of excitement, it is the thing to do on a saturday!! What ever you need for food you will find and at a bargain \ LOVE IT!!!
Kristina	I love the Rochester public market! It is probably my favorite part of my Saturday morning routine. I grew up on a farm, so I strongly believe spending my dollars locally as much as I possibly can.
Marie	It's BIG, has a permanent shelter & has been there for years and years.
Laurie	Great selection of produce, lots of interesting people to meet and things to see. You can find almost anything at the public market. It's a fun & educational place to spend the morning.
J.	It has evolved over the years to include additional theme selling days at the same venue such as community garage sales and Flower C.ity Sundays in the summertime. There are also days/evenings with music
Lindsay	The Public Market is not only a gigantic place to go to buy fresh produce from America's wonderful farmers, but it's a place that brings people from all areas of the city together. It's full of friendliness, great food and culture. Plus, I'm all for buying from the farmers, it's a great feeling and a part of our country's heart and roots. God bless America!!!
Maryann	This market is dear to my heart! It's a family tradition for me i guess you can say. I used to go here with my grandparents, and my parents. i remember how diverse and exciting all the different vendors were. the smells, the food, the people. I have a lot of great memories, i'm so happy to be able to share this wonderful resource with my children. You can get everything you are looking for at this market. Its a great way to save money if you are on a budget. I also love to support our local famers!
T	Enormous. Local. Old. Perfect!

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Anne	The variety is amazing. I am relatively new to the market, but got hooked. The vendors are friendly and helpful. Food is of good quality and much cheaper than stores. Will continue to do my shopping at the Rochester Public Market. Great Job Vendors!!!!
Andrew	Most of the food is locally grown and there is a huge variety from many different farmers. The variety of items, from fruits and vegetables to meat and cheeses is larger than any other farmer's market I've been to. The best part is that it's as organic as you can get and it's still cheaper than super markets
Steve	The people are even better than the produce. Smiling faces are the best bargain you'll find!
samantha	Great food, great people, great atmosphere!
Judy	I've been going to the Rochester Public Market with my parents since I was a child. Was within walking distance for me back then. It's the best because everyone goes there. I always find good bargains.
Kim	My market should win for a variety of reasons. First there are the vendors who offer a wide variety of locally grown fruits, vegetables, flowers, wine, meat, eggs, cheese, etc. They are extremely friendly and their prices are very reasonable. The people who come truly enjoy the experience and there's always a festival like feel in the air. The market is located in an area in the city where most suburbanites would not normally go, so I feel it also bridges the social gap.
Janice	For years our market vendors have been providing healthy, fresh and good fruits and vegetables to the people in the community and throughout the County. The community and the market has always supported our local farmers. In the past few years, the vendors have grown and so has the variety of food items. It's a great experience.
Susan	The City of Rochester's Public Market is wonderful! It has it all! Fresh fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, cheeses, meats, fish, breads and pastries. The shops around the markets are great to stop in for a cup of coffee or fresh pastry to enjoy while shopping.
Chuck	It has such a wide variety of vendors and produce. It is working with low income audiences using a food stamp EBT token program and nutrition demonstrations. It has a unique and extremely interesting history. Its programs are supported and enhanced by a not-for-profit organization: The Friends of the Rochester Public Market.
Mary	The market in Rochester NY has so much to offer. Entertainment, knowledgeable farmers, great prices, fresh produce and always fun place to go. I love the fresh coffee too! Events include demonstrations by chefs, cook-offs, music, taste testing, animal petting, carriage rides and more.
Ervina	Going to the Public Market has been an "event" for me for over 30 years. Shopping for the freshest fruits, vegetables, cheeses and garden plants, while people watching, is bettering that going to the movies!!
Phyllis	very people orientated, clean, something for everyone, City of Rochester always strives for improvements and full utilization in different areas, e.g: flower city Sundays....flowers, annuals, plants etc; dances on the bricks....musical groups for everyone.
Enrica	The market is in an old section of the city and brings together vendors and customers from various rural, suburban, and urban areas of the Greater Rochester area, in an atmosphere of true diversity and tranquility, without the fear and prejudice that is so common in other venues.
Sonja	Lots vendors and a fresh variety of produce, meat, fish and baked goods along with a wide variety of organic produce.
Stephanie	Wonderful assortment of food, plants, events. Many languages spoken there. Local produce available in the summer and in the winter non-local but cheaper food available.
mary	variety and the wonderful vendors
Jeanne	The Rochester Market has been around for a long time and has only gotten better and more popular over the decades. This is a large market with a huge variety of local farm vendors. Go any season, even in winter, and the place is full of people! You can make a day of it, shopping and stopping to eat in one of the homey restaurants that surround the area. Warm up with hot coffee or cocoa if it's snowing! And although it attracts hundreds of people, it never feels too crowded or hectic. It offers fresh, local vegetables and fruits, meats, breads, and so much more! The Rochester Market maintains its neighborhood vibe, and makes for a great place to congregate.
Laura	Because of the diversity of fresh produce, friendly faces, and local eateries. It attracts people from all over the community from the youngest to the oldest. It is a true meeting place within the city.
Leslie	it's big, it's friendly, it's got variety, it's an experience!
June	It has such a wide variety of fresh everything!
Mary Ellen	Great people, prices and produce!
Tanya	Great local produce, beautiful flowers and wonderful people. Rochester's public market has all that and more. And, let's not forget Juan and Maria's Empanada Stop. Not only the best, most addictive Spanish food in town, but they also support our troops overseas by sending them great food too.
Goldie	I think the Rochester Public Market should be one of America's Favorite Farmers Markets because it has everything one can need (fresh produce, meats, snacks, clothes and flowers). I find the vendors to be friendly.
Jeremy	I remember going to the market as a kid with my parents and being amazed at how much fresh produce was laid out. I love going now with my kids and letting them meet the farmers that grow the food we eat. Living in the city with only space for a few potted fruits and veggies, it is important for me to have them make the connection between their food and where it comes from.
Allison	It has been around the longest in the entire country and is very clean, well-organized and boasts ample parking and tons of fresh meat, fruits and vegetables. Not to mention it has an amazing coffee place and a cupcake place, too! It also has flower city days where you can buy all your outdoor plants, etc. It's great!
J.T.	so many different people, and the atmosphere is amazing. It's not just people though, there is many different vendors with different products and produce. Upstate NY has such a diverse region that it allows for so many different things to choose from. you get anything from Wine to apples to homemade pierogies. Plus it feels good to know your supporting local business
Penelope	Multi ethnic (one of the few places in the city), friendly, varied produce and products
Jean	Variety
kate	although we have sadly moved away from Rochester, we always try to get to the public market on our trips back home... a delicious coffee, a freshly made empanada, and great people-watching... a perfect way to spend a Saturday morning!
sally	Lots of friendly people. We esp. like the Sundays in May and the Sundays prior to Christmas.
Anthony	Fine fresh foods from local farmers and producers (e.g. pasta makers). Wonderful coffee shops and cafes in adjoining buildings. Amazingly diverse customers. Always bump into someone you know. Easy to get to. Convenient parking.
Diane	great selection of fruits, vegetables, flowers,meats,cheeses,friendly people
barbara	The place is such a wonderful happy place. The people selling their wares are great and inviting. I just really enjoy it.
B	The variety, quality, price and atmosphere is amazing. Going to the market is not a shopping trip, it is a family experience.
Theresa	It is a diverse collection of vendors that give the market continuity and a multidimensional characteristic. You can buy jam, wine, apples, herbs, trees, and the best coffees and cheeses known to man! If you go often enough, you can make friends with the farmers and they genuinely look for you week to week. Even if we do not need so much for the upcoming week, my husband and I go for the social aspect!
Bob	Its a true community meeting place with loads of history and local culture

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karen	Our market is full of life. The fresh fruits and beautiful flowers are the essence of life and it fills your spirit with joy. Even when my funds are low I enjoy the culture of the market. The vendors are interesting and friendly. They are always willing to share knowledge of unusual flowers and uncommon fruits and veggies. I love going to the market with friends and family because their are interesting coffee shops and bakeries to sit and relax together and people watch. The vendors are always willing to help you carry to your car. I love to run into people I know because our market is popular with the trendy crowd and families. The market adds culture to our city and brings the old world tradition of buying directly from the growers. Our market is an experience and I go almost every weekend. It always puts me in a good mood with all the sights and sounds and smells.
Danielle	Our market is a real-life down home market for real people. Great local vendors offer a wide variety of products at good prices. So many farmers markets have become upscale affairs; it is great to go to a market with top quality products that everyone can access. I love the fresh veggies of course, but I also love the household items and everything else you can imagine on sale. The variety is very much like markets in other parts of the world.
john	It's large, has a large variety of fruits, veggies and flowers, open year round, fun
Jenn	Great market...little bit of everything from fresh veggies to ethnic clothing...All at great prices. Location is great to provide city neighborhoods without close access to a grocery store great shopping within walking distance - saving the price of bus/taxi fare. A market this great in other cities tends to be more expensive. There are also lots of little places to eat or have a cup of coffee so you can start out bright and early in the morning. And everyone is so friendly and the parking is free to boot!!!!
Kelly	There is always a great variety of goods and great people. They have something for every season - our favorite event is a toss up between Flower Days, which run all May, and Christmas at the market, which is complete with carolers and horse drawn carriage rides with Santa!
Kathy	It is fun, food filled, friendly, multi-cultural, amazing, and DELICIOUS!
patricia	My brother, my father, my grandfather - 3 generations have always taken their fresh produce to the Rochester Public Market. Going to the public market and helping my father (I'm now 56) was a part of my life and part of our heritage. There's nothing like the bright colors of spring with all the annual and perennial flowers for sale, to the smell of fresh basil permeating the air in August, to the colder air temp and bright pumpkins in the fall.
Elisabeth	A great place to see people from multiple nations...you can hear at least 10 different languages every Saturday morning as you shop! It is a safe haven and a happy place for all the refugees who have come to Rochester to live. The local farmers bring in an amazing amount of fruits and vegetables. The Amish and Mennonite populations bring in beautiful furniture and amazing pastries!
Justyn	It is open at least 3 days a week. they have lots and LOTS of local farmers and growers. They have several organic stands so buyers can support sustainable agriculture. they have a variety of items for sale: produce, meats and dairy, fresh cut flowers, flats of flowers for gardening, stands w/ hand made items and crafts, clothing vendors, jewelry vendors, fresh baked goods, coffee and bagels, hot dog stands, music, a wide selection of "dollar store" type items (batteries, CD wallets, backscratchers, toothpaste, canned foods, storage baggies, dish soap, etc), local honey vendors, variety of packaged snack foods(chips, pretzels, cookies), socks, fresh herbs and dried packaged herbs, dried fruits, several "butcher stands", leather goods, live chickens and rabbits, educational materials from the cooperative extension, recipes and samples of foods, aroma therapy, handmade candles and soaps, incense, bath products and oils, The selection is amazing! They are open all year long, they host special "flower" days in the spring for local green houses to sell to the public for spring plantings.
tiffany	It's open year round. The vendors/farmers are hard working Americans who remember you by name. I can't imagine a Saturday without going to the market. I have been going for 14 years and LOVE the market. These people are not making tons of money for all the hard work they put in but they are passionate and kind.
William	This market is used 4 days a week with a wide verity of home grown foods, plants, prepared foods and backed goods. Also Finger Lake wines are available for sampling. This market is open all year round and there are many truck farmers that bring their goods in through out the year. Over the years this market has grown and expanded by acreage and number of vendors to accommodate the influx people from the suburbs. This has brought the market neighborhood out of inter city "blight" and into economic up turn. This has also provided low income families with high quality healthy products without the high prices for a better quality of life. Yes this market is a win win for all of Rochester and the surrounding areas.
Brenna	This market has everything from organic to hydroponic vegetables, free range meats, spices, cheeses, olives, food vendors, european cheeses, coffee and more. It's a great place to be.
Ken	The diversity of farmers and shoppers make our weekly trips to the market an experience we look forward to on Saturday mornings. We love the fresh produce we buy from people who have become our good friends over the years.
Chris	Every Saturday our restaurant runs a market night featuring fresh produce found that day
shietta	Just wonderful simply as that
John	It is one of the only public markets that are still within a city's limits. The market draws a huge number of residents from both suburb and city serving as an economic development hub for an otherwise impoverished Rochester neighborhood. The market has a range of vendors from local farmers to organic produce to meat, fish and notions. It is also a terrific community meeting place.
John	Great fun!! A trip there is a mini-vacation! Extraordinary variety of items (incl. wineries) , friendly vendors, people of all ethic heritages and social strata. Fabulous people watching. Rarely do we not see someone we know. Great place for coffee and baked goods (4-5 bakeries), enjoyed indoors or out, or fuller fare at several stands. Summer concerts ("On the Bricks") and now expanded parking and open three days plus Friday nights. This is a "not-to-be-missed for Rochesterians.
Judith	The Rochester Public Market is a treat to come to. In fact, I find it truly addictive. I come every Saturday, all year round and feel that if I miss a Saturday, I have missed a truly fun experience. The market is steeped in tradition and history. Generations of Rochester families have and do shop here. I love the close tie to the farmers and their produce. I love to hear stories and tips directly from them. I have learned recipes and suggestions from my discussion with them, as well as my fellow shoppers surrounding me at a booth. Everyone at the Rochester market is so friendly. I find a smile on my face from the time I get there in the morning. I believe that we should be attempting to eat local produce that is not trekked clear across the country to our plate. Fresh and wholesome is my motto. We are blessed in this part of the country to have a wide array of locally produced products that are truly delicious! The Rochester Public Market is the best!!
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kevin	I remember going with my grandfather as a child. Now every Saturday morning all the fond memories of my youth come back to me. Everyone is so very friendly.
Judy	The local produce is always fresh, and there is a lot of local produce to select from. Rochester is located in upstate NY, and there are many farms. There are certain foods that cannot be grown locally, and the selection of domestic and international produce is out of this world. During the summer months, the produce variety is the best selection in the area. There is also fresh meat from local butchers and sausage makers, fresh pasta and pierogies from local creators. Local, local local. You can also buy a number of other items, and there are some small bakeries and coffee shops right next door, and a local Empanada store!!!
Laurie	Our Public Market is such a great place to visit, we LOVE to buy local. Excellent produce for an outstanding price. Something fun my mother & I can do together!
Timothy	Great variety of fruits, vegetables, local wine and flowers from local vendors. Great staff at the market (love the announcements over the PA - the market manager really seems to love the job)
David	It is a large Market with tone of variety and targeted and creative event dates held through the year!
Mary	The prices are the best and the people are the friendliest.

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Carla	They always have a large variety of organic fruits and vegetables as well as regular ones. They have many food carts with a large variety of ethnic and American foods. They have very low prices, large variety of plants and flowers for sale. They also have a really cool coffee house that makes their own infused olive oils. They have more than just food their too. Many artists bring their wares for a chance to purchase original art at affordable prices and a wide variety of art.
Joan	It is a true center of the city and region. The farmers are local and have pride in bringing us the bounty of our area. I love to go and see the cross section of everyone that lives here. Food is fresh and cheap, from basics to gourmet products.
Lori	It has a wide array of items/vendors. Delicious food stands, and always a lot of energy.
Amy	This market is a bounty of fresh food, flowers, clothing and every other thing you can imagine! For a small city, Rochester's Public Market is very diverse, and attracts people from many walks of life, and is always very crowded. Even in the cold winters here, the market is open every Thursday and Saturday. The vendors are friendly and always willing to help you in your quest, and the crowds of shoppers are amiable. It is just a fun place to go, get some bargains, grab a cup of coffee and some breakfast/lunch, and meet up with the local farmers and people of Rochester. I try to go as often as I can!
Norene	It has everything! Besides fresh produce, it has flowers and plants, fresh meats and seafood, cheeses, wine from local vineyards...great prices...atmosphere in its old city location and great places to stop at to grab a bite to eat while shopping. It's wonderful to be able to speak with the local farmers who will gladly tell you about their fruits and produce and their farming methods.
Karyn	As part of the City's Rochester Walks project, we started a "Tuesdays @ 10" walking club at the market. The market is a gem for walking - there is a covered area - so it can be used year round. Vendors cheer us on, the City staff announces it on the PA system and my blood sugar is under control. Participants then shop. I operate a self-sufficiency project, FOCUS, and members have joined this group. They love that their limited food stamps go so far at the market.
Mike	Always lots of local choices. Direct access to farmer's produce
Heather	Amazing. Great prices, lots of options. Delicious produce!
Barbara	Rochester Public market attracts shoppers not only from the city but from the suburbs and beyond. The local produce sold is fresh and recently harvested. More vendors are offering organically raised items. It is the cosmopolitan mix of shoppers that make it so interesting to shop there as well as knowing so many people value good produce. In addition, there are increasingly more vendors selling non-food items which have its own unique appeal.
Devini	Better prices than any other market. Huge selection of vendors. Great quality produce and many extras. Also very consistant. Even the announcers have fun! Very crowded, but always worth the trip!
Chris	Unlike any other farmer's market I have been to across the country. Rochester, while a city, retains a small town feel where vendors remember you one week to the next and can give you great advice about what is in season or what cut of meat is best. It is another amazing element that adds to the charm of the city.
M. L.	The variety of loacal produce; the local vendors; the low, low prices, but they still make money on their products. The market operates year-round; the open hours are very liberal--many hours to shop. The people, the food to purchase and the politics that occur at the market. We have been going there for over 35 years!
Gerald	The best deal in fresh food, and at wonderful price.
Gerry	Every Saturday, there is a ritual with two friends and myself to make it to the market - and each Saturday is different - we sometimes buy sandwiches, other times vegetables, other times coffee and we always see different folks, but it's wonderful, every Saturday!
franie	It ROX!!!!!!!
Lilian	Our favorite outing of the week. Cheap and good variety, all year round, lots of local produce, good atmosphere and nice eating places as well
Challis	cultural diversity
Charles	Great produce. Friendly vendors. Fantastic selection. Helpful, friendly staff. Nutrition lessons. Willing to give tours to school and senior groups. Outreach to disadvantaged audiences.
dave	Large variety of things to purchase. Like the crowds of people; every one is generally happy. The produce always seems to be fresh and tasty.
Anne	For so many reasons. It is a wonderful place to get fresh, local fruits, veggies and so much more. Going is an experience for all your senses and their is something for everyone.
John	Because of Sue's Spices!!! Sue Keenan is a wealth of knowledge and extremely helpful to us ever time we pay a visit to the market!!
Terri	It's not just shopping; it's an experience, early morning free trade coffee and empanadas! Lot's of local vendors, finger lakes country produce and organic choices. Also, the fresh fish vendors are world class. We're really lucky to have the market in Rochester!
Jayne	Long history, great market!
Arnoldo	This is one of the most diverse locations in the city. People of all walks join in on saving money, selling products, eating healthy, helping farmers and having a good time. You can find items ranging from toys and home products to meat and veggies.
B	It draws people from all over the area, and it has helped to invigorate and improve the neighborhood around the market. It has become a community gathering place that cultivates and nurtures respect for diversity.
Arulveni	Wide variety, fresh products and low price, directly goes to the farmers.
Pilapa	It has an immense variety of vendors in a lovely open-air setting. There are year-round events and the vendors are dedicated. A notable mention is the South Wedge Farmer's Market also in Rochester, NY. However the City's Public Market is the original, being the biggest and oldest. I bring out of town guests to this market and they are blown away and become instant fans. Where else can you get pierogies, Vietnamese iced tea, empanadas and cinnamon almonds along with garden seedlings, handmade cheese, local wine, and organic produce?
Thomas	Variety, great vendors, great food to eat there, easy parking.
Christine	The Rochester Public Market has been an icon of our community for years. You can find everything you are looking for there and it never gets old. Always a big draw!
Craig	It's a very large market, with 100s of vendors, offering a broad range of fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, flowers, plants and durable goods. These offerings are usually locally grown or made. The quality is excellent. Our family drives 15 miles on a regular basis to shop there.
Phil	Great variety of vendors.
Tobie	We love visiting the Rochester Public Market because the variety, the layout, the prices, and the people are all wonderful. It is a wholesome and educational experience each time we go.
Christy	Easily accessible, friendly vendors.
Cheryl	Large variety and value. Restaurants. wonderful atmosphere
Susan	The huge variety of fresh vegetables and fruits as well as plants. It is open year round. It is interesting with all the different ethnic groups all shopping peacefully. It is a very special place. Much of the produce is raised and sold by local Farmers and their families. It's very nice to connect with them directly.
Linda	Because of the good quality of produce, baked goods, etc. and the wonderful selection offered. Everyone is very helpful and friendly. Often times you will learn something new from one of the vendors. It's big and outside - a great place to shop.

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Kerry	Because it is the best place for vegetables in town!
Luke	Just simply amazing and dynamic and has hundreds of vendors.
Steve	This is weekly event! Such fun, a little bit of everything here from apples and all produce, bread, cheese, flowers, meats, even pigs head. Unique edibles from the empanadas, to the breakfast sandwiches... did I mention the ambiance!? This place has been here forever, the roads are still brick. To say O love this place is a huge understatement.
dan	It's a great place to support the local economy!
Julie	Incredible diversity, vibrant community, committed volunteers and farmers.
Erik	It has been around for over 100 years. If it can withstand the tests of time and still be a growing part of our community then it deserves some notice.
Jay	This market is located within our city's limits, and brings local produce to a dense urban area. The market is always crowded and vibrant, even in the middle of our very cold winters!
Patrick	It is simply the best market!
Eric	Great food, great people watching, great vendors of other stuff, great location, and great permanent vendors.
rose	It is within a radius of 20 miles from any where from the suburbs. The market offers all kinds of items, from clothes to fish. I hope the Rochester public farm market in Rochester NY wins because it needs to improve the parking. Parking is limited because of all the people and vendors. I love the market
Sarah	The array of things offered is unsurpassed. It is a great place to go to get fresh produce for reasonable prices, a place to go to meet with friends and family for coffee and pastries at some of the coffee shops, and there's a great bakery to bring home fresh bread. There is fish, livestock, baked goods, it takes you at least an hour to get through the vendors at the outside part, and that's if you don't stop at every vendor. There is another indoor area to get many other items. Everyone is very friendly and it's a good show of support for the hard working farmers in our locality.
Deborah	It just gives the city that old fashioned "home town" feel. In the age of sprawling metropolises, it's nice to get fresh food grown by local farmers and a simpler time of life.
Adrienne	It's the best!
Kelly	It all started with Grandpa pulling me and my sisters in the red wagon along the streets up to the market. I loved the crowds of people the heckling of prices. Someone behind the tables would always give me a wink just to make sure I wasn't scared. I remember the chickens, salami and meats hanging in the store fronts, pickle barrels and olives and what my sister and I named squeaky cheese (the white firm cheese with black pepper). I loved coming home with Grandpa with all our fresh produce especially bushels of ripe peaches and fresh cherries. It was Saturday and we always got to eat to our hearts content. We sliced the Italian bread pulled out the olives and cheese and cut the foot long pepperoni stick. I am 51 years old and now a new vendor to the Rochester Public Market. My husband and I along with our son Michael (a pastry chef) opened, Rochester NY Wedding Cakes.com this year. Now every Saturday I am back up to the market but in a different way. Only this time I am bringing the product.
Kellie	The Rochester Public Market goes all year round and always has great produce, meat, eggs, and dairy, cheeses, and breads, places to eat, and even dollar store items.
Diane	The only place around that I can buy the same basket cheese I love from years ago.
Kathy	It's as diverse as the Seattle Farmer's market. In people and products. It's lively clean and friendly.
Lorraine	My grandfather use to take me to the city public market since I was under five years old, which has given me great memories. It has always been true to the numerous amounts of people that frequent the market no matter what the weather. I love the harvest time come late July through September when you can purchase just about anything imaginable fruits and vegetables. They, also, have the greatest amount of flower days and the garage sale days are always fun to pass a Sunday morning on. I love our local farmers as my small way of supporting our local community a tradition I hope to continue for many days to come.
Bethany	It's always a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Tons of local produce. Lots of great people. And the announcements woman is thoroughly entertaining. 'You know you can't park there!'
Kaeri	Because it's got a rich history, a diverse clientele, and stands up to sometimes icy summers, humid winters and all kinds of off-beat and crazy weather!
bonnie	Good fresh produce, eggs, meat and flowers. Plus bakery items, spices, ethnic food vendors, clothing and the best farmers around, the market is the fun place to be people from all over the area shop visit and meet for coffee. if you can not find an item go to the "market"
Annalisa	The cleanliness and variety always keep me coming back.
Karen	One of the oldest in the country. Great variety of produce as well as small shops for coffee, breakfast and lunch. Great diversity in the great numbers of people who visit the Rochester Public Market each week. Also, a visit there is very sentimental since both my grandmother and my mother often visited the market starting in the 1920's. I now visit the market with my Dad and we always leave not only with armfuls of fresh vegetables and fruit but with smiles.
Jody	Visiting the Rochester Public Market on Saturday morning is one of my favorite activities. The bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables pleases the eye and the wallet. The vendors are all helpful and fellow customers will happily share a recipe for that strange new veggie that you are eyeing. It is great to buy directly from the grower and support our local farmers. The city has done a great job of updating the parking and whole facility. There are even volunteers to watch your purchases and help you move them to your car.
candice	This market has been in existence as long as I can remember. Every Saturday morning, year around, it is crowded with every age, race, income level that come just for the experience of interacting with the wonderful farmers who work so hard and are so proud to bring us the fruits of their labors. This is truly an American farm market.
Melissa	The variety from fresh foods, the cafes, the wine vendors, merchandise vendors, florists, the butcher, the seafood, the bakeries, the organic food choices, this farmers "public market" has everything at a low price. It has been a tradition for generations and generations to come. Anytime someone comes and visits me from out of town I take them to the market and they leave amazed!
Julia	This market has the best that Rochester has to offer, from produce to home made ravioli, to organic meat and more!
Leah	Great local food to eat and to buy! Open all year round You always see someone you know and meet lots of new people :)
Mary Sue	The Rochester Public Market is THE place where Rochester-ians of all backgrounds meet and mingle and enjoy the best of the region's produce, meat, cheese and baked goods. It has it all!
Joseph	Great selection, great prices, great people!
Cynthia	It's the best place to get farm fresh produce at reasonable prices while supporting our local farmers. I always run into someone I know! Great gathering place.
Cheryl	It offers a large variety of the freshest food at very low prices. Everything tastes better than grocery store produce.
Gloria	I LOVE our market!! It offers some of the best produce, collector's items, even odds & ends (garage sales all summer) that can be found in all of the surrounding area. The market is centrally located, easy to get to, has plenty of parking, and the vendors are great. Rochester's fresh produce is among the best you can buy! Just ask visitors to our city--they are amazed at the quality and huge selection available. Love it, love it, and love it!
Ann	Rochester Public Market has the freshest and best food -- every bit as good as Wegman's, which is fabulous! Our world-class chefs in town all shop here. And it is centrally located for everybody. People come from miles around just to shop here every week, which encourages and supports our local farmers. We Rochesterians are so lucky --- yes, yet another reason to live in Rochester!

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LYNETTE	THEY HAVE SUCH A VARIETY TO OFFER FRESH AFFORDABLE PRODUCE, CHEESE, AND MUCH MORE. ALWAYS PLEASANT PEOPLE, THEY OFFER GREAT PROGRAMS, BANDS ON BRICKS, FLOWER CITY DAYS, AND GARAGE SALE!
Loretta	The Rochester Public Market is a community melting pot of people and products from all over the world. The market offers us the totally unique opportunity to communicate directly with the people who grew our food. It is wonderful to be able to hear the different languages and dialects and to watch the shoppers browse and purchase items much as they did in their home lands. The Farmer's Market ambiance is revved up by the addition of special seasonal sales, evening concerts and special events.
Henry	It's a great romantic date!
L	City of Rochester's farmers market has provided fresh vegetables and fruits at reasonable cost for very long time.
Alexandra	It's a great place to shop. Love it. Great energy. A wonderful resource.
Edith	"My" farmer's market should be a favorite because of its longevity and because of the many, many ways it helps people save money while living well.
Kevin	It is alive with all types of people!
Johanna	Great produce at wonderful prices. Fun and interesting atmosphere with people from City, suburbs and rural areas with every age, race and ethnicity.
Elizabeth	It's fabulous and keeps getting better every year - with a variety of ethnic produce/food.
Amy	Our market is much diversified in both its products and its shoppers! The vendors are friendly and helpful. The atmosphere is great. We have several small bakeries, coffee shops and culturally oriented eateries open on market days.
Gina	My grandfather went to the market every Saturday. It is nice for those of us from Italian descent to have a place to go for fresh produce to support the diet that we were brought up on. Society had changed so much that life is too busy to take care of a garden ourselves. Thank you!
David	It's very robust, with lots of vendors and buyers. There is a great diversity of products. The prices are great. It is also open several days during the week, as well as the weekends.
Anne	Awesome fresh flowers!
Bonnie	People are friendly, plants are hardy and produce is fresh! Vendors are also friendly and their products top quality... what's not to love!?!?
Chris	Large, great selection from meats and cheeses to fresh produce and plants. I only wish there was a market close to me like this. Really friendly personable vendors too
Gerri	Having so many vendors with the finest produce at the lowest cost is wonderful. It is the one thing that is still very much the same as many years ago...So much is lost to the children of today but our public market is still as wonderful as it has ever been. It truly makes you forget that this town is struck with crime and drugs. Health issues make obtaining fruits and veggies at a reasonable cost and that they take food stamps helps the poor provide for there families. A fond memory of my 6 yr old grandson was when he pulled a dollar our his pocket and said can I have that apple please
Lisa	The Public Market brings so much energy to the inner city. This market offers much more than fresh healthy food direct from growers. The Rochester Public Market also draws shoppers in through live entertainment, specialized garage sales, not-for-profit fundraisers and seasonal delights. Shoppers leave the Public Market with more than a great deal, Shoppers leave knowing that they have walked the very same steps of past generations which instills an increased sense of Rochester pride and community spirit.
Teresa	This market has everything from flowers to cheese & it keeps the hard working man in business
Sharon	It is much diversified with its people and its products. It has everything there from soup to nuts. The vendors are friendly, the produce is fresh, and the prices are great. It is used for huge 'garage' type sales and for flower sales as well as food. Whatever you may be looking for you will most likely find it at the Rochester Public Market.
Peter	This place is packed on market day. There is a huge variety of products and people at the market. And the price is right.
tiffany	I look forward to going to the market on Saturday mornings. It is alive with fresh produce, flowers and other goods. Great coffee and food too!
Tamara	Huge variety of locally grown produce. Brings the entire community together
john	It is an old fashioned market with a modern aspect to it
BECKY	City of Rochester's Public Market Should be voted because this market has been the most favorite and has a variety of things from foods to clothing to perfumes to hats and it has reasonable prices I love this market would hate to see it go and it also has food stands for u to set down and eat if u get hungry and it also has a market where u can go inside on hot summer days its awesome!!!! LOVE IT!!!
Pete	This market brings the entire area together and delivers some of the freshest locally grown fruit and produce around. The market also has wonderful food and different events like concerts and more garage sale faire. The old phrase where everyone knows your name? You will find that here in Rochester. the friendliest city in America
Kathy	This market has some of the freshest fruits and vegetables I've seen. The prices are outstanding. I usually come home with bags of wonderful stuff for 2/3 less than if I had purchased in a super market type store. They also have a wide variety of merchandise, from purses, clothing, jewelry, scents, coffee, pastries, (and much more) you name it, and they have it!! Plus, they feature free concerts (with known bands or musicians) during the season. It's a great place!
Elizabeth	Rochester's Public Market is one of the most exciting and happiest and friendliest places in Rochester. Its atmosphere is due to the fact that it has all kinds of people and all kinds of produce and if you are a regular you get to know the vendors and they get to know you. I have been to several other well-known markets in this country and they just don't hold a candle to Rochester. Due to its climate Rochester has a great variety of produce grown locally, which also makes this market a special place to obtain fruits and vegetables, dairy products, local wines and maple syrup.
Rachel	Rochester's public market is not only a place to get fresh and affordable goods -- it also offers an opportunity to mingle & interact with people from different nationalities. Rochester is a vibrant community - just check out our market to see for yourself!
Enza	Its fun, fresh and I have enjoyed going since I was a little girl with my Dad and I have been going with my kids who are now teenagers. Over the years it's just gotten bigger and better with extended parking area and more vendors. I truly enjoy the Rochester Public Market.
Antonella	This market is a great and reliable source of locally and responsibly grown produce in the Rochester area.
Elizabeth	Because it's not only one of the oldest but it's one of the best. It has something for everyone and is a great way to spend a Saturday morning with the kids. It caters to businesses and the average person. When my kids were little (I have 8) the guys at the market were always generous with me and it's something I always appreciated and never forgot.
Nancy	Great variety. Local friendly farmers. Nice atmosphere and you can find just about anything you need at great prices and know that your money is helping local economy.
Loretta	Healthy eating is something that is necessary for everyone. Having recently developed food allergies, I found it necessary to eat organic foods as well as gluten free foods. I am able to buy organic meats at the Public Market, as well as organic fruits and vegetables. There is such a large variety of items at the Market that I can never leave empty handed.
Mary	The market has a vast array of vendors from veggies, cheese, jams to jewelry, flowers, and plants. Anybody can have their own garage sale there if they want. It has entertainment at night (wonderful bands) during the season. There's just

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	so much to see and do at our market.
Garnett	Our public market is the best because it has fresh, meat, produce, flowers, plants, cheeses, clothing, crafts, etc. The variety is exceptional, and the fruit and vegetables are locally grown. There's also a restaurant to bakery among other shops there. Rochester's Public Market is the best.
Joe	The market makes it possible for growers to talk directly to consumers. The growers told me how to plant garlic that will grow well in this area and I am getting ready to harvest my own from my garden in the City. You can't get that from a catalogue.
Vilavath	The market is in the city where we can get there from any direction. No problems with neither parking nor handicapped shoppers; nor friendly neighbors. I buy local honey, small plants and flowers for my backyard garden, vegetable, green leaves (produces), fruit, dairy. Besides these, poultry, meat, fish and sea food...are easy to find and local fast food, too.
Jose	Our market is diverse, with tastes of European, South American and American cultures. It is well maintained and the environment is inviting for all people. For a relaxing shopping experience, the City of Rochester Public Market is your place to shop!
Renee	It's a great place to get vegetables and fruits and it's very clean and friendly.
Liz	The Public Market is a wonderful city resource. It is diverse, fun, full of healthy, locally grown foods and a lesson in true America's melting pot culture. It's just a joy to go there.
Germaine	Rochester's Public Market has everything a person/family needs to eat well all year long. Plus, the market itself is a fun place to hang out: good food, interesting people from all over the world, colorful; host to health fairs, cooking classes, garden sales, antique sales, etc... It's ALL there at the City of Rochester Public Market.
Elizabeth	The on going improvements to parking, the huge variety of vendors and very reasonable prices. We have always found the vendors both very pleasant and knowledgeable about their products. Have received some great tips about gardening, tips on planting window boxes and planters, what type of plants are best suited for various locations. A host of small restaurants where you can sit to eat or take food with you. Cherry's is the best. Our favorite place to be every Saturday morning!
Laura	It has wonderful variety, friendly people and is a great place to see people. We love all the wonderful fresh food.
Marilyn	good produce, beautiful flowers and the best breakfast sandwich anywhere at "Scotts Original"
Leonard	I'VE BEEN GOING TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER'S PUBLIC MARKET EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD. IT'S CONSISTENTLY HAD HIGH QUALITY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES. IT ALSO HAS A CENTRAL LOCATION AND IS VERY ACCESSIBLE TO SUIT ANYONE'S SPECIAL NEEDS.
Nadene	It provides my family with reasonable prices to purchase fruits & veggies. We also love the Garden Days during the summer we fill our yard of flowers, again at a reasonable price & support local growers. I go almost every week year round. I wish it could be expanded to offer more family events, concerts, art centric festivals etc. we have so many local artists.
Ove	Be local, buy local. I support local farmers and local jobs.
Rosa	It is a valuable resource for the entire community; linking city residents with area farmers goods, thus promoting healthy living to those that otherwise would not be have the resources available to them. Also it bridges the community with other cultures also promoting diversity within this great city!
Linda	Not only is the variety of goods great- the people that work there and shop there are as varied as our region. It is the only place in town that you can experience many different cultures at the same time.
Beverly	Fresh produce, reasonably priced and wonderful customer service.
Justin	A great variety of events and good local produce at its best
Ed	Central location to the City and greater Rochester Community. Large number of very good quality vendors offering vegetables, flowers, butcher, cheese, baked products, fish and more at affordable prices in a vibrant, friendly atmosphere. The market is also used as a concert venue exposing additional people to the market.
Fran	The Rochester Farm Market is the most diverse Public Market you will ever see. It supports the lives of so many people in the Rochester area, including the Marketview Heights Neighborhood where it is located.
Tony	Fantastic place to shop for and buy local produce, meat, plants, food, and other products. The market is open all year, and always has great prices. There are some really long term vendors and a revolving cast of newer ones. Always live music, laughter, smells, and great food!
Jonathan	The variety is amazing. The quality of the produce is excellent. The atmosphere is friendly and fun. The cheese Mmmm the Cheese!
Stuart	The public market is in a transitional neighborhood. Many low income families live in the neighborhood. Our organization, PathStone Corporation is very active in owning and managing affordable rental properties. We are also playing a leadership role in community organizing, neighborhood beautification, community Gardens, youth services and safety programs. The public market is a critical anchor resource to the neighborhood where residents can purchase the best food anywhere and have access to some employment opportunities.
Brandy	Our public market is an important resource to our whole community. Everyone loves to go to the public market to purchase fresh produce and other items which are also sold there.
Judy	Given the number and variety of vendors I can do a large part of my weekly shopping at the Rochester Public Market. Supporting the local Farm Vendors is important to me and many who shop at the market Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is also a great place to meet with friends, shop for flowers in May, Christmas trees in December and of course produce anytime.
James	It is without a doubt the most character filled market in the country.
Kathleen	It has EVERYTHING! Food: mostly produce, cheese, spices, seafood, sweet things. It has clothes, knives, jewelry, and other accessories. On certain days, it becomes a community garage sale, or a place to get flora to plant or already in pots. It has entertainment during evening hours. It's a great place for families, and attracts persons of every culture, age, and race.
Lisa	The Rochester Public Market is a wonderful asset to our community. People come from rather far away to take advantage of buying local produce as well as fresh flowers and other products.
Lisa	It is a total contradiction to the urban city. Fresh vegetables and fruits along with a wide variety of items are available. It is like fresh air in the middle of the hustle and bustle.
Jacqueline	Great service for the community and farmers brings fresh food at a great price to everyone. A variety of other goods are available as well. This market brings various types of people together from all socio-economic categories and is the best farmers market that I have ever been to. I am pleased to be able to buy fresh produce that is locally grown and to be able to support local farmers as well.
Alfred	Though I have moved across the country from this market, it is still the one I compare all others to. I have never had a wasted trip to Rochester's farm market. Not only are the savings there, but the grower or producer normally is there, too, with the dirt on their hands figuratively speaking.
Gabriele	This is a great market. It is open 3 days per week. It also has special flower Sundays in the early summer and also other special days. Everything locally grown and made is sold here.
Hubert	Best big market in a small big city
Dana	Rochester's Public Market is the crossroads of the community. It is a place where people of all ages, income levels, races, ethnicities come together around the precious commodity of food. Although we are a mid-sized city, we are surrounded by farmland, and the Public Market provides an opportunity for the smaller farmers to bring their food to the community. The affordable prices allow even those of lesser means to enjoy fresh, healthy food...perhaps the only food

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	that some people will have access to.
Mark	The quality, quantity, and diversity of products offered at the Rochester Public Market is simply grand and wonderful. I rarely have time to head out into the countryside to pick my own berries, cherries, peaches, and apples, but I know I can always find great-tasting items here in season. In addition, it is just so cool to see so many hundreds of people every Saturday combing the market for some great bargains.
Jessica	The Public Market has everything! Fresh fruits and veggies, my toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, cereals, breads, delicious cookies, all types of prepared foods... Seriously I go there all year and they have everything I need. If I'm walking around and my hands get cold, I have at least 5 vendors to choose from to buy gloves from!
miracle	I love going here because you find the nicest things for a cheaper price... especially the purses I love that this is established because it's convenient for people. I also love going here because I love fruit and they sell it so reasonable and there are other things that I could go on and on about. I also want to say that my family enjoys coming here too... god bless those who invented a thing like this for the people... food is better grown on the farm than it is anywhere else. The food that grows on this land is natural and the better the natural then the better the people will live on this earth... so please keep the farmlands... as long as there are people out there who are willing to keep it up and we as a people support them then there is no need to stop the farmers from doing what they have to do or should I say do what they love to do...
Helen	It brings good food to a diverse community.
Alice	It is a total family experience!!! I love the great produce but my kids love to talk to the actual farmers and ask questions especially if a new product is there. Bargaining with the banana guy is an experience the girls learn from but also enjoy...love it when my youngest says the guy down there will give us 4 lbs for that price...even kid's get an economic lesson and makes adults really listen up!!!
JoAnn	Lots of real farmers selling the produce that they grow and harvest on their own land. Our market also has a variety of goods for sale...not only fresh produce. You are offered flowers and plants, meats, fish and poultry, apparel, hand made jewelry and hand painted articles. There are food vendors and bakers, as well as organic products. In addition, our public market has guest chefs demonstrating their skills, garage sale and flower Sundays and concerts in the evenings during the week. A great place to come with families
KM	They bring the best small farms have to offer to the big city! Great selection, fresh, colorful and always crowded with savvy shoppers, the Rochester Public Market - one of the oldest in the country - never disappoints. By supporting local farmers we insure there will be open air markets, and sustained farming, for our grandchildren.
Michelle	The public market is a hugely important resource to the Marketview Heights neighborhood and Rochester.
MacClurg	It's at least ninety years old, has enormous variety of food items, has many area farmers participating with fresh produce/food/baked goods, flowers, plants, shrubs; plus food distributors bringing in food from all over the country and world to supplement the local growing season; is open 12 months a year; has great cafe's, and wholesale shops at the periphery; and local musicians to serenade us; draws people from the city and suburbs, all ages, all ethnicities, all walks of life mingling together. Plus it is well supported by our city government who recently paved a huge empty lot for convenient, safe parking. The ambiance is friendly, interesting and colorful. I love the Public Market!
Leslie	So much going on- colorful, delicious food, great prices, four or five languages spoken at the same time, tradition, fun!
Landy	Great choices, prices and convenient location for Rochester residents and nearby communities.
Cheri	The people who work at the market are outstanding and caring citizens. The prices are better than any grocery chain. It's a place to meet your friends.
Virginia	Wonderful produce, wonderful people and an asset to Rochester. It culturally brings together all the communities in the Rochester area. We shop together, chat together, meet new friends and support our local farmers without regard to social class.
Virginia	Supported by both city and suburban residents, it accommodates and recognizes numerous ethnic groups in the food presentations and introduces shoppers to a constant array of specialties.
John	Our market is a wonderful community asset. It is located in a very distressed neighborhood with a long history of vacant and dilapidated housing, crime, drugs and other issues. The Public Market has helped to stabilize the neighborhood and is even partly responsible for new investment coming into the neighborhood in the form of new businesses, housing rehabilitation, community gardens and resident organizing efforts. The Public Market is really the anchor of the neighborhood!
Molly	Because it is a place where everyone shops, regardless of income, race, or creed.
Christine	As a resident of the neighborhood adjacent to the market, I buy most of my spring/summer produce there. It is the freshest around at phenomenal prices. The Empanada Stop is also a favorite of mine at the market and the people who run it are fantastic. You can find the best and freshest of everything the area has to offer all in one place and it's amazing to find it all right in the heart of the city.
DEAN	DIVERSITY OF VENDORS, FOODS AND PEOPLE. MULTIPLE PLACES FOR COFFEE AND BREAKFAST. ALWAYS AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE. OLD WORLD FEEL WITH CONTEMPORARY AMMENITIES. A TREASURE OF PEOPLE AND FRESH FOOD.
Jason	The best price's on the best foods! you cant go wrong when people have knowledge and take pride in their product you cant get that at any "super market"
Florence	The Rochester Public Market has been in the City of Rochester for 100 years. It is a great market for all of the people who live in Rochester and Monroe County plus anywhere outside of the area.
Felicia	The Rochester Public Market is awesome. It brings back not only childhood memories but great savings to my family as I became an adult. It has a variety of things to buy, not only food but clothes and other great things. I enjoying visiting our Public Market and I'm very proud of it too!
Pamela	It is one of the best markets I have ever gone to. On the days it is open it is just busting at the seams with fresh produce, food and flowers.
john	Lots of local produce combined with a variety of nationalities/languages provides good food and education for all
Eileen	This market has everything you need to stay healthy by eating fresh produce from local farmers.
Mary	customers of the market come from all sections of the city...it is the one place where we can easily mingle...the selection of foods is quite remarkable...there is music and food to buy....young and old, rich and poor, black and white, Hispanic and Asian...we are all there
Maeve	Not only is Rochester Public Market one of the oldest markets in the nation, it is a thriving urban center for eating local food, supporting independent businesses, and providing a venue for local musicians. Our family is one of thousands that count this among one of their favorite outings, regardless of how many times we go!
Alexander	Great prices, great variety, lots of smiling faces and the best produce selections in the city!
Brenda	Our Market has everything: fresh fruit and vegetables from local farmers; baked goods from Mennonite Farmers as well as local bakeries; fresh meats and sea food; spices; soaps; wines; dairy foods; clothing; kitchen utensils; coffee; small restaurants AND Rochestarians!
Keisha	Because we just don't have fruit and veggies here we have flowers,meats,seafood,clothing,accessories,spanish food vendors, candy store we have everything you can think of to buy we have it.
Keisha	Our market carries a great variety of locally grown items that taste great!
Ken	I've shopped in public markets in Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Uganda, France, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. If I could put them all together in one place and add Christmas trees in December, the result wouldn't be any more resourceful, exciting, friendly, or thrifty than Rochester's public market. And it makes a great tourist destination, too.

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Deidre	I love to shop there!
Karen	Our public market is the best. If I miss in one week I am not happy, fresh produce, cheese, baked goods, meats, homemade pasta, and sundries, all at money saving value. Listen to some live street performers, gran an empanada at Juan & Maria's, or a great breakfast sandwich at Zimmerman's... what's not to love... oh and the people watching... everyone is out.
Mike	Great people and great selection of produce all year.
Cindy	Rochester's Market is beautifully historic and has some of the freshest produce around, and at the lowest prices. A true asset to the community-at-large and farmers in particular.
John	Friendly, helpful vendors. Great selection. And open in all weather!
Kerry	It offers a great collection of fresh fruits and vegetables and flowers, etc. in a cool urban setting. Country meets city - at it's finest.
Richard	I went there for the first time last week and I couldn't believe how inexpensive it was for high quality food. Although I can't stop going to local supermarkets (Wegmans and Tops are both local to Buffalo/Rochester), I am going to start going to the Farmer's market weekly for produce for sure. It's near where I work and easily accessible too. I just wish it were open later in the day instead of so early, especially during the week. But overall I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I'm recommending it to everyone.
Walter	The best market I've located after living in numerous US cities - a very broad range of very fresh local produce - never skips a beat in all sorts of hot/summer & cold/snowy winter weather! A GREAT community resource Walt
Laura	Open year round, die-hard market goers can brave the winter snow to see their favorite vendors! The place to be on Saturday mornings in the summer, you can load up with fresh, local fruit and veggies plus a myriad of other goodies, then sit outside at one of the many coffee shops and watch the world go by! Love the local fish, meat, eggs, and baked goods too.
Kris	Unique market, that takes you back in time. Great place to pick up fresh produce and support our local growers.
lar	The people are great. Fabulous produce. Greet mood there. Uplifting environment, very cool.
Cedric	The Rochester Public Market is one of the most democratic spaces in the city. You will meet people from all walks of life, all classes, ages, creeds and colors. The food is great and affordable. You have a chance to engage and befriend the growers and vendors and learn more about where and how your food is produced. The Rochester Public Market has survived for 100 years because it is an indispensable part of this city.
Jessica	The Rochester Public Market is a historical gem in the Northeast. This market should be treasured and recognized for its' wide, diverse appeal and world renowned vendors.
Guy	I actually live in New Jersey, but whenever I travel I like to visit Farmers' or other open-air markets, either here in the U.S. or abroad. And the Rochester Public Market is my favorite.
Scott	Amazing diversity of food and people. This is a real farmer's market, filled with many farmers who are deeply connected to the land in our region.
Brad	The huge variety of foods available combined with the "old school" marketplace feel is a wonderful reason to get up early on a weekend.
Tina	We were poor growing up in Rochester and my parents always took us to the market on Saturdays. It was the highlight of our week. We were able to have fresh fruit and vegetables and also to visit with many of our neighbors. I'll always remember the smells, the sounds, the laughter because I still hear it today....now my children go there and have the same experiences I had as a child....
Kelly	Our Clarksville, TN farmers market has TONS of locally grown items - meats, veggies, fruit, and eggs!! We even have local Amish that sell fresh bread and butter! One vendor stands out above the rest though, Jewell Farms of Bowling Green, KY offer a wonderful deal - for \$20 a week they will LOAD your baskets/bags with fresh produce that they choose in an email. Last week I got peppers (a variety, green, jalapeño, etc) cantaloupe, watermelon, green beans, onions, tomatoes, red potatoes, zucchini, peaches and a lot more! FOR \$20!! They are so committed to educated people about healthy eating and going "green" they practically GIVE their items away! Thanks, Jewell!
Rhiannon	It's phenomenal with an excellent selection of fresh products and other goods. It is a trip in itself just to go look at what is being offered and sample some of the goodies for sale!!
Kathleen	The City of Rochester Public Market is yet another of our community's jewels. It is bountiful in every way -- the freshest produce, meats and other foodstuffs, a forum for hardworking farmers to share the fruits of their labor as well as kind generous people who appreciate and savor tastes, smells and goodness. We love & support the market year round!
Michelle	It has such a friendly, vibrant atmosphere. It is wonderful to buy products directly from the growers who can tell you where your food came from, when it was picked, or how to prepare it.
John	Because it is the heart and soul of Rochester. It is part of who we were and are.
Vina	The public market is a destination! Anything you need or want can be found at the market. Breakfast at Juan and Marias Empanada stand, fresh fruits and vegetables, gourmet cheeses, house wares even clothes can be found at reasonable prices. Friday night concerts at the market are awesome.
jay	The people are great!
garrett	IT'S GREAT!
Ron	This is the best in the Rochester area!!!!
Keith	They have lots of great vendors with fresh food, grown locally. There are even a few unique restaurants around the market so you can have breakfast or lunch when you're shopping.
Eileen	Love, Love, Love our market!
Charles	Even in the winter, our market runs year round and serves the people of Rochester local produce and farm products. It is located in a part of town easily accessible to our poorer neighborhoods but is used by the more and less affluent alike. The Market brings Rochester together!
George	Great people, great staff, great events, great variety of product and produce year 'round at the greatest market in the world. Without this public market the Rochester area would lose much more farmland. Many of the smaller local farmers and small business would have to look for ways to promote their products to the 30,000+ people that attend the market every saturday.rochester's oldest and most important gathering place is a real valuable asset to the community that it serves.
George	a true public market
Suzanne	Such a wonderful array of fresh produce, flowers, baked goods...great prices...and fantastic people selling & buying. Just a great experience every time I go.
Lila	This market is awesome. My mother and her mother were regular attendees and now I take my family. It gives our city such a sense of community and helps us stay healthy. We love the Rochester Farmers Market!!
Nancy	It expands every year with more businesses and days operating. It has a large community backing it and has survived for a hundred years.
Julie	Variety, music, flowers, and above all else, food straight from the farm.
Sarah	It has a great variety of local and organic produce and other vendors who bring interesting goods, both local crafts and imported items. It has wonderful places to eat and community activities on non-market days. It is located in the heart of the city and very accessible. It is a visual feast and a delight for all the senses. I like being able to talk with the people who grew what I purchase.
Christine	I love the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the fresh and the prepared foods. The City of Rochester Public Market is a melting pot of people from many different countries who come together in celebration every Saturday (and to a lesser extent, every Thursday.) I love to interact with the vendors, and to ask them how to prepare things. We form relationships, and with every new crop that comes in during the growing season, there is a new reason to celebrate! It is nice to know where my fresh food is coming from and who was involved in nurturing it/bringing it to market.

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Amol	The Rochester Public Market is even more than just a showcase of the wonderful locally grown products in Western New York. It is a display of diversity, a stage for local music, and an overall cosmopolitan experience.
Jean Marie	Local, home-grown fruits and veggies are the best!! It is great to be able to support my local farmers whenever possible. I know the produce has been 'just picked' and I can usually meet the person who just picked it a few hours earlier.
Jean Marie	I can meet the person who grew, cared for, picked and is selling my fruits, veggies, and flowers
Michele	It seems to offer something for everyone. The vendors support the local produce and goods and are very knowledgeable and willing to share facts with the customers. The summer night hours are a big hit with the community and seem to bring a good sense of togetherness for the city.
Lizzy	Rochester Public Market brings together the entire Rochester community!
Alexandria	The Rochester Public Market is so huge and wonderful! The produce is always fresh and cheap. I could spend the whole day there. I also always bump into someone I know - it's a true market experience!
darlyne	Our market is steeped with history. Started in the early 1900's, my kids even learned about it at school. Fantastic local produce and much more!
Anne	A blend of cultures, and people who care about what they do.
Andrew	Good products, friendly people
Stevan	One of the oldest continually running markets. Helps to provide fresh food choices to an adjacent community that is a "fresh food desert".
Evan	I love this place! I have been coming here since I was 13 years old, over 20 years now!
Evan	We have everything!
Nick	It's the best, enough said.
Sonia	It's a great mix of ethnicity and produce. Just love it!
Bob	Great food, selection, and prices
Evan	Local farmers. Great food. Wide variety of goods; also clothing, hats, pies, seasonal decorations, seasonal market, gardens in spring. etc. etc.!
Calin	The Rochester Public Market was listed in Saveur Magazine's June/July issue, featuring the best farmer's markets in the World.
Sharon	We visit this market once or twice a year when we come from out of state to visit family. The selection is fantastic!
Giancarlo	It is great to shop from local farmers - the selection and variety are amazing!
Giancarlo	My grocery \$ go so much farther.
Kathryn	Rochester's Farmer's Market is diverse and historic. I love going on an early weekend morning, getting a cup of coffee and walking around for hours before making my real purchases. Followed up with breakfast or lunch from any of the vendors, and it's the perfect way to start my day. I've brought my high school classes through the market on a weekday to learn about greener options, being a locavore and how to be healthy eaters. We love talking to vendors about where their farms are and how they grow their produce. Volunteers of the market give historical tours; it's a living classroom and that's a beautiful thing! I love hearing about how the market operated back at the turn of the century and knowing that I am part of that legacy when I shop there. It is a place for many cultures to come together and that is displayed in the many permanent shops that outline the market stalls. Juan and Maria's Empanada Stand and Giordano's Cheese Shop are a must! The produce, handmades and flowers are fabulous; there is something for everyone!
Paul	There is an amazing array of products, diverse buyers and vendors, and a friendly environment. This has been an important place to me since childhood, when my grandma would take me for specialty items.
Tanya	Great local farmer's items, reliable, great food and other vendors, wonderful variety of people. Just a wonderful mix all together! A very popular event here in Rochester!
Suzanne	It is very charming...I feel like I just walked into a quaint little village in Europe. Delightful food being prepared with an ethnic flair, a lovely cheese shop, coffee vendors and then so many farmers with an array of fresh vegetables! It has a "wholesome goodness" that is usually hard to find.
Tiffany	One of the oldest in the country, it's HUGE and has everything you can think of, & there are always great deals & people :)
Sarah	The fresh produce selection is always amazing, the vendors are so friendly, and it's a joy to visit the market each and every trip! It's so important to support local agriculture and we love the Rochester Public Market!
Lisa	Good prices, good people, good produce. It is my yardstick for all other farmer's markets!
Carlos	Quality of food from local farms. Great prices. Sense of tradition. Sense of community. Juan & Maria's Empanada Stop!!!
John	Best SELECTION OF FRE3SH FOOD AT A GREAT PRICE.
Steven	For its abundance of items and freshness of product.
Anne	It's been here as long as I can remember. (I am 68) I remember going there when I was a child. It has everything, from fruits and vegetables to meat, fish and poultry, to breakfast and lunch wagons. There are Sundays in May and June when it turns into a flower market. Everything is fresh from the farm and so good.
Sarah	It's a diverse community that comes to the market. The produce and the company are fantastic!
Pete	Simply put, it is my favorite place in America after Saratoga Race Track!
Rachael	Such a vibrant place! I love the history and the present and presence of the market...The vendors, who come to the market come from farms all over the western n�ee region, bring wonderful produce and products, and the whole experience is a treat...
Paula	Rochester Public Market offers fresh, locally grown and prepared foods, plants and other earthy delights to a large, multi-cultural population. The Market nourishes bodies and spirits because it offers a diversity of goods. From healthy foods, to music performances, art shows, community garage sales and other events, it serves as a cornucopia for an array of cultural interests and tastes. Farmers' markets bring their visitors back to earth and remind each person that we are tied to the land and depend on it for our survival and enjoyment.
Amber	Best produce, great prices, supports local farmers, random gems (jewelry, clothing, misc), variety of all kinds, weekend tradition for many, and amazing Empanada booth :)
Marci	Best market EVER! From fish to fruit it has it all and keeps the message year round of buying local when you can.
Robert	It is the best! It has more unique and real vendors, it is always packed on Saturday and Thursday. It has more ethnic vendors and tremendous selection of fruits, vegetables, meats and more. It has save me and my family hundreds of dollars over the course of a year.
Jane	Best choice of produce and other items available anywhere. Long established tradition and great prices from great farmers who come in year after year. Plants, meat, seafood, breads, pastas are amongst other things available besides the standard fruits and veggies.

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Molly	Huge selection of the freshest local produce- the RPM is almost TOO BIG! :)
Jackie	I love going there early in the morning with my mom. The whole atmosphere makes me feel good. There's nothing like the feeling of getting fresh produce from local vendors.
Emily	The Rochester Public Market is a long standing institution in Rochester, and it's always a great time! I love getting my breakfast empanada and cup of coffee on Saturday mornings and taking in the sights, smells and sounds of this magical market. It's really a neat feeling to know that this market has served generations of Rochestarians, and is only getting better. You can find everything you'll ever want at this market, from flowers to fruit, purses to poultry! Even if you don't buy a thing, it's always worth the trip. Best. Market. Ever.
Tiffany	It's simply the best. Good, fresh produce, encouraging us to eat healthy and it's a lively place with fun people and a lot of character.
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Kelly	I love how the market is a melting pot for our community!
susan	Our market has the best selection of vendors. You can get it all here: fruits, vegetables, grocery items, bakery items, meats, seafood, dairy, as well as plants, jewelry, basketry, clothing, and specialty items. Hard working and friendly people who care about each other. It is the very essence of Rochester.
Julie	Multi cultural! Everything and anything at this market.
Steven	Because it is continually striving to be the best market in America reaching out to all segments of the community. Additionally, the space is used for public functions other than market use.
Amy	Great variety of products and stands with special focus on local produce.
Nina	There is a great variety of foods available at reasonable prices. And we know it is fresh! Also the market is used for special events such as flea market, live music, art, holiday sales.
Meg	A great market with many local vendors selling local produce, baked goods, local cheeses etc. It is open year round and has a large indoor shed (good to keep warm in the winter!) and also covered sheds for vendors to be protected from the weather etc.... The prices are amazing and far less than local grocery stores.
Joan	I have been coming to the market for 50 years. It has grown & become a beautiful place to visit as well as shop.
Joan	The Rochester Public Market has some of the best produce around. And the prices can't be beat.
Cathy	Great veggies!
Kitty	I've been coming to this market since I was an infant (now 53!). It was a special time in my childhood - something precious I did with my dad. I have been brining my children here and now my son who is getting married brings his fiancé here. I love this place!
Ben	Diversity here is great. Centrally located and a family-friend event that represents our community.
Valerie	An amazing way to be welcomed to the Greater Rochester area...or any city.
Donna	Rochester Public Market is the best bang for your buck.
Senetha	It's one of a few places you can take the family to learn about life, food & enjoy socializing community.
Carleen	Great for socializing, fresh foods & variety.
Lori	Friendly farmers with great products...throughout the whole year!
Jim	It's a great destination by bike traveling into city next to Genesee. Great variety of fresh local food.
Renata	OMG! The best for your body & mind (people watching!)
Lucky	It is a fabulous market; with wonderful local farmers and personalities that make the market a welcoming place for all! And you can't beat the prices!
Helen	It's big, bountiful, and friendly.
Laura	I have been going to this market for more than 30 years - it gets better every year! Great people, great food, and great plants -I can even buy socks there!
Tadge	The Rochester Public Market is a great asset to our local community. The variety of products available is always amazing: apples, sweets, fresh vegetables, fish, cheese, honey, the list goes on. Rochester, once The Flour City--now the Flower City, definitely has the best public market in the US. The farms of this City make our area great as well.
Jessica	I love this market. The atmosphere is great, and I've been visiting this market forever...since my Grandfather used to take us on Saturday mornings. My Grandfather, his brothers and my Dad all worked at the market in the past. It has a lot of special memories. I love going there!!
Bob	It's the best! Incredible variety at incredible prices!
Mark	It is a great gathering place for every type of people and a great source of freshest produce.
Mark	Love going on Saturday mornings for coffee, breakfast and shopping
WAYNE	It continues to be "like the old days!" The crowds, the local farmers, the variety of home grown fruits and vegetables as well as the other vendors. These coupled with the fresh outdoor air and the food vendors (and great food) make for a very good morning and a great way to start a weekend.
Joe	We Have a Token program for Food Stamps. We have school trips to the market to teach children about healthy eating. We are 105 years old. We have an Art festival called Artist Row. We have Bands on the Bricks on Friday nights (admission free). We will soon launch a Trolley system to move customers from parking into the market. We have been increasing our attendance the last six years. Our goal is to open the Market seven days a week for our community.
Patricia	I have been to many farmer markets. The Rochester Public Market exceeds them all. It has the largest choice of goods in a variety of quantity all at great prices. Much of the produce is fresh picked the day before the market. In the spring there variety of flowers and vegetables. You can purchase meat or seafood. In peak season there is no need to visit the grocery store. Every thing you need for a weeks worth of meals is right here.
Arlene	The market reminds me of the olden days, when my parents took me there to shop. Today, I can go back in time, and I can enjoy the fresh produce and shmoozing with the farmers. Some farmers have become like family and I frequently find myself asking about the children or more likely the grandchildren! I love my market and I am proud to be a part of it.
Patricia	Never found one as big, varied, and direct from farm as this one!
Jayne	Great food Great people
Kathy	The best produce, tons of "other" things to buy and the people are so helpful--especially when purchasing plants for gardens. It is an ideal thing to do in a great city. The best Saturday's are spent at the market!
Marla	The Rochester Public Market is one of the oldest public markets in the country, and is an incredibly vibrant part of a city otherwise struggling with poverty and violence. I hope that the market, which brings together all different sorts of people

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	from different backgrounds, will continue to be a bright spot in the Rochester community.
John	The size, the quality of produce and the variety is like none other. I have lived in various parts of the US and I have seen nothing like the Rochester Public Market- I never miss a Saturday. I sometimes even go on Thursdays too.
Lisa	Its is a great place to pick up food at a great price for the week!!! Love the people and vendors at the market!!!
Kristin	It is vibrant and alive, diverse, friendly and abundant! I went for the first time today and will be a regular attendee from now on. I found everything I needed to be able to eat only locally grown NY foods from one month as a fun personal challenge. My favorite bumper sticker is "Food comes from FARMS" not from the grocery store [my add] and I was overwhelmed with how much food variety we have in NY State. The Public Market today was a feast-in-waiting! We are blessed to live with this amazing resource in our backyard!
Margaret	I grew up in Rochester, and always remember going there with my mom; I still continue to do that now at the age of 53. And now I live an hour away from the market. They always have had the best produce from the surrounding areas. And reasonable prices. Vendors who have been there for generations. Make it a family affair the kids love it; there is so much to see. Let's remember our history, (families, and farming, what life is about). Spend the day at the Rochester Public Market. Margaret Kelley, Albion NY
Kathi	This market is amazing. It's been around and bustling for over 100 years! Been going there since I was a baby...now I feed my own family from the BEST PUBLIC MARKET in all the USA! It has EVERYTHING you could ever want...all in one place. Makes being a locavore easy!!
Amy	Has been around for years! Great selection of local goods!
Molly	It encourages Rochesterians to buy fresh local produce and incorporate that into a healthy diet, an important part of a healthy lifestyle as a whole.
meg	I think The Rochester Public Market should be America's Favorite because of the people. The vendors are the friendliest, nicest bunch of folks in the whole US.
tom	Fresh food locally grown in season.
Jennifer	I can walk from my house to a vibrant atmosphere to buy fresh veggies from nearby farmers direct. No where else in Rochester brings together our diverse, segregated city like the Public Market does!
Kaleigh	It's a great atmosphere, and it's so cheap!! I never spend more than \$20 for an entire week's worth of food, and can usually get a breakfast empanada and flowers, too.
Debra	It is big, beautiful, inexpensive, and a wonderful meeting place. Farmer's Market is Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays, and there are other events other days of the week, plus periodic seasonal events. These people really know what they're doing! And they're very friendly, too.
Kathy	It's excellent in that it gives us a variety of fresh produce year long. The market is HUGE!!!
David	I've been going all my life. The food is always fresh. It's a good place to meet friends for a few hours. The restaurants are good. And, the coffee shop is great!
Ben	The RPM is simply awesome. Even in a metro area, it draws tons of local produce and products and has thrived for decades
David	For a colder climate, it is open year round and provides a wide variety of products. From spices to local cheeses, fruits and vegetables in season, there are also a variety of meats, breads and even some clothing stalls to attract buyers.
Vincent	The Rochester public market is an infusion of culture and foods. The market brings music, food and artisan all together at one place. A joy to be at!!!!
Chuck	I have been going for years and have watched it grow. I live the people and the atmosphere.
Patty	The selection, presentation is wonderful. Helpful vendors. Just a great atmosphere to visit. I come from Buffalo to visit this market.
Lauren	Fantastic selection and variety. Can always find what I am looking for (and more!) The people working are so friendly. I love going every week! And Joan's announcements are hysterical!
Jen	We bring visitors from all over the world to our market and always hear remarks about the diversity, the freshness, the friendly people and the size. We have everything from fresh fruits and veggies to farm-raised eggs and meats, artisanal products like cheeses, sausages, pierogies, pastries, Ethnic foods, food stalls, spices, flowers, herbs, art, clothing, and many many coffee spots and places to enjoy people watches or take a break after carrying your bags!
Joan	It's a wonderful source of local fresh produce, operating year round. It brings people from the city, suburbs and rural areas of the county together in the heart of the city.
Eva	Our farmers market is the best because of all the farm fresh items that are always available for sale. The farmers are the greatest in the world.
Luanne	This is a true treasure. The local produce and diversity is amazing. No better way to spend a Saturday morning!
Carolyn	Aside from the fresh produce and other goods sold at affordable prices, the Rochester Public Market allows for the entire community to gather as one, with no cultural, political, financial, or religious boundaries. The Rochester Public Market allows the opportunity for the consumer to purchase what they need/want, as well as, try something new. The Rochester Public Market is a beautiful feather in Rochester's hat!!!
Cynthia	This Market has it all and continues to grow. They engage everyone in the experience of buying local and at a lower cost. The Market does double duty as the location for many yearly events that appeal to a wide range of interests. By far the Rochester Public Market goes above and beyond in what they offer!
Alex	It's always buzzing, whether it's 9 degrees or 90 out!
Antonia	Because they have been around for ever and have everything you need no matter the season. Including entertainment.
Sara	Our Public Market is huge and has a tremendous variety of fresh produce, meat, cheese, fish and other goods. It is lively and exciting with many people from all walks of life meeting and shopping throughout the year.
Nicki	We have such a lovely variety of locally grown produce at such reasonable prices. It is the highlight of our Spring, Summer, and Autumn! My husband especially loves going in May for the garden flowers, plants, and herbs!
Mylez	They are open a couple of days a week, compared with the usual one for most farmers markets. The prices are excellent in comparison to supermarkets such as Wegmans or Wal-Mart. The produce is locally grown. The market is in a walled in area where, the actual market itself is surrounded by independently owned restaurants/prepared food vendors. The empanadas there are amazing. The cheese vendors make the best XXX sharp NY cheddar cheese as well.
Anthony	Its open three days a week plus some Sundays. It also has unique vendors and a neighborhood that has blossomed in the heart of a city suffering from urban blight.
Claudia	The most amazing public market I've ever been to. Great variety of produce, cheeses, plants and flowers, coffee..... And the Empanada Shop. It does NOT get better than the Rochester Public Market!
Jeff	Produce is super fresh, and dirt cheap!
berty	open all yr round 3 -4 days a week
Casey	I love the market for the people, the rare food, and the deep fried Twinkie vendor. I grew up a dairy farmer outside of Rochester NY and buying local is a huge part of our family tradition.
Laura	Rochester's public market is a rarity. In all of my travels I have found it hard to compare others to this one. What makes this market an enjoyable experience is the variety of vendors, the size and how it brings Rochestarians together by that common goal of living off fresh, sustainable foods!
Jane Ellen	The diversity of people who both sell and buy is tremendous - rich and poor, refugees, lifelong residents, all ethnic and religious backgrounds. Great access to multiple sources of local produce, locally raised meat, etc. E.g. it's where I go when I need fresh suet to cook up with seeds and corn for the wild woodpecker families - downies, hairies, red-bellieds and pileated - that I feed from a hangar off my crab apple tree year around. Everyone at the market seems to be in Fiesta

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	mood - friendly, happy, the way we ought to be all the time.
Jason	One word: diversity. Diversity of products, people, culture. It's an outdoor school, open year-round. Even if I don't buy a single item it's worth the trip!
Susan	It isn't even my market any more, as I've moved away, but I miss my Saturday morning social hour. You get to know the farmers and other vendors and become part of each other's lives. The organic meat farmer missed a few weeks because he had a baby; The woman I bought my greens from had a health setback. I went to the same supermarket for years and nobody ever remembered me; the Rochester Public market is different. People from all social strata meet and mingle there.
Mary	Because it has everything I shop for, fresh vegetables, flowers etc.
sue	The people, food vegetables, the variety of everything, the farmers, the noise. The whole experience is wonderful.
Robin	A thousand reasons.....mostly the experience of so many great products....along with the eclectic vendors. It is fun to just people watch.
Kate	Our home town market has been thriving since the early 1900's-brings people from all walks of life and countries together in harmony-great homegrown fresh produce, food kiosks, music, great prices and just a good feeling of community.
Jean	The diversity of produce and other items; the camaraderie of the vendors and shoppers! Great place to shop and support our farmers and other food providers.
Kevin	I meet my parents there on Saturdays. Sometimes I go even when I don't need anything just to spend time with my parents and people watch. It's very eclectic and fun! Oh yeah, the breakfast sandwiches rock!
Rick	Great produce and cross section of diverse shoppers
Michelle	It's a lively, diverse, eclectic place to grab a cup of coffee, walk around and stock up on excellent produce, baked goods, fish and meats, and lots of other things, all sold by friendly, helpful vendors who appear to love what they're doing.
Nancy	I have been going to the public market for 30 years. I know the vendors by name. I get fresh fruit and vegetables and most important, I take out the middle man and allow the farmers to get what they deserve for their produce. IT is an incredible place where all walks of life have one thing in common...they need to eat!
Jeff	I love good food and the atmosphere
Jeannette	You can find anything there!
Sandra	It began before the huge chain supermarkets arrived on the grocery store scene. Grocers arrived early in the morning to purchase the store's produce. It continues to thrive and attract folks from all different socio-economic backgrounds by offering great prices on flowers, fruits, veggies, cheese, dry goods, etc.
Richard	The Rochester Public Market is a meeting ground of multiple cultures. Rural, suburban and urban residents mingle among the sights, sounds and smells that abound. It is a critical piece in the patchwork fabric that defines the city of Rochester and the market makes this area so attractive for earning a living and living a rich life!
Liz	Whets not to love. It is so nice to go back in time and shop for produce, flowers and an array of items in a city where the local mega grocery store is a tourist attraction.
Genevieve	Our market is so vivacious with stands featuring fresh foods, fish, meat, breads, pastries, delicious homemade products. It is the gathering place for suburban, urban, chefs, and politicians, young and old persons. Lively music, imports, clothiers, gorgeous flower dealers and the wonderful scents of rare spices, candles and oils. It is the greatest for fresh ethnic foods. It is an event that you await each week.
Kristin	It's the best!
David	It is a diverse and wonderful shopping experience where you see neighbors and friends, and you can buy everything from locally made pierogies to empanadas. , The produce/food is inexpensive, fresh and delicious sold by local folks who make a living in our community. We love to support them.
Kristin	diversity
Steven	Great selection, facilities and atmosphere
Greg	Great vendors and and great location!
Roger	Our market supplies us with the freshest food on the planet!!! Come visit us to see for yourself
Brian	Great variety of fresh foods attracts an even greater variety of people - old and young, city and suburban, and from every nationality and ethnic group. America at its best.
Elaine	I've gone to this market since I was a child. My dad went to it on a horse drawn huckster wagon with his grandfather to sell produce. We love the variety of meat and produce. In the spring we full our garden with the great flowers we get on Flower Sundays. It is a great place to meet people and it's become a family tradition to meet at the Empenada Stop for a breakfast empenada before starting our shopping. I've been to farmers markets all over the US and the Rochester Public Market is the best! Everyone feels like family.
LIN	Rochester's Market is a great adventure, Wonderful people, and great produce America's melting Pot! Love It!!
Dave	1.) good variety and quantity: fruits, veggies, fish, condiments, pasta, much more, 2.) good prices, 3.) good places for eats and drinks, 4.) interesting other booths with clothes, house wares, 5.) great place to meet people and enjoy interaction with different cultures (Rochester has a lot) and to appreciate what God has blessed us all with, 6.) Sometimes live music too.
Kenneth	Wonderful Choices and Fresh Produce. Vibrant and Diverse. A real Community Jewel.
Sue	Our market is an iconic part of our community. I grew up being taken there on Saturday mornings and hearing stories about my Italian family shopping for everything from veggies to live chickens. It's interesting to note that even though the neighborhood declined around it nothing could keep people from the market and that is still true today. It's a gathering place in the best sense of the word, from providing access to fresh food to entertaining with fleas markets and music. We love our market! Rochester wouldn't be the same without it!
John	We love, love, love our farmers' market. We have a large organic garden of our own, so that we buy fewer veggies there than we otherwise would. But we buy lots of fresh, local fruit there. And we religiously attend Flower City Days to buy the organically grown, heirloom plants (tying new ones every year) that are the backbone of our own garden. On top of that, it's a fun place to be!
George	It is always there; dependable. We receive value and quality goods. It is a fun experience.
Tom	Wonderful variety of vendors, mixture of peoples from rich, poor, newly arrived immigrants to 90 year residents, entertainment, great doughnuts and coffee, civility alongside a quest for bargains.
justin	Outstanding selection, vibrant atmosphere, essential role in improving the surrounding area. I even go to the market in sub-freezing winter conditions because it has stuff I cannot get anywhere else!
Sean	Rochester Public Market is year-round and 4 days a week....even in single digit temperatures in the blistery winter they brave the elements to bring their goods to the public.
m	Rochester public market is the ultimate outdoor market experience. It offers a wide variety of different fresh food and other items as well at affordable prices. It not only brings Rochester together in one place as a diverse community it brings us back in touch with the outdoor shopping experience as in the old days or as many countries still shop in this manner. It is filled with an air of positive energy, fun and excitement. One of the many wonderful offerings that we as Rochester,NY are so fortunate to have!

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claire	It has the freshest produce at reasonable prices. The experience of going there is priceless - always lots of interesting and different people. We have a great time!
J	There is such a rich history in the Rochester Market, and yet you can still go there and watch history happen.
Joellen	The City of Rochester Public Market is a wonderful place to shop. It brings together people of all walks of life and offers incredible deals and a wide variety of goods. I love supporting local growers and vendors. I go every week!
Carlyn	They have a wide variety of fresh veggies and fruits at very reasonable prices. The people are very friendly and helpful.
Joellen	Great Deals Great People Support Local A world unto itself
Jimmy	The Rochester Public Market is the gold standard of US farmers' markets. I seen a number of fine ones about but the international diversity of this one wins hands down.
Nathaniel	The Rochester Public Market has one of the best vibes you'll ever find in a commercial setting, and we have a brewery (Rohrbach) pouring free tastings 30 steps down the road!
Cheri	It's robust with products, people and activity. A delightful reflection of the diversity within this great community of ours. It provides a unique opportunity for everyone to come together in a wholesome environment. As a farm-raised person myself, I cherish the opportunity to support local, small farmers. They're important to the U. S. historically and will continue to be in the future.
Lynette	It is in the heart of our city, offers a wide variety of NYS foods, allows people receiving food stamps to exchange them for tokens by which to buy fresh food, and offers healthy activities for kids, tastings and music!
Grace	It offers EVERYTHING you could need or want in a market and more! Lots of people, lots of vender's It is a wonderful place to shop!
Stephanie	It is a wonderfully diverse shopping opportunity- from the many venders, to the coffee shops and specialty food stores, like the Italian Import cheese shop. They serve unique sandwiches made with their cheese and meats. Sitting next to a table of regular Italian speaking locals, if I close my eyes, I'm in Italy, if only for a moment. The prices on the produce put the local grocery stores to shame- and it tastes so good when it hasn't been preserved and shipped thousands of miles!
Amie	The Rochester Public Market is diverse, local, and open to all --there is even a 4-H youth who sells his own produce at the market!
Debbie	We like to support our local farmers and enjoy the diversity of people and food that we find there - a great way to spend a Saturday morning!
Margaret	Our market is great! Fresh food, great atmosphere, inexpensive prices. You can get to know the farmers because they are there every week. We have our favorite farms for potatoes, apples, peaches, asparagus and more!
Dan	The Rochester Public Market is wonderful. My wife and I go there year round, yes, even in the winter albeit it's cold. Thousands of people come there on Saturday to shop for fresh produce, meats, fish, and alike. It's a great place to meet friends and just "people watch."
Chris	Best Public market out there bar none
Ralph	All you need to do is walk through the market and experience the shopping, the fresh food, the energy and the familiar faces to know that this place is a happening!
Deanne	We become totally immersed in so many cultures while shopping in an open market. The farmers provide fresh, delicious produce at reasonable prices. The smells, sounds, tastes and general feeling of friendship permeates the air. You can even ignore the occasional bumps from the crowds as its all part of the fun! By far, this is the best, most fun, market to shop at.
John	The Public Market is a wonderful collection of fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, and flowers. Now even wine from Finger Lakes wineries. The crowd is amazing and friendly as they shop the many vendors.
Richard	Active, fun, good quality and prices. Better quality fruit and vegetables than the large chain stores.
Sheron	It is one of the most unique and oldest markets in the country. The market brings many cultures together while helping families save money on their grocery bills.
Lori	Our market invites all types of people. The produce is excellent and just walking through lets you enjoy all types of diversity and ethnic customs. It is really a joy to embrace.
Peter	The selection, atmosphere and people are a great experience. Our family has been going there over thirty years and now our children and their families also are going. The prices and food quality can not be beat. Also the food choices are an ethnic education and treat.
Virginia	For the last 10 years, I shop at this market every Saturday with two long-time friends. We have breakfast, catch up on family news and issues then do our marketing. We know our vendors by their first names, get recommendations on how to cook new veggies and at holiday time find a few extra items tossed into our sacks. It is so important to directly support and interact with the people who raise/grow the food we put on our family tables. Rochester's Public Market is where to find grass-fed beef from 25 miles away, homemade sausage (he refuses to make the Christmas recipe any other time of the year!), Amish baked goods, Finger Lakes wines. Shoppers talk with one another: we make eye contact and smile and laugh. It is community as it should be.
Mary	It is an unusual collection of merchants and vendors, many nationalities blended and a social gathering place for diverse socioeconomic groups. It becomes more popular every year, people cram into the space to peruse, buy and visit.
Nick	Friendliness of vendors, customers, City workers, etc; variety of goods; lots of space for shopping and parking; concerts; colors; aromas....BREAKFAST!!
Tyler	The market is the best!! It truly reflects the cultural diversity of Rochester.
Anne	Atmosphere, quality, selection, diversity... they have it all, plus more!!
Jane	Fresh fruit and veggies, incredible selection, cheap prices!
Cindy	The market is bustling with people on weekends. Most vendors have been at this market for generations. There is always an excitement when you get to the market. Fresh coffee and pastries fortify you as you begin your trek through the stalls filled with flowers, fruits, vegetables, and much more! Music and laughter fill the air. People travel from all over the county not only for fresh food and good deals, but for the social interaction. The fact, that our market is one of the oldest markets in the country, tells it all!
Margarita	I have shopped at the Public Market for over 30 years and can't say enough about the people that are there. It is a location that caters to all people. You can find just about anything you need at a price much less than the grocery stores, which in today's economy is very helpful. They do this and still try to make a living, which is amazing in itself. I will always have a great respect for the farmers of our country for what they do!
Mary Jo	First are my morning coffee and an empanada. Then I shop for fresh fruit, vegetables, and baked goods. I love the mix of people -- immigrants and Mennonites, farmers and college students... The public market is a great way to support our local farms and enjoy the city.
Kim	Rochester's Public Market offers a lot of variety items in all categories (produce, toys, pasta, cheese, fish, plants and many, many more) at good quality and great prices. Vendors are friendly & allow you to sample their items before buying. You can get one of the best breakfast sandwiches you ever had at Scott's. You won't be sorry!
Jeanne	This market brings together the entire region. Suburbanites like me gladly venture to the city center and encounter the whole range of people who live in our community. The food and garden stock are fresh, locally grown, and very reasonably priced. Even the food served in the storefronts on the perimeter is exceptional and unique. When I go, I feel as if I am on vacation to an exotic locale and have left the "Generica" of Malls and fast food behind.
Anne	Diversity of people and goods, and the number of "green vendors" - you can purchase most of your weekly groceries right at the market
ellyn	What a fabulous way to spend a Saturday Morning !!!! Our market has EVERYTHING and the bargains are unbeatable. It is so encouraging to see families buying fresh produce instead of processed foods. I come home with bags of "goodies" and change in my pocket too !!!!!

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Anne	Not only does the Public Market provide fresh foods for the entire county, but it is an incredible resource for the low-income community in which it is located. The Public Market has been an invaluable resource to the Marketview Heights Collective Action Project, a resident-led community organizing project, and has been a major catalyst for urban revitalization in the area. Even in the dead of Rochester winters, the Public Market is busy.
Steve	The atmosphere is great because they have so much to offer and it is a family friendly environment. The Public Market has many vendors in which have the best crops in NY and they are not expensive at the same time!
Catherine	The character of the Rochester Public Market is unbeatable. The ethnic groups frequenting this market have evolved over the many years that I have been shopping there. However, it retains its wonderful feel of community. I enjoy just being there, experiencing the vitality as well as the fresh produce and many other goods offered there. I have been to other public markets in this and other states across America. The Rochester Public Market is truly the best.
Nelida	Fresh, easy, multi-cultural and huge variety.
Julia	I am originally from South Africa, and the fact that I can go to City of Rochester Public Market and find items/food from home is exceptional. Every other Saturday my family looks forward to the market, we get fresh fruits and vegetables on a cheap scale and you can't beat that.
Edward	A reminder of my youth, going with Mom and Grandmother. Still love hearing the vendors hawking their wares, rubbing elbows with all the cultures.
Lilibeth	It's a great place to buy fresh fruits and vegetables with very reasonable price. My husband and I love to shop there for most of our needs and the plants and herbs are wonderful.
Lisa	Fresh produce, baked goods, international cheeses, artisan olive oils, Italian cookies like nonna used to make, coffee, prepared food, kettle corn, musicians, flowers - the Rochester Public Market has it all! Open all year, even in our frigid winter. It's a jewel in the crown of our city. Support our farmers and improve your health!
Justin	Great food indoors and outdoors all year round, and the garage sales always have a treasure too
Samantha	It's a truly unique experience!
Elaine	They allow people to use food stamps and the abundance is amazing.
Maureen	VARIETY...both of people and products. It is a bustling vibrant gathering place, a great place to take out of town visitors.
Lisa	The Rochester Public Market is absolutely wonderful! I go to the market every Saturday morning and buy great, fresh, local produce, and I always buy a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The vendors at the market take the time to get to know you and explain how to prepare something when you're not sure. My husband and I started canning fruits and vegetables and starting buying foods exclusively that are in season and local. Sometimes that's tough because we have never eaten that kind of food before, but the local vendors always have tips and tricks and are so helpful! But, my favorite part of the market is the food!! I could eat at the vendors/restaurants until I dropped!! The food and coffee is delicious! It's a great feeling to not only get a deal, but also to know that you are helping out your local community.
Gary	Great selection, great people, a social atmosphere, and we just love it.
Sally	This market offers so many varied items and events- from produce to flowers to Christmas trees to flu shots- and is always a happening place. Prices are terrific, and it is located in center of city.
Ellen	Culturally diverse, great people and produce!
Anita	It is a great place. My parents and other relatives come from Buffalo area which is 60 miles away to shop. The Buffalo relatives come every Christmas season to shop and enjoy the sights.
Jay	What a wonderful local resource, full of fresh, locally grown produce! We cannot tell you how valuable it is to our community to have this market near by.
kathryn	I have memories of going there as a child and still go there as an adult. Now I take my grandchild there. The history lives on. When I take my mother there, sometimes she cries over the fond memories she has when she would go there as a child.
Nancy	The Rochester Public Market is for everyone, with food and flowers and other goods for all tastes and budgets. It has been around forever and is a real community, whether you've been going for years or it's your first visit. There is produce that is local and delicious, meat, eggs and cheese, and even wine, baked goods and ethnic specialties. All this and music and flowers - and the farmers, too. It's a wonderful tradition and a Rochester institution.
Chris	Our Market is the best because it is the best!
Susan	It is colorful, economical and just plain fun, and my mother, grandmother and great grandmother all shopped there. I like the tradition.
Joan	Great atmosphere. been shopping there for more than 50 years
Connie	It is a most interesting place to visit. Used to go to the market as a small child back in the 40's. It sure is a different place than it was back then. We lived close enough to walk to the market and buy our live chickens, vegetables and fruits. I try to visit it when we are in the area. I no longer live in NY and really miss the atmosphere of the Public Market.
Chris	Our market is culturally very diverse, with something for everyone. The produce and flowers are of the highest quality and affordable for all. It is handicapped accessible for those with mobility issues and well managed.
holly	It is simply the best, the people are friendly, the prices are cheap and it's a great place to be!
John	The public market brings both a diversity of agricultural products and a diversity of culture to our community. It is an essential component of the unique Rochester quality of life we all enjoy.
Mona	I love our farm market because I can take my kids there and introduce them to people who grow our food for us. We also LOVE eating at the side shacks that offer breakfast and lunch, you can talk to the owner about their recipes as you wait. I remember going to the market with my mom as a child, I will continue this tradition for my children.....and, hopefully someday, their children!
Sharon	It's wonderful!!!! The people, the food, the value...it's a fun time for the whole family. *Very May thru early June...Flower Days...open on Sundays to get your spring flowers and veggie plants...super deals *The Community Garage Sale..Deals you can't believe and a great way to sell your own treasures and make money... *Chiefs from around the city come and create some of the best dishes using local produce! *The local farm produces...the best bargains in town hands down!! *Holiday Events, Artists Row... (Musicians, artists, dancers, etc.)... ***MEMORIES***I am 62...I went to the market many weekends with my grandparents, immigrants from Italy, remembering the wonderful sounds and smells. Going with my mom and dad...then with my children and now hopefully with my grandson. Meeting people from different backgrounds, their foods and sharing recipes...what is not to love...
Jane	They have an enormous variety of products and the vendors are all extremely friendly and helpful. It is a real joy to the Rochester Public Market.
Werner	Because it is a best place to purchase locally grown fruit and vegetables at reasonable prices. We have been coming to this market for over thirty years. They also have made efforts to improve the facility and parking.
Suzanne	Lots of fresh products at the best prices. Good atmosphere, lots of different people.
Dawn	The Rochester Public Market is fabulous. Lots of vendors, great food, happy people and great prices. There is something for everyone.
BILL	IT IS THE BEST
Aimee	The Rochester Public Market is a place that makes eating healthy affordable. There is always a great variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables from NY state. It is such a great place to also see different cultures blend together. I love shopping there and always feel good about helping out the local farmers!
Ken	When you're sitting outside at the market eating an empanada, looking at the shoppers and the rows of vendors, you are transported - you could be anywhere in the world.

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Frank	Variety, friendliness of vendors, freshness of food
Lisa	It has everything! And every time I go, I discover something new...it's the best!
Paul	There is a large diverse population of people who come to the market. It is a great place to support local farmers. It's not just fruits and vegetables. There are vendors selling fish and meat, bread, bagels and pastries, homemade pasta and sauces, specialty coffees, imported cheese, flowers, spices scented candles and oils.
Kim	Great selections from local farmers and a fun place to meet your friends on Saturday morning. Can't beat the prices.
Ernest	I live outside Rochester in a rural farm area. Local produce is great, but the Rochester Public Market provides a medley of foods grown regionally that has enriched my family's dining and health. The experience of sharing space with so many different people, most patient and kind and polite, willing to share their knowledge and enthusiasms with others is of even greater value in a society deluged with negative reports about our culture. The irony of our market is with each person looking for deals or to make money, it is the shared experience that is richest.
Ellen	great variety of produce; interesting events that bring in many persons who would not ordinarily go to the market; and I know people from all over the county that go to the market 7 and more times a year just because they enjoy it. Ellen Sweeney
Tony	The Rochester Public Market brings together the tradition of an urban public market with the ability to buy from local farmers and vendors. A vibrant place, full of energy and a microcosm of our community.
Don	It's just plain awesome.
Brenda	The Rochester Public Market has something to offer every walk of life, every age. My family and I go occasionally to get our produce, breakfast, coffee, and kids can spend their allowance money on a variety of items. You walk around, and hear all different kinds of languages, see all different kinds of people, see all different kinds of foods. It is definitely a big melting pot.
g	This is a really great farmers' market! I love it! You can go looking for one specific thing and end up taking home bags of produce and baked goods.
John	A very good experience with a lot of interesting people.
Linda	A diverse community comes together to celebrate the local produce, eat great food, hear music and shop at bargain prices for fresh produce. I meet two great friends there every Saturday for breakfast; we eat talk then shop. A high point in my week!
Diane	Best variety, fair prices, easy to get to
Susan	It's variety, vitality and availability is exceptional.
f	It really cool and has great produce, flowers, baked goods and household items at nice prices!
Paul	Huge selection of local grown products at great prices.
Jann	Have been going to this market every week for over 20 yrs. it continues to grow and offers a variety of fresh fruits,vegetables,flowers,fish,clams,breads,wine tastings and much more. Love this market!
Helen	Because it feels like a real market!
S.	Because it has the largest variety and the cheapest prices. Plus they have a lot of instructional events for city dwellers & kids. Kids get to learn where their food comes from (not just McDonald's). Adults learn that food wasn't BORN in the supermarket. In this day and age, people need to support the FARM. Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to where your food comes from.
Jill	The Rochester public market should be one of America's favorite farmers markets because it takes a huge city and brings it one step closer to peace. The public market has joined together the many cultures of Rochester to become an exciting experience where you can me new people, try new things, and enjoy yourself.
Monica	Rochester's public market has served the community for many years. It appeals to all segments of the population - every socioeconomic, ethnic, gender, age, etc. category. All blend into the vibrant Public Market scene.
Allan	I have been going to this public market since the early 1950's with my parents. This market is as close to a European marketplace as the US will have. The energy, noise, smells, crowds all make for a perfect city center experience. Nothing compares to our public market.
Tammy	It's great to shop for fresh local meats, fruits and veggies. You get to meet great people from all walks of life. Even different cultural foods to sample and make for your family. It's just a wonderful experience that I love sharing with my child. I like teaching her that there is more out there than just going to the super market.
Jessica	The Rochester Public Market is one of this country's oldest and longest running farmers markets. It offers everything, year-round. It is an asset to our community, a true gem!
Paul	Great spot for fresh produce and other miscellaneous items. Great place to people watch and start your day with the fresh fruits and fresh vegetables you need at great prices.
Kevin	Raw and unpolished. That allows people to let their guard down and really engage their community.
Phyllis	It has everything - straight from the farmer, fresh picked. There's also lots of prepared foods, flowers, breads, pasta, etc.etc.etc. There is also a great mix of cultures and all walks of life. Music can be heard throughout the market in various spots. It's just the best.
Roberta	It is a great environment, many diverse foods, plants, music and people! Just a wonderful place to be.
Audrey	I have enjoyed 11 wonderful years at the public market selling my homegrown heirloom tomato plants. The diversity of vendors, plants and customers is overwhelming but somehow it just works! What a local treasure! [www.tomatoqueen.biz]
William	Many varied and interesting vendors. Well supported by the community.
Ruben	It's diverse, chaotic, noisy, and hard to park in, but it's ours!
Steven	This is an amazing place, jammed from the very early morning hours every weekend. You can find all sorts of food, produce, performers, etc. on any given day. It's way better than getting stuff at the grocery store. On many summer nights, the city presents Bands on the Bricks, showcasing local and regional bands for eh enjoyment of music lovers.
Linda	It is like a melting pot. I feel like I have been transformed into another time and another life. Maybe NYC in the early years. Very good fresh produce, meats, jewelry, clothes, you name it. Lots of unique items that can't be found anywhere else without traveling the world. The people are real and genuine. I love going to this special place all year long!
Joan	The diversity of merchandise, food and mostly PEOPLE make it a wonderful place to be. The fresh reasonably priced, produce, meat, and clothing items for sale are tempting and affordable. It is a melting of friendly and diverse people. What fun!
Beverly	The Rochester Public Market has been a part of the Rochester Community as long as I can remember. It has improved over the years but has still remained the same. It draws people not only from Rochester but from all the suburbs and surrounding towns. You can always find fresh produce and a wide variety of items from plants, Christmas trees, and arts and crafts to clothes. It has always been a pleasure to go to the market myself as a new wife, then with my children and now with my grandchildren.
Kathy	The Rochester Public Market is the best of any farmer's market in any city. We have over 300 vendors selling local fruits & produce, homemade breads & bagels, homemade pastas & sauces, cheeses of all kinds, specialty coffees, all sorts of

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	spices, homemade maple syrup products, organic products, local eggs, plus there are food kiosks that offer a variety of goods. It's a colorful, noisy marketplace that opens for business at 5:00am on Saturdays with vendors & customers alike calling out to each other. The market is also open on Tues & Thurs mornings. People from all over flock to downtown each Sat morning for the freshest meats, vegetables, & fruits, fresh flowers, fresh homemade breads and the best garlic braids in the world. Need honey that's made locally? Come to the Rochester, NY Pubic Market!!! And the prices are right!!
A	Every Saturday morning is an adventure at the Rochester Public Market.
Paul	Quality of produce and products and diversity of shoppers and vendors. A great place to enjoy a cup of coffee and an ethnic snack either before or after shopping. We are there most Saturday mornings all year.
Barbara	Rochester Public Market is a community event! Not only does the entire community, city and suburbs, shop there for fresh food (vegetables, fruits, meats pasta, cheeses, etc, etc), we also go for entertainment and connection. It is an alive and vibrant place, and it affords us all the opportunity to buy fresh, healthful, locally grown foods.
Aiyu	My dad used to take me there when I was just a baby. We moved from Rochester when I was 4.
Burgos	For over 105 years, our market has been a social and commercial power house. We love to go there to shop and socialize. It is an absolute treasure!
John and Janet	For over 105 years the Rochester public market has always served not only Monroe county but all surrounding counties with full service, supplying all food and fiber needs with a high standard.
Len	The food offered is excellent, varied, and reasonable in cost. And best of all.....I love the cross-section of humanity that visits my public market!
Nancy	In a word, it's fun. The vendors are friendly, helpful and offer a variety of goods. I love the cacophony of sounds and smells as I move from stall to stall. Flower City Days are a special favorite, where I can buy all my annuals in one day. The prices are moderate and the variety is wonderful. It's a great part of life in the Rochester area.
Robert	As one of the oldest public markets in the United States this serves a population that comes from all over the county. It is a wonderful experience not only to shop there and get the local farm products but to mingle with the crowd and hear the many languages. You get to know the people who grow what you eat.
Jackie	The best of everything! The vendors are always friendly and smiling. The produce is always well priced, fresh and delicious. People from all age groups, economic levels and nationalities mingle and shop. Colors, sights and sounds make the market a true treat every week. It is what I look forward to every Sat. in fair weather and foul. Its just plain wonderful!
Sarah	Great variety of produce. Lively environment. Friendly vendors.
SUE	I just love our public market. There are many friendly vendors that have fresh fruits and veggies at competitive prices. With our summer being short, it's easy to buy bulk here to freeze for our long winter months. I also like the fact our city uses our market area for free concerts on Friday evenings that we can sit and enjoy some great music. It's just a great venue for a show.
Bob	It is a beautiful, bustling market. We have become friends with so many vendors. It is open year round and we go at least twice a month. We eat a lot of salads and the savings are phenomenal for the best produce.
Semyon	Really nice place to shop for fresh local produce as well as for exotic fruits and vegetables from all over the world also for some other merchandise. Market serves very sizable population from inner city and suburbs. I have been a customer at the Market for last 31 years and new grandparents of the young farmers that currently bringing their produce to a Market. My son lived in Boston and currently lives in Denver and he always says that he missed the Rochester Public Market with fresh produce, meat, cheese etc. products. It is also great place just to visit.
Becky	I've always enjoyed going to the market. It brings back many childhood memories when my father would bring my brothers and me. I continue to go often not only to honor my father's memory, but because I enjoy the positive energy of all the cultures coming together in one place. I love the produce and the different smells of things being cooked. The prices are great and the food is fresh. It's always crowded, but well controlled. I will often go unattended, but it's more helpful to have another set of arms to help carry the abundance of produce and plants I often cannot resist.
Joan	I have been going to the market for 35 years at least once a week though all seasons. I have established a relationship with the farmers and talk about what they might plant the following season like fingerling potatoes, heirloom tomatoes, and shallots. I shop for my elderly neighbors and for our local pantry. It's the best produce, meats, eggs, cheese, you can get anywhere and you are able to connect with people you haven't seen in ages and have a cup of coffee. It's a happy way to start your day.
Ronald	Fresh local produce, good food, great atmosphere, reasonable prices and friendly people all add up to the best public market in the USA
Amy	It has been around since the early 1900. All of my family worked in the market since the beginning and I myself worked there as a child.
Caroline	I love going there with my 7 year old son...the same market in the same place that my husband, now 47, visited with his grandmother as a kid!
M. E.	The wonderful LOCAL fruits and veggies...the ambiance... but most of all, the PEOPLE: the farmers and other suppliers, and all of us who go to buy things and "experience the scene". I like it when it's a lovely day, and sometimes even more when it rains, because everybody is just sort of "into it"...
Susan	I used to work there as a kid and continue to shop there the atmosphere and the people are great not to mention the bargains and fresh homegrown produce!!
Joanne	We go two out of three times a week and buy produce plus anything else that catches our eye. The produce is the freshest we can buy locally. Plus, we are supporting local farmers.
Pam	We fortunately live quite close to this wonderful market, and go almost every Saturday. We even buy our Christmas tree there! We often come home with something we would not have known existed, with information from the vendor about how to cook it. This is a great way to try new things (recently it was garlic scopes) at very little cost. Our out-of-town visitors look forward to joining us there. It's a tradition! We usually save lots of money there, and then blow it all with the gourmet cheese vendor as our last stop.
Lisa	This market has personality, and great selections throughout the year. I love the Spring Flower and Plant days. Unique coffee houses and ethnic restaurants surround our Rochester treasure.
Elizabeth	This is a joyful place. Established Rochesterians and new residents mix comfortably as they find healthy and sometimes unusual items to take home and enjoy. It has the feeling of a happy United Nations, with all participants getting along, creating new memories and recalling experiences in other parts of the globe.
Jody	Historical, wonderful gathering of people from all walks of life. Can always go there and run into someone you know. Favorite time of year is fall season. Get egg sandwich, coffee and walk. Can buy a weeks worth of vets and more for \$20.
Mary Louise	It offers a wide variety of fresh produce, flowers, plants, prepared baked goods, cheeses, and breakfast and lunch fare. It attracts a great cross section of people every week and is open two other part days so access is excellent.
Margaret	More than any other place, it reflects in a positive way the ethnic and cultural diversity of our city and the bounty of western New York's food shed. It's a crowded, colorful, happy place to be offering fresh, cheap local produce, flowers, live chickens, and gourmet European cheeses. I drive 36 miles roundtrip with a friend every week for this Saturday morning food shopping ritual.
Joseph	It's just the best!
Carol	The food is fresh and the offerings are varied and interesting. It's a great place to 'people-watch'
Mary Lou	The variety and freshness of everything is fine and wonderful!

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M	It's incredible!!
Carrie	Great people, great products, great prices
Debbie	I have been going to the Rochester Public Market for years, not just for amazingly fresh produce, seafood, cheese, bread and all else it offers, but for amazing prices to feed my family and the wonderful atmosphere, diversity of people and stands and vendors. Always an uplifting experience.
Jane	It is a wonderful source of locally grown fruits, vegetables and other products. It is wonderful melting pot for people from many of the suburbs as well as the city to come and shop and have an amazing time.
Molly	One of the most diverse places in the City of Rochester - all kinds of people, all kinds of produce, all kinds of products. A centerpiece of a regenerating neighborhood.
Dennis	Operated continuously for over a century It's big - 40,000 people on Saturdays It's the real deal - real farmers and very diverse clientele - all races, languages, and incomes, Not a yuppie feel good place Located in a "challenged" urban neighborhood without supermarkets so it serves the surrounding low-income neighborhood So good that it attracts affluent suburbanites who are typically too scared to venture into "the city"
Raymond	Fresh food, low prices, real people. My immigrant grandma and great-uncle used to take me when I was a kid. Always got good deals on the veggies we used for subs in our deli.
Tara	It has culture, good food, and good prices.
Harvey	It is so vibrant, fresh produce, friendly farmers, ethnic diversity, good food booths- just a fun place to go
Raymond	Use to go with my mom, pick up good deals on fresh veggies for our deli.
Ethel	We visit Rochester Public Market quite a few times trough the year. Very interesting watching the seasons changing from strawberries too sweetcorn,peppers,pickles,tomatoes too apples,peaches,pears,plums,pumpkins wintersquash,cornstalks,gourds,and grapes. I know I left other produce out, but how can you remember everything they have to sell.
Michele	Rochester's Public Market is open 3X per week in the summer, and many weeks during the off-season. In this northern climate. The RPM serves as a celebration of the short growing season, bringing people together from all walks of life, more so than any other local venue.
Rebecca	I have been going to the Rochester Public market since childhood. Although I no longer live in Rochester, every time I am visiting my parents I make sure I go. I am always amazed at the variety of food available and the reasonable prices. I currently live in NYC and try to shop at the farmers markets, but at times find it very expensive. The Rochester public market provides affordable fresh friuts, vegetables and other foods for everyone and allows even the poor to have access to affordable fresh fruit and vegetables.
Lynn	I have been visiting the Public Market for over 30 years. It's like visiting another country or countries every week. You can hear dozens (if not hundreds) of different languages and learn about all kinds of foods and plants. There are special events/ sales/ concerts too! Whenever I sponsor foreign students from the University of Rochester, I bring them to the Market and they all say that it feels "just like home"... whether they're from India, China, Japan, Mexico, and Russia... or wherever!
Marilyn	It's the largest and the best anywhere...so many varieties, different ethnic food and organic food as well.....you can't beat it.....hands down a winner.
Joshua	The location, the quality, and the farmers are second to none.
Michelle	My father and I have always gone to the Public Market every Saturday morning. We sometimes even go for "Flower City Sundays" during the planting season or special flea market weekends. We get breakfast and coffee from our favorite vendors - who we've come to know over the years and then stroll through the aisles of produce and products. My father loves to tell stories about what the standing buildings used to house and I love to see how modern coffee shops and open art spaces have moved in and reinvigorated the surrounding area. Apples, spices, cheese, meat, fish, Amish-made baked goods, discount baseball caps and clothing - you name it - I can get it at the market. But the best part of our market isn't what you purchase there - its the sense of tradition and community that the Rochester Public Market embodies that makes it so special...for my father and I and the countless other Rochesterians from every walk of life.
Judy	Open 3 days a week, lots of selection and variety
DAWN	OUR MARKET IS ONE OF THE OLDEST IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING. IT'S THE BEST. WE HAVE GARAGE SALES, JAZZ SHOWS, AND FLOWER SHOWS IN THE SPRING.SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.ALSO ETHNIC PRODUCTS WE CAN'T FIND ELSEWHERE.
Jackie	It's a wonderful place to visit, browse and get fantastic produce and flowers. I go during flower city days every year to get my flowers and herbs. I wouldn't miss it.
Kay	There is such a variety of sellers that one can always find what one needs at a very reasonable price. Items range from fresh flowers and plants, fresh fish and meat to fresh fruits and vegetables along with homemade bagels, pastries, bread, pastas, and sauces, not to mention the odd tchotchke. You can also enjoy hot foods while listening to street musicians.
Kathy	I love the selection, the vibe and the people!
Sarah	The City of Rochester Public Market is my favorite because they have such a variety of items. I also like their flower and garage sale days on Sundays.
Dorene	Wonderful market to shop at always has the best and freshest products.
Robert	It has everything for a great price
Ryan	I love our farmer's market. They have great food there and a wonderful variety. The prices are fair and the vendors are friendly. I go almost every week.
Carolyn	I am 81 years old and have been going to the market since I was a little girl. I grew up near it and used to go with my grandma and pull the wagon for her. She would buy live chickens and I was so fascinated by the experience! Now I go with my husband and we love all the fresh produce and other things for sale. It is fun seeing people from all walks of life mingling together and enjoying themselves. Going to the public market is a great tradition and I hope it goes on forever!
Rachel	It's a great atmosphere and they always seem to have exactly what imp looking for.
Marlaine	They always have the best produce; meats, etc. Friendly farmers, food and entertainment. They also have a Community Garage Sale; we love it there!
Diana	The food is fresher than anything you can buy in the supermarket and the vendors are the friendliest people you'd ever want to meet! And....we have a vendor who makes the BEST breakfast sandwich - a real treat - if you can get close enough to his stand to place your order!
colleen	It's eclectic, diverse, and I bet every devotee has their own favorite thing at the market. Mine is Scott's Food Stand's fried egg sandwich; I get one every single time I'm there. And it's not just the taste that's great; it's also watching the family cooks in action!
Mary	I have been going to this market for 24 years. It shows the many different ethnic groups that make up the Greater Rochester area. It also highlights the wonderful farms we have here in Western N.Y. It is a gem!
Elizabeth	The City of Rochester's Public Market brings together people from all walks of life, cultures, incomes, and orientations. It feeds the soul and stomach!
Christine	The quality and the variety food, the produce is as fresh as picking out of your own garden. The diversity of the shoppers and the prices really stretch our family's food budget.
Richard	like to keep the little guy in business very friendly people of all nations like a true melting pot been going for more then 30 years with my father
Marie	It is a great gathering place for people from all over Monroe County. It brings people back to the city. It is diverse and you get to sample a little of many cultures and it is just down right fun!

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Will	No matter what time of the year, the market always has great fresh foods, either in their basic uncooked forms, or as prepared food. And no other market has Joan, the voice of the market!
Joyce	It is diverse, a melting pot for locals, students, families, and the whole community. Lots of produce, music and shops. It is the best.
Kelley	You can get anything you need....fresh, incredibly cheap and a huge variety. It's an experience every time you go. People from the neighborhood and people from the suburbs are regulars. I know people who drive over 30 minutes to come to the market. Its one of my favorite places to be.
Bruce	The variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods and other products as well as prepared foods is always great. The local farmers are also always helpful and always try hard to deal with the customers in a very friendly manner. We try to make it to market every Saturday all year around.
Vita	It is a local but has a very global feel. You never know what you will see or smell or buy. It is my family tradition to buy fresh fish, bread, cheese, fruit and vegetables and enjoy a wonderful Saturday night dinner.
LINDA	ALL THE BEAUTIFUL COLORS OF THE FRESH FRUITS,VEGETABLES,FLOWERS,FISH,MEATS,BAKED GOODS,HERBS,SPICES,SOAPS,SYRUPS,BUTTERS,CHEESES, ARE JUST SO INVITING.IT'S A WONDER OF THE GIFTS OF NATURE! THE VENDORS GIVE ADVICE FOR STORING, PREPARING AND ENJOYING THEIR WARES. MOST OF ALL IT'S THE PEOPLE YOU SEE THERE; YOUNG AND OLD FACES OF MANY ETHNIC PLACES. IT GIVES YOU PRIDE OF WHAT AMERICA REALLY IS ALL ABOUT!
Karen	Great variety and prices.
Nancy	I have been going there almost every week for over 35 years and I never fail to find something to bring home. In summer and fall, there is an abundance of locally grown produce as well as other vendors with interesting things to sell. At Christmas, there are Christmas trees and Christmas decorations. In spring, there are plants and flowers for sale. There are a variety of cultures represented by vendors and market patrons alike. I think it is the heart of our city.
Nancy	There is a good variety of locally grown food as well as colorful vendors of other wares. It is a happening place where you hear many languages and see people from a variety of cultures. I have been going there almost every week for over 40 years and I never am disappointed. There's always something of interest there.
Amanda	It's the best!
Gary	We love fresh foods at reasonable prices and enjoy meeting the growers. The market is fun to visit.
bonnie	variety all year round even at winter holidays
Doreen	Environment - diversity - languages- dress cleanliness - produce- flowers -breakfast spots - parking. It's just a magnificent place to visit & to shop. Love the number of local farmers & their information freely given. Friendly, informative, really a wonderful way to spend the morning & go home with healthy, fresh goods, esp. fruits & vegetables.
Jackie	It's a Rochester tradition. They have everything you can think of there, and it's a place that draws people of all ethnic groups.
Michael	Rochester's Market is a well known role model for everything a public market should be. Fresh and seasonal produce, the best and most exotic plants in season, spices, seafood and specialty products available nowhere else. And buying food from the person who grew it or baked it is almost sacred. But beyond the merchandise, this market is also a multicultural event and a celebration every day it is open. It is also just plain fun.
Jennifer	They are open year round. That is very important to find local produce even in the cold Western New York winters.
Judy	Incredible diversity of local produce, flowers, food kiosks, and people. Very reasonable and lots of fun. Rochester Public Market truly is the best!
ellie	diversity---people, produce, friendliness--a happening---get whatever you want---meet and greet people, --it's exciting, fun, well run, lots of flexible hours---
Nancy	This market has such a variety of choices of fresh fruits, veggies, and meats etc from a multiple of local farmers from the area. There are also many vendors selling stuff, so you never know what you may find.
Rosalyn	The variety and availability of food products of all kinds, flowers and plants, and seasonal products keeps me coming back. I have developed a list of vendors whose goods are top quality. The mix of languages, dress and ethnicity encourages me that the American dream is alive and well.
Julie	It's just plain awesome! I can buy so much great stuff there~!
Robert C.	The Rochester Public Market is one the oldest markets in the United States and provides the general public with a variety of vendors and entertainment year round. It is a mega for people from all walks of life. The market supports local farmers and food producers...The Rochester Public Market is deserving the title of America's favorite Public Market
William	The Rochester Public Market is over 100yrs old and more than 2 million people shop there during the year. There are all ethnic groups that shop and sell there. Before the vendors can set up on any given day at 5 am the people are there to make purchases. The prices are great; if you are buying for a family or one person the quantities are available. I have been shopping there for 43 years. Each year there are more vendors than the previous year. I always tell people of the great experience in visiting.
Orville	Great variety of produce and great prices.
Dick	I love the Flower days in May and the abundance of fruits and vegetables throughout the growing season.
mike	Great diversity of people and cultures, delicious food and low prices.
Pat & Trish	It's a social event at 5AM on Sat mornings! Great food, helpful vendors, reasonable prices. We bring all of our out-of-state relatives/friends there when they visit! It's also an easy opportunity to pay back the local farms for the effort they put forth all year. Win-win for all!
dab	The Rochester public market has the distinction of being one of the oldest markets in the country. It's a wonderful place to pick up fresh, homegrown produce, flowers, all kinds of food, and miscellaneous items at great prices. The vendors are friendly, and many of them have very colorful personalities. The market attracts a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities, and is a great place to meet new people. All in all, visiting the market is a fun and unique experience that makes you want to keep coming back for more.
Jim	It is traditional, historic, and vibrant. Change the clothes on the farmers and patrons and replace the vehicles with horses and you could be transported back to it's founding in 1905 where you walk the same bricks now that were there then. It's an artist's palette of colors from the vegetables, fruits, plants, baked goods, meats, and wines while it's a United Nations of patrons and farmers speaking different languages, having different customs, and wearing different clothes. It's a microcosm of the best of the United States: its people and its agricultural bounty.
Claire	Great food, great prices, and even some fun live music sometimes!
Michael	It is bustling with people in the outdoor venues and in the perimeter stores. The outdoor breakfast sandwiches are delicious as you eat with friendly people and meet up old friends. And, of course, the food choices both fresh and prepared are great buys.
Hartmut	The City of Rochester Public Market is where the world community becomes our local community.
Shane	The Rochester City market is a tradition that not many metropolitan cities can say they have. The market brings together people of all races and cultures each sharing and learning from each other. I had my first taste of Hispanic food at the market something I never had growing up Caucasian and I haven't stopped eating it since. It's a place of new experiences every time you're there.

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Jean	There is so much history at our market. My dad use to bring his produce to the market in a horse drawn wagon with his Dad. I went there with him when I was a child-I then would bring my children and now they bring theirs. Great people-great products-great meeting place:) Great fresh produce at wonderful prices.
Joe	The Rochester Public Market is the perfect social environment for people looking to purchase produce and interact with EVERY group of people. The produce is as diverse as the people are varied. It is a wonderful experience on every level.
Robert	This market has stood the test of time having been here for decades. There is always fresh produce as well as specialty items, all very reasonably priced. The friendship is also wonderful as it is a happening pace with many loyal and regular vendors AND customers.
Tom	wonderful array of merchants and offerings
Jeanne	good selection of produce friendly, helpful vendors good parking it makes a pleasant morning a chance to grab a snack
Jean	We love the convenience
Dan	This is my local market, so it is important to me. I have not visited other markets, so I can't really say which one is "best". The most important thing about this type of market is it connects us to our past by giving us face-to-face contact with other people in a shopping environment where old-fashioned bargaining can take place. This is becoming less common as more people shop on line or at retail stores with fixed prices. Some of the vendors are "middle-men" but you sometimes deal directly with the people who produced the products.
Jane	This market is huge and very nice and clean. It is a good time every weekend. We are very fortunate in the Rochester area to have such a great market. There are all kinds of produce and workers are very nice. I really like buying local produce.
Wenda	A great place for many cultured vendors to work together to provide fresh and homemade food for all cultures who come to buy from them. It is bustling, but orderly and safe, a wonderful place to gather to thank our farmers for working hard to grow all our food by buying their fresh and delicious produce. Also the best place to treat you with goodies and lovely flowers.
Thomas	Not only is it a very happening place, there is a wonderful women Public Address announcer who routinely takes boring news and makes it very funny. Things like "If your car has license plate xxxxxx, you might want to move it soon or else you should start asking someone ride home." (She is much better than me however)
abbie	Rochester Public Market is an active buzzing place where people of all ethnic groups come to shop for fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese and flowers. It is a gem in the city of Rochester.
Justin	Best sense of community available in a city with a great sense of community.
Carl	It's the best!!!!
Sally	Great food, great people, great everything!!
Brett	It always has tons of options on which stand you want your apples or veggies or clothing from! Stands are willing to work with you on prices.
Lynn	Our farmer's market is an amazing feast of both fresh and prepared foods, vegetables, meats, fruits as well as offering goods and even services such as a veggie valet service. There are old world cheese shops, Mexican prepared foods, pastry chefs, coffee houses - definitely something for every taste!
Martin	It is a lively place to visit on a Saturday morning. The food is great and the vendors are cheerful. I particularly like the International Cheese Shop where they serve a great bagel, goat cheese egg and Tuscan ham sandwich. Larry's Cheese is also a fantastic resource along with fresh fish from Global.
Mary	Longevity, providing local farmers harvest, fruits, vegetables, flowers, crafts, breads, fish, meats, Holiday events, friendship Rochester Style.
meeae	Rochester Public Market has such a great atmosphere. It brings in a diverse group of people and offers a wide selection of goods.
Brandi	You can find everything you need at the farm market. Lots of variety and great quality.
Susan	Wonderful selection of local and area produce year-round. Plus, it's a great place to meet up with friends and family on Saturday mornings!
Michael	Great selection. Runs all year. Consistent vendors and quality. A real gathering place for all people in Rochester. Extremely well organized.
Mark	The market is clean and provides our local farmers and artists with a beautiful outdoor venue.
Carolyn	The Rochester Public Market is a wonderful way to meet local working people. It's great for networking and generating new business for local business owners. They have many events for all ages. Having been a customer and a vender, overall this is a wonderful asset to our community.
Dorothy	Huge, vibrant, bustling with people from all over the world, farmers from the local area with a huge, wonderful variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers and plants, many organic, other vendors of various items, great energy, community building, music. I can buy local and get just what I am looking for. I love it!!
Susan	The Rochester Public Market is a treasure, its great entertainment in addition to money saving and good for you. We always visit when we have company from out of town and everyone loves it.
Lee	The Rochester Public Market (New York) provides a wonderful variety in produce with a strong hint of our history. The market, nestled near the railroads that once carried vital goods into and out of the city, remains a city adventure. In spring we buy our garden plants; summer brings local produce; fall includes pumpkins and later produce; winter our Christmas trees appear. This market is diverse in its people and products and truly is a treasure.
J	Diversity, Fun, Selection, Homegrown!!!
Robert N	Great produce, great people, great civility, lots of fun.
STEVEN	I HAVE BEEN GOING TO THIS MARKET ALL MY LIFE I AM 51 MY GRANDPARENTS GREW AND SOLD AT THIS MARKET IT HAS EVERYTHING ALWAYS CHEEP AND FRESH HAS TO BE THE BEST IN THE WORLD
Katharine	I love going to the Rochester Public Market because of the blend of people from all corners of the city - immigrant and established, rich and poor, nutty-crunchy and practical - everyone comes to the market. It brings people from all walks of life together like nothing else in the city.
Karon	Everything you need is there at a reasonable price
Carolyn	It is so diverse. They have the "staples" fruits, vegetables at a good price and breads and novelties. It's large enough for competitive pricing but a good size to get around. My son is in a wheel chair and it is mostly accessible for him. It combines fun and good value hunting
Abby	I love the fact that the market features seasonal activities - flowers and plants in the spring, concerts in the summer, and even in the fall and winter, the market is bustling with activity!
Jonathan	The Variety, the friendliness, the activities.
Derick	Beyond the wide variety of produce, meat, baked goods, and prepared foods, the Rochester Public Market attracts all types of people and all walks of life. It's one of the few times where you see a true mix between urban and suburban life. The Rochester Public Market is really a great example for everyone to live by; buy local and be active in your community.
Donna	The Rochester Public Market is open 3 days a week, 12 months a year. There is a huge variety of vendors - even in February (which is my favorite time to go!). Old, young, politicians, photographers, buyers, browsers, every kind of person

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	imaginable. All nationalities are welcome and mingle like a giant united nations. Excellent values and a lot of local growers in-season, and music of all kinds... and don't forget the breakfast food shops - Spanish, polish, Italian -- feels like you're on vacation! I have memories throughout my life (50+ years) of the market and it gets better every year!
Julio	No one does it better. I even get to see members in my family that I haven't got to see in a while. we are all family at the public market when u visit
Bob	Great place for breakfast on Saturday mornings, I don't have to cook :-)
Kelly	The people are wonderful, the experience is enriching, and the farmers are the warmest, most knowledgeable folks on their products!
Elaine	The Rochester Farmer's Market is truly a great time. So many different ethnic foods represented and so many great bargains! It's a gold mine for people watching and wonderful flavors and smells. The two things I miss most about Rochester are Wegman's and the Rochester Farmer's Market!
D	Freshness + reasonable prices. Friendly vendors too
Joy	It's been around forever and it's the best place I have ever been to feed the senses, the soul, and the belly. All kinds of people mix and mingle - artists to factory workers, every ethnic group imaginable - and the farmers' offerings are fantastic - from Amish pies to maple syrup to zucchini of monstrous proportions. This market even runs an indoor shed throughout our brutal winters and fills three large pavilions 3X a week in warmer months.
donna	Rochester Public Market has great vendors and produce. It's a place to meet people and have a fun shopping experience.
Toni	It is a large market that gives you plenty of fresh organic offerings at great prices. The flower market that they do on Sundays for 5wks is phenomenal. I like the location as well as the cafes, restaurants and vendors that surround the whole market. You can shop for flowers, vets, and fruit and then enjoy a coffee or breakfast at one of the many side shops. It is run very professionally and since they have increased the parking it is the place to be on Saturday mornings!
Lani	It has the best prices, the best variety and the best people.
JANE	The Market offers a wide variety of fresh produce, meats and fish, fresh flowers and crafts from local farms and businesses at prices well below supermarket or boutique. It also has several unique eateries which are perfect meeting places for breakfast, or a cup of coffee.
John	The variety of fresh food, along with the prepared foods to make a meal while I'm there. It's great to be able to get crisp local produce at good prices.
Douglas	The scope and variety of local offerings at the Rochester Public Market is truly amazing. There are very few things that you can't find here, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meats and cheeses, flowers/plants and a lot of nice people. Since discovering the Rochester Public Market my family and I love to get up early and make a morning out of it. Our 3 year old looks forward to Saturday mornings at the Market.
Sally	The Rochester Public Market is a true cultural melting pot, where you can interact with people from all walks of life from newly arrived refugees to high level professionals. The produce and goods sold there are of the highest quality, and merchants and customers alike have great spirit and camaraderie. Going there each Saturday morning is one of the high points of my weekend!
Amy	Our Market has been a great source of local products for so many years. It's been around significantly longer than I or my parents have been alive. The fact that it has lasted as long as it has shows just how much pride our area has and how many great local farmers and other product sellers that we have. It has expanded to include some great local eateries and the most amazing European Cheese shop EVER! It is a weekly staple for my family to go every Saturday morning and pick up our weekly produce and enjoy the sites and sounds of the Market.
J	The public market is a gem. The selection and prices are superb...fresh produce...we love the cheese shop...the vendors...musicians...food stalls...even wine testing one Saturday morning!
Judy	We have the best group of farmers around. It is open all year. IT is a great place to meet friends and shop.
Marc	Its best...have gone there my entire life!
Tracy	Huge variety of foods and products available!
Nicole	I just love all of the fresh vegetables that our region has to offer. Not to mention, meats, homemade pastas and bread! It just makes my Saturday!!!
Caren	Rochester's City Farm Market is the best around. It is like no other! The fresh produce, great deals, long lasting. Also not to mention all the other things you can get at the market. Great purses, jewelry, bake goods, fresh cooked food. All vendors are friendly and get to know you as a customer.
Ginny	I have been going to this market for over 30 years now. I get good quality fruits and veggies at prices well below the supermarket prices. The Public market also has many small eateries on ground which enhances the experience of going there. The variety of items sold there are expansive. Not only food items but also gadgets of every kind, and nuts, cheese, fish and meats. And it is open all year long. It is also used by many local schools for field trips to teach them the value of money and how to get the most for the least amount.
Linda	The produce is the freshest and prettiest. The vendors are knowledgeable and location is easily accessible. Love it!
Cristen	I love the Public Market because you can get so much fantastic, locally grown produce for cheap! I also love that they have local honey, flowers, breads and bagels, and meat. There's even a fish market!
Anita	It has a variety of fruits & vegetables and other wares, prices are great and saves us a bundle so we can eat healthy- strive for 5 fruits & vegetable servings per day, it has many events, concerts, garage sales, and flower & plant sales and holiday sales in December. We have an 87yr old father-in-law & we can purchase fresh polish sausage that is made like his family used to make. The hours are convenient and I stop on my way to work during the week to save on gas -so I don't have to travel there on the weekend
Jennifer	Great atmosphere where you can find veggies, produce and plants that is locally grown. Rochester is the hometown of Wegman's and it great to know that there is a venue that has been able to exist and thrive instead of being devour by the big box competition.
Caren	It's always an adventure.
Rachel	lots of great food, location,
Roberta	It has everything from fruits and vegetables to clothes, baked goods, cheeses and breads,etc. It has atmosphere with the vendors and people of all races and nationalities...a fun place to shop
Marlene	Earlier I voted for Rochester's West side market since it was the only market showing as an option to vote for a Rochester Farmers Market. I now realize that there was a mistake in navigation of your site to bring up the proper Market for voting. Please see my "Why" comments provided to you for the West Side Farmers Market in Rochester, NY. Those comments need to be submitted for The City of Rochester's Farmers Market shown here. Please correct my vote. Thanks!!
Cindy	Locally grown produce are the best around...our farmers put lots of love and care into their produce, there is always a huge selection and everyone is friendly and cheery -- even first thing in the morning.
Mary Lynn	Support our great local farmers!
Sandy	It is a great place filled with great people and great vendors all months of the year. You can go on a Saturday when it is 20 degrees in the winter and get food to buy and food to eat. Skip a few months and the temperature can be 90 and you can get the same great food and a great breakfast sandwich to match. We welcome anyone to come and visit us anytime. Sandy
Jan	Vegetables are fresh...price is affordable, but the real reason is because it is a cultural experience!!
Donna	Great atmosphere. A wide variety of vendors. A great variety of patrons. Easy access. A wide choice of eateries and of course the best coffee house ever - Java Joes with a wide selection of imported coffees at a great price! Excellent way to

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	spend Saturday morning with family or friends.
Joseph D.	Our market is a melting pot for our community. People from all over our area come together to purchase goods, meet and possibly make new friends, and purchase the produce/goods from our local farmers. A sense of pride and community can be felt as you stroll through our market. If we could only continue this through our everyday life our small part of this glorious country could be an even more wonderful place to live!
Donna	Great atmosphere. A wide variety of vendors. A great variety of patrons. Easy access. A wide choice of eateries and of course the best coffee house ever - Java Joes with a wide selection of imported coffees at a great price! Excellent way to spend Saturday morning with family or friends.
David	Fantastic market with great vibe because of diversity of buyers, sellers, and products.
Zeke	The amount of vendors and food diversity. The cultural diversity and importance felt within the market. Entertaining activities for little children. Musical performances ranging from side street musicians to a jam packed public event. Their Vertical garden, and the history behind the public market as a center for agriculture in the City of Rochester
Jim	diverse farmers and shoppers vibrant atmosphere great selection of local fruits and vegetables reasonable prices
Sandy	It's a true melting pot of cultures and a great place for fresh food. For a senior citizen like me it's an important part of my food budget and the fact they accept food stamps helps tremendously. Thank you Rochester Public Market pHs we need a bench at the bus stop, that fence gets hard to sit on waiting for the bus.
Jen	Local food, local ethnic cuisine, cheese, pastry, flowers, seafood, I don't know anyone who doesn't look forward to Saturday morning at the market!!! Some vendors take EBT so people who are on assistance can enjoy fresh local food as well. If I have been away from the Rochester area for a while I make sure the market is in my schedule of to do's. Mass farming of some products is ruining the land. "Smaller" local farmers are able to rotate crops more appropriately to keep the land fertile.
Sara	Culinary culture and community spirit makes shopping not only inexpensive but fun!
peter	Every time My Daughter visits from Virginia they want to visit our market for breakfast (usually Empanadas) and to stroll and look.
Linda	This market has several local farmers displaying there products, as well as other items such as cheeses, meats, breads, etc. The produce is very fresh and the prices are reasonable. Also, the atmosphere is friendly, safe and enjoyable!
Georgianna	It provides a wide variety of produce and other goods for sale at reasonable prices. It provides a forum for local businesses and entrepreneur's the opportunity to market and sell their commodities to the community. It brings people of different cultures, ethnicity, and backgrounds together in a central and convenient location. It has a history of providing long time service and commitment to the City of Rochester and surrounding communities
Greg	It has everything!
Lori	It has valuable fruits and vegetables from our community which make it a good place to get healthy foods at a great price. It also is set up as a community place to gather and exchange ideas.
Josephine	I love the Rochester public market; because it helps local farm growers and owners .Everything is so FRESH!!!
Alex	Great selection and the prices are fair. Plus supporting our local growers adds to the sense of community.
Christopher	The Rochester Market has everything you could need. It's a melting pot of city and suburban folks and has persevered through the years, thriving, and continuing to grow.
Tim	wide variety of reasonably priced products available, friendly - clean - safe, decent parking
Jessica	This market can replace supermarkets! Fresh produce, meats, cheeses, prepared goods, all year long! Sense of community and all local!
Anni	The Rochester Public Market offers the widest and freshest variety of produce, seafood, meat, cheeses, flowers, etc... The greatest prices around! I wouldn't give up going to the Rochester Public Market for the best grocery store around. I love supporting all my local farmers!!
Joan	Selection, atmosphere, freshness, friendliness, place to meet your friends, negotiation, parking, location, abundance, love the different colors of the produce, the earth sustains us
Janis	It's one of the oldest and is absolutely wonderful. It is a meeting place for all.
Alan	Outstanding cultural experience; direct contact with and support of the folks who grow what we eat; great variety; great prices. As a local restaurant's radio commercials used to say, "Chickens and parts, and chickens of all parts."
Pattie	Great variety of products and events.
HC	It has everything! I love to go w/ my mother and my 18 month old son and just take it all in. Whether I have a list or just going for a cup of coffee, it's always a great time. I also really enjoy supporting the local farmers and getting really fresh stuff.
William	Great vendors, wonderful selection, lots of fun and friendly folks.
sharyn	The mix of cultures, ages, social/economic backgrounds are like an outdoor classroom! Everyone becomes everyone else's best friend at the market. Dickering for a better price with a smile on each one's face is just priceless. It always brings me back to a gentler time and place every time I go the Rochester Public Market. My grandmother brought me to it as a child, and I brought my kids. Now, my kids are older, and they have made it part of their weekly food shopping routine! Who doesn't love the smell of fresh basil, the feel of a perfectly ripened melon, the taste of a juicy, fresh picked tomato, the sounds of people greeting their neighbors and new friends surrounded by the sight of fresh produce and flowers?
Mary Beth	Great coffee, great smells, busy, fabulous groceries and meats - locally grown veggies and fruits. beautiful flowers all year, band-on-the-bricks on Friday nights at the markets - gospel singers some Sundays
Wendy	Amazing!
Elvis	The atmosphere! People of all colors and race are there to get their fruits and veggies. Not wondering why this race or that race is here. We all shop to get our bargains and love to hear the sounds of sellers, buyers, and visitors. This place always starts my weekend off on a great foot!
Gianniny	It is large enough to attract a lot of people to support a lot of vendors which creates a lot of choice. I love getting fresh local food when it is in season from the person who grew it. I like talking to the farmers and asking them questions. I get my feta from a little Greek man. His wife's baklava is the best. I buy my soap from a mom trying to work from home. I get gourmet pasta and recipes to go with. When I have to give hostess gifts, they are always "market baskets" with some of my favorite local items. It is my Saturday routine. I meet friends and we have breakfast at the Puerto Rican Bakery. Coffee from Java's. On my way out there is always a visit to the Caramel lady. BEST caramels in the world!
Paul	We do most of our shopping at the market. We go every Saturday, all year long. We shop, and then spend 2-3 hours at the coffee shop with friends. We sip coffee and tea, we chat. Than some people are dispatched to go get breakfast/lunch from different vendors. Then, we eat and drink more coffee and chat some more. Every week new people join our group and our table is often covered with all kinds of food. The Rochester Public Market is not only our favorite place to shop, it is the center of our social life.
Richard	Being one of the oldest markets in the USA with continuous service. There has been a steady improvement in the market over the past five years and more is planned that will modernize and upgrade the facility. Many activities being held throughout the year, like music concerts, flea markets, seasonal special events and much more.
Steve	All kinds of great deals at usually half the price of the supermarket! Great people and open year round.
Marie	I have been going there since I was very young. My parents who came from Europe always went there. The variety, the smells, the people, fresh product at a very reasonable price. But most of all you meet the people who grow the local

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	produce. Salt of the earth. You have your favorites for potatoes and onions and so on. It is a great experience and I just love going. Plus when I was learning how to drive in my brother's 1961 VW Bug this was the best place to go to when no one was there because it was large and bumpy and made for a great memory. It brings suburbanites to the heart of the city and that proves how wonderful it is. Banana, Banana, banana, buck buck, buck is a catchy sound heard at the end of Shed B.
Shawn	The market here in Rochester has been around for over a century, in that time it has served every generation of my family and every year it brings something new and amazing. Every one in our family who comes to visit from out of town says that the Rochester market is the best one that they have seen and we have family from all over including San Diego and Hartford. The place is just amazing.
Kat	Been here for at least 175 years, providing city residents with superb local produce from friendly local vendors. Used to come with my mother when I was a kid. Now, my husband and I still come every week!
Essie	Have you ever been to Rochester's Public Market? If not you should go just for the experience. There is something there for everyone. Great food, mixture of young & old, fresh fruits/vegetables. Neat items you will only find at the Market.
Emma	The Rochester market has a wide variety of goods, and it's very easy to navigate!
William	I have been going to the market since I was a child and still love it
Mary	Being part of a community feeling
Robert	I find the Rochester Public Market to be more than just a place to buy local produce. It's a "destination" unto itself. A trip to the market Saturday mornings quickly can quickly become a family outing and tradition, no matter what the season.
Karen	The variety and diversity of what is offered. The quality can not be compared to any other market in the region. The products/produce meats etc are always the freshest and the best the region has to offer. The atmosphere is always fun and friendly.
Sharon	There is so much to see and buy at the Rochester Public Market; it's like going to the fair every Saturday morning. There are many street musicians, some good, some bad but it all works. You can start out with breakfast, after that buy your fruits and vegetables, fish, meat, bread, desserts, etc., and many items of clothing. Everyone is in a good mood and friendly. There are many different cultures and languages at the market that is what makes it so great, everyone gets along. The prices are right, the atmosphere and people are great and I love the Rochester Public Market.
Al	A center city location brings all city and town folk together. It's a lively environment with great aromas. Many local farmers sell fresh, local produce at great prices.
Karen	It's a wonderful local melting place for all kinds of people to come together to get great; fresh produce at a reasonable price. It's cultural, friendly and full of life.
Maribel	Great selection and great atmosphere. Fun for the whole family
Joanne	I live in Colorado Springs, CO and my hometown is Rochester, NY...I so miss the Rochester Public Market as there are no "public markets" in Colorado Springs but local fruit/vegetable stands! There's NOTHING like the market in Rochester....MISS it so much!!
ISABELLE	My great grandmother, grandmother, mother, and I, all shopped there. It's a wonderful place to get fresh vegetables and soooo much more. Love it!
Deborah	The Rochester Public Market is awesome. The fruits and vegetables are always fresh. You can't beat the prices and not only do they have produced but you can find anything there from pastries to your favorite kitchen gadget that you've been looking all over the city for. And do not forget Zimmerman's for breakfast or lunch. They have yummy breakfast sandwiches or the Hots and Hamburgs either (cooked just how you like them). My husband and I go for the goods or sometimes we go just for the people watching.
Donna	One of the oldest and best-worth the trip. Rochester's Public Market has a wonderful assortment of LOCAL produce and goods, and it's always nice to buy directly from the growers.
Donna	They have the fresh produce around there prices are awesome; The Free bands they have in the summer are great!!! Fruits, meat & poultry Great of love our market just loves it!!!
Mary	Delightful melting pot of flavors, food and people -- and fresh and delicious beside.
Phylcia	The food is fabulous and cheap and there's a wide variety of products
Roger	The Rochester Public market provides us a weekly routine of shopping for meats, baked goods, fruits and vegetables, garden plants and even some clothes items in an old fashioned farm market setting in the middle of the city. Many languages are spoken by a diverse set of shoppers, which adds to the experience.
Janice	They have it all! Great quality food, products, plants, etc. for a deal!
Debbie	This is THE place to be on a Saturday morning. You can get the best breakfast sandwich ever, shop for the freshest produce, the best pasta, great pastries, meet all your friends, make fun of the funny mutilations of the English language on the knick-knacks, enjoy a great cup of coffee, and not spend 10 arms and a leg!!!
Rose Marie	Commute is easy. Vendors are friendly. Variety is abundant.
Tim	I remember as a young boy being excited to go to the market with my grandfather to see all the farm-fresh fruits, vegetables and animals for sale. Now, some 50 years later, my father and I enjoy our Saturday excursions, visiting with our favorite vendors, filling our carts with fruits, vegetables, cheeses, plants, herbs and spices, etc. and meeting up with friends.
Mary Louise	Great food, great prices, funky atmosphere
Sylvan	This market is filled with great people, great food, and great to bike to for your weekly groceries.
Donald	great people and prices
Neil	It simply has it all
Rita	The Rochester Public Market should be one of America's Favorite Markets because it is a place to meet and greet people from all over the world. The diversity of the shoppers and vendors images the diversity of products available. The fresh fruits and vegetables at a reasonable price are the main attraction for me. I love everything about this market: the smells, the sights; people's faces, the crowds. It is just fun to be there and we are lucky to have it in Rochester. Sister Rita Jongen
Reggie	Greatest people-watching event of all time. The diversity of customers, products, food stands... One visit to Rochester's Public Market and it is evident that is not a normal experience but an extraordinary one.
Thomas	Plentiful local produce during the growing season, locally produced baked goods and meats year round, real community atmosphere, merchants you can get to know on a first name basis.
Wendy	The Rochester Public market has excellent produce and hand made goods. The variety from local farmers is evident when you walk through the market. There is plenty of parking and it is conveniently located. In addition, they offer weekly concerts during the summer with vendors available for shopping during the evening hours.
Sandra	We've been enjoying the Rochester Public Market for Years!! It is a wonderful way to support locally grown produce, the farmers that grow it and also folks that have arts and crafts at the market! PLUS it is an awesome way to spend a Saturday morning. I love all the wonderful fruits and vegetables I bring home, talking to the farmers and supporting their hard work.
Michelle	It has all kinds of special products / produce and it is easy to get too especially for folks w/o a car.

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Fred	Great people, great produce, great location...
DONALD	IT HAS A WONDERFUL ASSORTMENT OF VENDORS AND DRAWS A VERY DIVERSE CROWD OF PATRONS!
Lisa	Because you think of a time without it then I remember a sad time when it was not this vibrant and valued and now delighted that I am actually voting because of how great it is for so many!
Janet	I have been attending this market on Saturdays since I was a child (I'm now 48 years old), and am totally addicted to the experience. It's the people who MAKE this market so special...There is the guy who sells garlic with the strong Sicilian accent and the young couple trying to start up a homemade donut business. I love the family that sells really fresh homemade pastas (along with restaurant-quality recipes to accompany each "flavor" of pasta). I often stop at a cart with an umbrella for my favorite breakfast sandwich made with outstanding, chewy bread and fresh artichoke hearts, egg and cheese. I never stray from my loyalty to the same man who sells corn every year...he is missing several front teeth and is easily recognizable and sells THE sweetest corn I've ever had. I like to photograph the colors of fresh vegetables and fruit to use for my drawings and paintings. Just some of the many memories and thoughts I have about our wonderful Public Market here in Rochester.
Teresa	Love the great seasonal produce and the variety of people drawn to it. Love to have a coffee and breakfast while at the market.
Luanne	Aside from the great selection of produce and wares. The Veggie Valets are there to help you carry items to your car, so that 20lb bag of potatoes you bought at the farthest end of the market is a breeze to get to your car. The market personnel also work hard to bring special events such as Flower City Days, Flea Markets, and Bands on the Bricks, etc...
arnie	Great choices, great food great fun place to be
Kathy	It has EVERYTHING.....fresh produce to fill your tummy AND a wide variety of other items including clothes, knives, spices, meats, fish, etc. All fresh and fabulous! The "crowd" of folks who frequent the market make it a multi-cultural experience. It's a fantastic market; with wonderful products and people.... this makes it a totally delightful experience! Way to Go Rochester!
FRANCIS	THE FOOD , THE EMPANADAS ARE AMAZING , THE CORN & STRAWBERRY'S ARE GREAT & ALL THE FRESH MEAT
inna	It's the best. has a lot of selection
Nancy	Great food, great prices. Awesome atmosphere.
Gail	It is open year round, has a wonderful variety of foods and goods, and is VERY reasonable.
Bob	Best selection, year round, great vendors, location have lots of interest.
Richard	It's open year round & all the vendors are super friendly.
Tessa	The City of Rochester Public Market is in a central location, offering a variety of local options for those in rural, suburban, and especially the urban area where consistent fresh produce and healthy foods are difficult to come by. The public market also supports local businesses and the local economy, brings the community together, and provides activities and events for all ages.
Beth	I recently started going to the Rochester farmer's market and have now become a regular, I have lived here for 25 years and never went and now I'm hooked. It is sooooo much cheaper and fresher than going to the grocery store.
David	A blend of local farmers and young food entrepreneurs. A great venue for young and old to learn about local agricultural wonders including the sweetest corn, very strong garlic, and hearth baked breads.
Michael	While our local supermarket chain (Wegmans) does a great job of bringing in locally grown produce, there are so many aspects to our regional agriculture in Western New York. The Rochester Public Market is an amazing place to meet directly with the growers and producers, and to save money as well. I've thought about joining a CSA coop but haven't really felt the need. The public market is an amazing resource to our entire region.
Megan	Because it is a fun place to visit on a summer Saturday morning! Great food, people, and prices!
Paul	Fruits, vegetables, Java Joe's and Zimmerman's - do you need any other reasons?
Carol	It's open all year round. The food is fresh. It's fun to shop there, you never know what you are going to find.
Ann-Marie	I LOVE the Public Market...have been a fan and have been singing its praises for years!! As someone who loves to garden but has a teeny yard, I could never grow all the fab things I get at the market...and the prices blow the local grocery stores away. Even when I don't have a menu "plan" for the week or a shopping list...I still go...and those are the weeks I come home with even more goodies!! Rochester Public Market is THE BEST!!!
Jim	Best breakfast sandwich in the world at Scotts!
Lynne	Wonderful diverse market! Fantastic local produce & foods. Also year round shopping & special events including Flower City Days in May, Christmas craft & trees for the holidays, as well as free concerts in the summer featuring local artists. I love our Market!
Joann	Because it brings in farmers both close by and further away with fresh produce, etc. And it was there when I was growing up and my Dad would go there every Saturday and bring home chickens for me to clean for my mom to make soup, fresh cold cuts and much more. We used to get our Christmas trees there every year for Christmas and they lasted a long time
Tom	It's open year round with over 100" of snow in the winter. Can shop there for all your produce,meat,cheeses, and coffees Free concerts there on Fri. Nites "Party on the Bricks"
Kathryn	Our market has thrived over the past 80+ years, grows each year, and has added additional parking to accommodate so many more people. Off season, it continues to offer food, local crafts, plants, holiday items. It is a downtown hub bringing a diversity of life together!
Dave	Fabulous place - great selection, serves lots of people!
Deborah	Open year round. Wonderful cross section of folks selling and buying.
Steven	The sheer variety offered at the Rochester Public Market is the reason why they get my vote. My family shops there every week for all of our produce and meat. Saturdays at the market have become a tradition for us.
Cee	Well organized, has great products. Has Flower Days, seasonal products, Sunday garage sales. Shop and then eat at one of the food restaurants on the way out. Great Breakfast! Dedicated vendors who get up and set up in the middle of the night. Lots of fun!
Amy	I can always find what I'm looking for; it's a one stop shop!
Cee	Well organized, has great products. Has flower days, seasonal products, Sunday garage sales. Shop and then eat at one of the food restaurants on the way out. Great Breakfast! Dedicated vendors who get up and set up in the middle of the night. Lots of fun!
don	My kids love the police horses there. They are very friendly and the officers even let you pet the horses. Sometimes they give out police stickers for the kids. The atmosphere and people are great!
Susan	Friendly, fresh, familiar, wholesome, and fairly priced!
Gregory	It has the best selection of produce at great prices; the people are great; and awesome people watching!!!!
J.M.Arnold	Old and authentic. Slice of America.

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Barbara	Produce is fresh, reasonably priced, vendors are friendly, place is clean and bustling with excitement.
Rick	This old market draws people of all ages, cultures, and statures of life. It's always extremely crowded and truly a cultural experience. The ability to buy directly from the farmer gives you a true appreciation of the labor involved in bring the produce to market.
Lauren	Diversity of produce and people alike :) look forward to it weekly
Nancy	The best time to visit the Rochester Public Market is in December, just before Christmas. I like to buy my wreaths and garlands--they also have the best lined wool mittens for only ten dollars.
Lori	Good selection of fresh fruit and vegetables and great prices and a wide variety of items they sell
Judy	Endless variety. Friendly vendors.
Paul	I have been to markets all over the country and ours is by far the best that I have seen. There has been a growing Locavore movement over the last 5-10 years and the Rochester Public Market has allowed it to not only flourish, but grow and thrive. We can eat just about anything and have it originate from within 100 miles, and in most cases, even closer. It is a vivacious, thriving, and diverse market where people from all socio-economic groups come together, mingle, chat, share bargains, recipes, and stories. There are ethnic foods to be had from every corner of the globe, fresh roasted coffee, the best darned cheese shop anywhere, specialty olive oils, and vinegars, sourdough breads, cured sausages, and more. It is absolutely THE place to be on Saturday mornings, and it is not too bad a place on Tuesdays and Thursdays wither.
Tracy	They provide the city with homegrown fruits and vegetables all grown at local farms at amazing prices.
Erin	It has a great selection representing local farms, the flowers are beautiful and the people friendly. I go every Sat no matter what my schedule.
Jillian	Variety of fresh fruits, veggies, and meats. Atmosphere is wonderful. The history of the marker is amazing
Abigail	It has affordable local produce, cafes for morning coffee, and delicious breakfast sandwiches. It's the best place to go on a Saturday morning, hands down. I like knowing where my food comes from!
Catherine	It has everything! Including history...
Francis	It has been a community asset for many years. MY grandparents shopped there and now I bring my grand kids there to shop. My favorite time is the early fall still summer veg plus fall apples,
Alan	First, it's clearly very important to the Rochester NY area both for vendors and consumers and has been since the early part of the last century. This area boasts a lot of surrounding farmland and the market provides farmers a great outlet and customers a great way to buy fresh local products. This market will only increase in value as more and more people turn into locavores. By the way, the market attracts two million visitors a year!
Eric	High quality produce and specialty foods in a clean environment with an excellent atmosphere.
Kim	Freshness, variety, atmosphere, friendly farmers, price. It's the whole package from fruits and veggies to plants and flowers. Also included are some clothes, candles and incense, cheese, homemade honey and much more.
Greg	Great selection of growers and vendors. It's a family place and festive.
mike	They have everything there and all of the vendors I have bought from were super nice!
Dylan	It's the best! So Fresh So Clean Clean!
Caroline	It has been a favorite shopping experience since I was a child.
Barbara	Why I love the Rochester Public it's my childhood .I lived on 4th St. I went to the market all the time, at Christmas my dad brother & sisters would walk there to get our tree. I love it today!!! Go all the time the farmers, people, the food great place to be!!!
J	variety, friendly, great fresh produce and fish, well run
Amy	Awesome produce! Awesome prices! Awesome opportunity for those of us on WIC and EBT! As an organic beekeeper, this market ROCKS!
Elizabeth	It's close, it's HUGE, & it's very very diverse.
Gail	Our market is the most diverse place in our city. The old world feel and prices can still be seen there. It may be crowded but that is part of its charm. I encourage everyone to visit our market and enjoy a bit of the old world combined with the modern.
Larry A.	Fresh produce, one top shopping, friendly, great place to go on a Saturday morning. Seasonal products. Should be open more.
Mark	Great diversity of produce, products, people and special events in an architecturally interesting environment The Rochester Public Market still delivers the traditional farmer's market experience updated with a contemporary urban twist.
Chris	Huge selection of fresh produce at a great price.
Anne	Provides a variety of local fresh produce. Rochester area buyers are offered great products by great growers!!!!
Kathy	Long history, people across the entire income, racial and ethnic spectrum come together to shop there, lots of special events ranging from health screenings to family garage sales help the lovely space do double and triple duty in addition to selling fruits and vegetables; best market in NY State in use of food stamps to buy food. Lots of good food stands. Great place.
Sue	They have everything you need. Why go to an overpriced grocery store.
Catharine	Tremendous selection of locally grown fresh produce and other food items, increasing selections of organic items, incredible seasonal promotions including spring garden plants, Christmas and holiday items. Plus unusual cheeses, olive oils & vinegars, fresh made pasta, fresh roasted coffee, baked goods. The vendors are friendly and a pleasure to du business with. Just an incredible experience and great savings too!!!!
jacob	They have the best selection of the freshest fruits and veg. The vendors are knowledgeable and the prices are right.
Laurie	It's the only one I've been to and You just have to vote for the home team.
Margarita	Our Market serves those people that can't afford the high prices of big box stores. It is also very ethnically diverse I love going there because of all the different foods and people you find.
D'Nita	It is one of the greatest markets in Rochester, NY. You can find any and everything you need. Always cheerful people. Great prices. Love to shop there.
Nancy	It brings people together from all over the county.
Theresa	Rochester Public Market is a combination of local farm grown fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, seafood, cheeses, and assorted other household products. It's a local gathering place for enjoying talking politics, or being entertained by some of the best local talent, as well as sampling the various Imported International cheeses and coffee at the small shops and restaurants. It is full of people on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays looking for the freshest, largest variety of produce the area has to offer, which also may be looking to enjoy the best prices to be found.
Carol Ann	I have a special place in my heart for the Rochester Public Market. As a little girl I went and had hot chocolate and a donut with my Grampa and the other farmers every Thursday morning in the summer before we went on Grampa's egg route around the city. I was his "helper". I felt very important and had an absolute ball.

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Frank	The market is a compilation of international charm. It is a meeting place, a gathering place. It is a place where multi-cultures from all walks of life and social status come together. I come here weekly to meet friends and shop the fresh produce at reasonable prices.
Cherron	I love the market, you get fresh fruit and vegetables and lot of other great stuff at the market. Rochester Public is the best market. Keep up the good work.
Patty	They always have great fresh produce, plus everything else! Meats, chesses, breads, coffee, tea. Plus it's a great value to shop there.
Tonya	There is a vast variety of fresh vegetables that you can buy there. The people are friendly and they don't mind telling you about what you can use the product for if you have never used it before. There are also so many other things that you can buy there, heck I wish they were open all year long.
Ethan	Great variety and huge!!
Nancy	It has everything you want and more. Fresh food.
Charles	Outstanding fresh vegetables from local farmers organized in a welcoming way.
Enza	The products sold and the freshness of it's product from our near by farmers.
David	Huge variety of local goods available.
Carole	Rochester Public Market means family time for me! Our family goes to support local farmers, be about of the community and its long history in Rochester. My kids love going (4 boys!)And we like to share egg sandwiches when we go! Love live the Rochester Public Market!
Jessica	It's a great market to find inexpensive and fresh homegrown fruits and vegetables. Plus, many other foods and spices.
Rosie	Variety is the spice of life and our market has it all; wonderful produce - locally grown, excellent prices and a real sense of community.
Denise	It's my Saturday morning tradition. The variety is the best around. Great produce, the people are great.
David	Waking up early and finding fresh local fruits and vegetables is a family tradition.
David	I like the fresh food we get at the Public Market.
Cynthia	Fresh produce and early birds are US!
Carmen	Great farmers and merchants of all nationalities gather here to sell their goods. Besides the produce, you find unique gifts. You can buy items for dinner with friends and a new dress to wear at the same time! No Wal-Mart needed here.
Christine	It is open 3 days a week. You can buy everything from soup to nuts...literally! My husband and I start with a breakfast sandwich at Scott's a family run grill place (outdoors) and open year round. I hear they make phenomenal ribs too. They start the grill at 6:00 A.M. I purchase all of my produce there, and if our grandson is with us, he can find some little treasure or toy for a dollar or two. I recently bought sundresses for \$6.00 for everyone in my family!
Lynn	Great variety of foods and people. fun
Carolie	Best Mother's Day geraniums ever! Twice as big, and twice as bright. Almost last till Thanksgiving.
Lona	I live in the country, and the diversity of people and cultures that show up just put me in a different world. I like to shop, but also to enjoy watching everyone interact.
Sonia	Rochester Public MARKET SHOULD BE VOTED NUMBER ONE BECAUSE IT HAS VARITY OF FRUIT FROM DIFFERNET CULTURES.A PLACE WHERE ALL KIND OF CULTURE COME TOGETHER AND SHARE.IT HAS ALL KIND ACTIVITY OCURRUNG IN THE SUMMER FOR THE PEOPLE IT JUST AWESOME ONE OF A KIND.
David	Well run, clean, provides a wide range of fresh food at prices the super stores can't match. I enjoy talking to the farmers about their products
Frank	Great selection of products, open all year, friendly helpful vendors.
Barbara	1. Good food and product selection. 2. Great prices for people on a budget. 3. Great vendors, very knowledgeable. 4. Fun family entertainment. 5. Convenient to get to.
Laura	Its diversity and reliable quality. There is a little bit of everything, and the quality is always good! Best of the Best!
Richard	Many venues that change with the season. Open year round. It's local and fresh!
Sarah	Our Public Market has, hands down, the best produce, the most selections, and the friendliest, most informative vendors. You can actually make a day out of visiting it. My children love going as well. We've had the opportunity to visit it as a school field trip as well and learned so much about its history and the history of our wonderful city!
Sharon	It is an amazing, eclectic environment offering a myriad of choices to people of all ages. It's like a homecoming celebration every weekend.
Susan	The Rochester Public Market has everything! The freshest fruits and vegetables, fabulous flowers, heavenly baked goods, and most of all hardworking, knowledgeable people. It's a great place to go year round.
Lawrence	Our market has many fresh fruits and vegetables when they are in season. It also has other fruits and vegetables from other areas when fresh items are not available locally. The prices are low. The market is convenient for us. There are many other great products for sale also like cheese and coffee. I also see many people I know. The products are plentiful and low priced with a high quality. I've been going since I was a child. I love to go and support our local farmers!
Mary	It's huge! It's noisy and it attracts a real melting pot of consumers. The prices are pretty good, too. You can get just about anything you may be looking for from fresh produce to spices to jewelry, clothing, wine, flowers, prepared food, etc. An all around great place to spend time and money!
Nancy	The atmosphere, the variety of food, the variety of shoppers, the smells and colors of the fresh fruits and vegetables. I feel energized when I go to the market. And of course, the food tastes great!!
Jeffrey	I have been all over the east coast and live near Baltimore now. I have been to the Lexington Market and a few of the others and they just don't compare. The Rochester Market also has cultural events, holiday shopping as well as different special days though the year. A one of a kind Market. The local growers can really sell to the public here.
Lawrence	I shop there almost every week - rain or shine - summer - winter, makes no difference. The value I receive there is always worth the trip. The farmers and merchants are always warm and friendly. The products are always fresh and of good quality. It's always worth my early trips there. Our family saves a good deal of money there. We would like to thank them for their service to us.
Terra	The Rochester Public Market has enjoyed continued operation at its current location for over 100 years. It is not only a source for farm-direct products, but is also a multi-generational and multi-ethnic community hub. Most Rochestarians have childhood memories of visiting the Market with grandparents, as I do. As an adult we visit 2-4 times per month, year round. It is comforting to meet the farmer and realize that the lettuce/tomato/pepper, etc, we're buying was likely picked locally within the last 12 hours (or less). The "experiment" of eating locally is possible with the Rochester Public Market! We buy our fruits, vegetables, bread, cheeses, olive oil, meats, desserts, socks, purses, dresses, Christmas tree, annuals & perennials, artwork, soap, shea butter, honey, coffee, breakfast...I could go on and ON! We support local farmers and local small business as well. Also, the Rochester Public Market is a wonderful resource for true organic and pasture-fed meats, poultry and eggs. It is an omnivore's Mecca, a true Rochester experience and an American legacy.
Rachel	Our market has been the place to go Saturday mornings for produce you know will be fresh. I wait all week to go the public market.

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Philip	Large amount of vendors with a wide variety of locally grown produce.
Phyllis	Centrally located, large selection of excellent quality food. It's just fun to walk around and enjoy this truly local treasure.
Karin	There is a large variety of vendors at this market; flowers, fruits, vegetables, cheese, baked goods and meats to name just a few. It is an ones stop shop. I can go there and buy everything I need for dinner. All the vendors are friendly and willing to share cooking tips as well. There is so much diversity brought together in one location on a Saturday.
Noreen	It is a quaint market in the middle of the city with the best empanada shop anywhere. Even in the winter there are lots of fresh fruits, vegetables, and seafood available. It is our weekly trip for vegs.
Cynthia	You can find an abundance of quality produce and prices that put the grocery store prices to shame and it's all fresh. In addition to produce there are delicious cheeses, fish, meats, assorted bakery items and the crème ad la crème is that you can find beautiful dresses for just 10.00! One summer I bought a new dress every week. Our public market selections rival America's "Favorite Mart" in the variety of items and discounted prices. In these tough economic times it is a Godsend.
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Anna	It's easily accessible, in the heart of the city, and it offers a huge selection of local produce and other products; it's a social gathering, a place where everyone from all over the county goes shopping.
Matthew	The diversity of food, people, and farms makes for an amazing experience.
Becky	I have been going to the market since I was a child and now I am 52. It is the best because it supports all the local farmers in the area. Our local farmers are important to this region because they supply us with fresh local grown products at lower prices. It is always crowded with venders and people from all over the Rochester area. It is a great way for everyone in the area to show their support for a long tradition of farming by shopping at the public market. Fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, organic, fish, meat, bread, pasties, herbs, poultry and much more are available. It's great because it's a diverse crowd of shoppers. Young old and all ethnic groups. We love it.
Francine	Produce is the best in the county--always fresh and the farmers are friendly and helpful. I have been going there over 60 years--started with my grandparents as a child as the place to shop on Saturdays It also has become meeting place for old neighbors reconnecting after moving out of the neighborhood, it if FUN.
Melanie	It's a terrific place! Great range of reasonably priced, excellent quality produces, as well as other items. Wonderful atmosphere - you see people of all different ethnic backgrounds and hear their languages. There are some interesting bakeries, coffee bars and other food vendors on the edges of the market. The vendors are interesting and often entertaining to talk to. The market is clean (including restroom bldg.) and has an ATM. There are interesting special events when it's not winter - and arts and crafts show, concerts, restaurant food tastings, etc. etc. What more could you ask for?! :)
Erin	I love the local fruit and vegetables!! GO Rochester!
Sheena	They have a wide variety of products and they are all of the best quality.
Dean	Even in the dead of winter I can go @ 5AM on Saturdays and there will be vendors outside selling their produce. Committed sellers, excellent prices and Fantastic food from baked goods to seafood.
Joe	It is a year-round market with a fabulous selection. In season produce is local and fresh. Not only produce is available but also things such as bread, meat, fish, cheese, or flowers) plants and cut) to mention a few. It is convenient to the city and surrounding suburbs. So selection, price, and regional products make this a frequent destination.
Arlene	The farmers and the customers come from all walks of life and make a beautiful rainbow of color along with all the wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables.
Diane	It has been in existence for many years and offers a huge variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers as well as other goods such as meats and crafts.
Megan	I LOVE the farmers market! I try to get there every week throughout the year to make sure that my family is eating lots of fruits and veggies and to support local farmers. I try to eat as much organic food as I can and I love being able to directly interact with the vendors to discuss growing practices and their farms. I have a favorite vendor ho raises organic meat and poultry and am the only place we get out Italian sausage, eggs and beef.
Lindsay	The Public Market in Rochester, NY is an amazing place to be! When you're approaching the market you can just feel the liveliness and heart of the people who are in it. Everyone in there is so friendly and dedicated. The farmers are the one thing in America that keep our tradition and true spirit running and the Rochester Farmer's Market does not run short of doing so. Not only do they provide Rochester with the freshest and bountiful of produce, but they make you feel very welcome and definitely don't try to ask for more than they need. Rochester's Public Farmer's Market is by far the BEST place on earth!!
Paul	The Public Market has a tremendous amount of vendors each week, all with something a little different than the other. All vendors I have dealt with are very friendly and easy to talk to. Great place to try some different ethnic foods, lots of great people, music and of course great prices.
Albert	Friendly, great selection, and economically competitive.
J	Tons of farmers. Hugh crowds.
Katherine	The market is a great source of fresh food for city dwellers. Also, the people watching is the best! There is a great variety of ethnic treats inc. Amish bake good, Sweet potato pie from an African- American church, funky clothed, knock-off designer handbags, all kinds of imported cheeses, etc.!
peter	Because of the diversity, the products, the people and the fact that it is 100 years old and is going stronger that ever. I might add that the bricks, originally laid for much of the pavement over 100 years ago, are still walked upon by generations.
Jennifer	The variety of the market is remarkable. The fruits, vegetables, flowers, meat, baked goods, cheeses, eateries, etc. are all so wonderful! It's open all year long and it's the best place to buy any and all locally grown products. There is a true sense of community at this market.
Tami	The market is always clean and vendors are friendly. In addition and just as important the food and goods are of excellent quality. It is a great place to get the groceries while hanging out with family and friends.
Emily	The Rochester Public Market or "the market" as we locals call it has been feeding my family, my friends and me for years. My first memories of the market were of being dragged out of bed by my mother on a Saturday in early spring. She would load us into the car and drive to the market to pick out that year's crop of annuals for her garden. Early spring in Rochester is usually still marked by snow piles in the corners of parking lots and visible breath so a trip to the market at that time of year was not always high on a kid's priority list unless there was hot chocolate involved. Now a days I go to the market every Saturday, closer to mid morning than predawn, to see my friends. The unspoken, official meeting spot is always Java Joe's for the day's first dose of bean juice. We hang around until some one gets hungry or caffeinated enough to wander down and pick up a seed bar from the bakery, an empanada from Juan and Maria's or some Indian food from "the Indian food truck... you know, the one that also sells burgers." Not all of the produce is local. Not all of it is organic but we each have our favorite vendors that know our faces and some that know our names and will set aside a particularly nice bunch of carrots or the last bar of shea butter soap for us. I can get a whole weeks worth of produce, bread and some other sundries for about half the price I would pay at the local super market chain. The Rochester Public Market should be America's Favorite Market because it unites Rochester... a city that is often divided by physical, socioeconomic and cultural barriers. EVERYONE goes to the market, from the elderly Polish women who will hip check you for the best radishes, to the single mother of 4 with an EBT card, to suburbanites, to yuppies, to the disaffect art school hipsters trying to capture the "Real Rochester" with their thousand dollar SLRs. The market gives everyone the chance to eat well and it gives us all a chance to experience people we might not see when we are isolated in our individual neighborhoods. The Rochester Public Market has inspired photo essays and documentaries. It has a rich and celebrated history and has been a cultural centerpiece of Rochester for more than 100 years. You can buy your groceries on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. They have now moved Spring Flowers days to Sundays from April till Mid June. Sundays in June, July and August are garage sale days where you can find such treasures as open casket memorial photographs, to working turn tables, to (ironic?) racially insensitive souvenirs. I love my market and it deserves to be America's Favorite.

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art	Has not only fresh fruit and vegetables but also fish, meat, bread, cheese and more!
Jeffrey	The market offers a great variety of fresh produce, prepared food, and just plain fun! It's always busy but not over crowded. It allows me to buy locally and to focus on seasonal foods.
Ervina	Love it!
Kristin	The Rochester Public Market is this country's oldest continuously operating farm market. It is the lifeblood of Rochester - we see everyone there every week. Hundreds of people turn up, even in the winter. It is amazing. There's nothing else like it.
Marilyn	When my Mother was a little girl she shopped at this market with her Mother. Mom would be 91 this year. Still has the same smells, sounds I remember from when I was a little kid. You can find ANYTHING here. Vendors are great, produce and value are unbeatable. This is truly a piece of Rochester history. I love it!
Casey	It has everything you're looking for, for an extremely low price!
George	Sun - rain - cold the Market brings me produce from local farms and crafts-folk. Large selection - good prices - fun atmosphere keep me coming back.
Laura	Amazing empanadas from the Empanada Stop. Go Juan and Maria!
Lisa	The market has something for everyone! The freshest produce, herbs, meats and fish surrounded by flowers and music from Rochester locals. It's not just food shopping, it's a Rochester tradition and wonderful experience.
Arthur	Great selection, great prices!
Laura	They're fantastic!
David	Produce is always fresh. Most is local. Prices are very reasonable. Sellers are friendly and helpful.
barb	GREAT SELECTION, PRICES ARE EXCELLANT, FRESHNESS IS EXCELLANT. I LOVE SUPPORTING THE LOCAL FARMER!
Adam	It has great people, great food and is all around just a good time.
Carol	The large variety and great prices. Fresh fruit and vegetables that you know are super fresh. Also, the market sells meat, cheese, bread, clothes, empanadas, coffee!! You almost always run into familiar faces. It is a fun experience!
RON	IT HAS EVERY THING! THE PRICES ARE LOW, I JUST LOVE IT!
Linda	Rochester Public market is a culturally diverse market. We have a wide variety of fruits and vegetable to choose from as well as backed goods and regional and ethnic foods.
Linda	It has tradition, ambience, great and fresh food and supports our local farmers and merchants.
Annette	The Rochester Public Market is more than a place to purchase fresh, quality, locally grown produce, foods and products...it is a multicultural event.
Doug	There is always a wide selection of produce with excellent prices. The selections of meats and bread are good too. There are also food places there where I can get breakfast. I also have fond memories of going there with my father when I was young!
Lauren	Rochester has some hard winters but once summer comes everyone likes to enjoy the weather by engaging in various activities and festivals that Rochester is famous for. The market is one of those activities that bring the Rochester community closer together.
Edward	Such an amazing variety of offerings
Kristine	I have been going to the market since I was 10 years old - just short of 50 years. They keep on adding things, improving the looks and the parking and they make it an overall excellent experience. I love going there and look forward to the fresh fruits and vegetables and all the extra activities.
Dorothy	It is a great market...farmers from nearby areas come with their fruits and veggies and a ton of other offerings...always busy and the people are so friendly and helpful...a very popular market in our city and always very very busy!
Cathy	The Public Market in Rochester is without a doubt the best fresh air market in the United States. It has variety of fresh produce to fresh meats, seafood and baked goods. Not to mention all the wonderful ethnic cultures that play a part in what foods, produce and goods are made available to the public that attend. This is a very important part of the market that makes it Rochester's own.
Susan	What's not to love! Variety of food, cultures, people, it has everything anyone could want!
Virginia	It is local, colorful, a tradition for more than 100 years, excellent produce and value.
Sandy	Loads of history, convenient inner city location, updated; good hub for farmer's to sell their produce as well as other diversified outlets. Fun, friendly, interesting. Most of all gives farmers an avenue to supply fresh products and revenue for the farmers.
Virginia	It is over 100 years old, colorful, exciting, local, excellent produce, and good value.
Thelma	because I have BEEN GOING THERE FOR SIXTY YEARS AND I ALWAYS ENJOY THE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGATABLES FROM THE FARMERS AROUND ROCHESTER WE NEED IT VERY MUCH ESPECIALLY WHEN ECONOMY IS SO LOW. PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT DOWN.
Linda	price is great and variety
Jennifer	The Rochester Public Market is alive with diverse people sharing a common appreciation for high quality local foods and commerce. I find no mornings better spent than the ones where I buy a cup of coffee and pastry, then roam the market selecting from the produce proudly displayed by our farmers.
Mary	Our market has a wonderful variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, and textiles. The bargain prices are affordable for all income level families.
Christin	The City of Rochester Public Market is rich with history, as one of the longest running markets in the country.
Ann	They have the friendliest people, and the freshest foods!! And the assortment is wonderful! I can get all of my grocery shopping done there for a fraction of the cost of what I spend at the local grocery store!
Carla	Always a large selection of wonderful fruits, veggies, flowers, and smiles!! Grab breakfast sandwich and coffee and shop away! Best way to spend a Saturday morning by far!
Dona	For the variety of goods, the cultural experience, and the music which can bring those which might not otherwise try it and then keep coming back!
Dona	Our farmer's market is located in Upstate New York. The area surrounding Rochester is rich with locally grown/made foods, herbs, cheeses, fish, meats, textiles and fruits. These items do not have to travel far at all. Our market provides widely varied fresh offerings from family owned farms and small businesses. It is important to us to keep these families in business for the greater Rochester area, for the families themselves, the economy and the healthy lifestyle choice provided.
Lynn	I have been going to this market for over 50 years. My grandmother use to live not to far away in what was then a very predominate Italian neighborhood. On Saturday mornings she would load up the red wagon with me and whomever asst. cousins who were around, and off we would go to see the live chicken, rabbits, lambs, etc. It is where I learned to haggle down a price (My grandmother was an expert!) I look forward every summer for another opportunity to serve my family

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	fresh produce brought in by these farmers. Now that my children are grown and have their own households, they are carrying on the tradition of shopping at the market, the prices are just right for young families. The basic structure and atmosphere has not changed much in all these years, Just a little more crowded! It's a wonderful place! Regards, Lynn Davis
Michael	Because of it's meaning to the city as a place where urban, suburban, and rural folks of Western New York can mingle every week and a real example of why it's great to live in here with our huge variety of foods and cultures.
David	safe and clean
Marge	Great prices, great selection, music, food, flea markets crafts, what more could anybody want
Mandy	Wonderful people and fresh food!!! This is the best of homegrown NY. Empanadas, coffee, and fresh air are the best way to start a Saturday.
Christine	Rochester Public Market has been a trustworthy market for over 100 years - generations have enjoyed shopping there. Not only city residents enjoy it - many shoppers are from the suburbs as well.
Bethany	The Roc Public Market has everything! It's cheap, fun, and a great way to see what Rochester is all about.
Sara	There are so many options of food, etc. to buy from and they are all reasonable prices. On top of that it is all of very good quality. It is very important to eat locally grown food and this is a great place to take advantage of that.
Carolee	Selection, price, fun place to be, people watching
Elsie	It is very large and has many growers to choose from. There are also vendors of other items such as clothing and house wares. It is the best farmer's market I have ever visited and I like it better than even the famous farmer's market in LA.
Janet	Fabulous selection of many items opened year round, local farmers and artisans.
Margie	Fabulous produce and flowers. Great prices. Fun food. And my boys love to go with me!
Nancy	Great produce year around - mostly local in spring, fall and summer. Large choice of produce, meats and cheeses.
Jeffrey	It still has the old time look and it just out side of downtown.
Robert	I love our market - we always take out-of-town visitors there. It is very lively and one of the most diverse crowds in Monroe county. We love the green market early in the season, love to see the local produce arriving in the summer and love the winter market for holiday greens. We are so fortunate to live in an area that still supports small farms!!
Gretchen	The produce is fresh, the price is right, the choices are huge and I love all the little shops on the side with specialty foods.
Joseph	The City of Rochester Public Market is a year round treat for all people living within Monroe and Wayne county. The best fruits and veggies are always available and the selection is significant. The vendors are the very best of any public / farmers market I have visited.
Tiffany	Great variety! Makes cooking & eating well affordable.
Chad	The Public Market, or the PM as most of us locals call it, has helped sustain an almost forgotten contributor to the stability of those families that depend on farming for a financial resource and we as consumers dependent on those families to continue to provide our families with healthy earth grown alternatives.
Paul	My father used to sell nursery stock at the market. I would help him sometimes. As a child the live animals sold at the market were fascinating. The Rochester Publish Market is still a great source of fresh produce at bargain prices.
Laura	This market is a long standing tradition here in Rochester. You can get ANYTHING at the Rochester Public Market. Great local produce, meats, flowers, socks, cheese, backed goods - you name it!
Ellen	The variety and freshness of the fruits and veggies -- the fact that the produce is grown locally by our regional farmers and not imported.
Donald	Rochester's Public Market is one of Rochester's oldest traditions. My grandfather went to the market with horse and wagon to sell his produce. My uncle told me he would drive the horses to the market early in the morning, and come back so late in the evening he would have to use lanterns on the wagon. We are very attached to the public market in my family.
Linda	It is a great place to go to. They have the best fresh fruits & vegetables that are locally grown. The vendors are very nice & willing to wheel & deal. There are places to eat and a flea market there too. On Friday nights in the summer they have free concerts too. It is just a great place. I can remember my parents going there when I was a kid 40 years ago. They were from Europe and said it reminded them of home. A fun, wonderful place!!
Barbara	A weekly experience that would not be missed!
Nancy	I love the diversity of the people, the foods the flowers. It's just a fun experience going there. The vendors are characters and the woman who announces over the p.a. system is a hoot. For example, last Sat. she announced, "Will the owner of a silver Mercedes, license plate xxxx please move your car. It is parked illegally and will be towed. However, if you happen to be single, I'd be glad to have a ride." There's always something to smile about at the market.
Maria	The people who sell the products. The quality and quantity. The atmosphere. It is the BEST Market. I am a 12 month a year customer and I hope it's always available for me to purchase the products I know and love.
Cheryl	Great Free Summer Friday nite concerts
Wilma	It is a beautiful market. Brings everyone into the city from all around for the food, all of the great activities and friendship. The fresh food, baked goods, restaurants, music, community service is just the best.
Veronica	The variety of foods is amazing.... fresh of course... Also, the market always has something to offer even during the cold / harsh winter season.
Sally	Rochester Public Market brings such a wonderful assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables and a great variety of homegrown items from our very own farmers land. The food is picked fresh from the ground and sold at the Public market. It puts money into our local farmer's pockets and most is grown here when the market is in the summer. Thousands of people visit the market on weekly. It is a very exciting and interesting venture when visiting the market. Just love it and think it is the best!!!
Kathy	Our public market, one of the oldest in the country, not only offers the best produce, fish, meat, flowers, cheeses, coffee, spices etc. at reasonable prices, but also offers us the unique opportunity to meet and greet people of many ethnicities! Our market is truly reflective of our community! It's the best!!
Melissa	Great variety, friendly people and has organic options
Rebecca	Despite countless early Saturday mornings at the market as a child (before it was 'cool')... I didn't appreciate the gem that Rochester Public Market is- until I moved away! Boston, which is known for its market is no comparison. I've sent countless visitors to this market and they have been STUNNED. Rochester Public Market's 3 huge covered walkways are great in any weather, the array of local produce, flowers and foods are unmatched, many unique specialty shops have sprouted inside the surrounding buildings & it is in the very heart of the city making it accessible to everyone (not on a grassy suburban lawn). With every trip homes comes a trip to the market!
cindy	Rochester NY Public Market should be one of America's favorite farmers markets because it is located in the City and fosters people from the suburbs coming in to the city, vendors are very friendly, its open all year long, it fosters local farming and the prices are terrific, and its easy to access!
Denise	The City of Rochester Farmer's Market is Awesome! I love it. It is a large market with everything you could possibly need from a huge variety of fresh farm grown vegetables & fruits, quality meats, fish, seafood, breads, coffee, flowers, clothing, gifts, etc.,etc...You can't beat the quality or price and it is where I choose to shop on a weekly basis.
Janine	It's just the best. It has everything from pasta to flowers to fresh veggies and fruits. I love it!

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Ruth	This market has successfully combined a true farmer's market with vendors selling foods produced at the market and events all year long for the community to learn more about the importance of buying local. Our market brings together all of the different cultures in our city, helping us to learn more about their cultural ingredients, special foods and recipes. It is a real gift!!
Kathy	It offers such a wide range of fruits, vegetables, other items and people. Love the market, such a great experience every time I have been there.
Alex	great variety of food and produce
Kate	exciting and interesting to see the products and purchase them
Susan	The number of vendors and variety of produce available is wonderful.
Alene	Variety of food and non-food items. It provides a great place for bargains and for newcomers to the US to find foods they are more apt to use than those in supermarkets.
Victoria	It's been around for 100 years, providing recent immigrants and yuppies alike with low-cost Food.
Kathleen	It's a place where all of Rochester and surrounding areas come together for Saturday morning shopping, gathering with friends for breakfast, and bringing out of town company for a great experience. I am 56 years old and still have great memories of going to market with grandma when I was 3 or 4 years old.
Jane	Rochester Public Market has been Rochester, New York's city market for generations. Significant historical connections with the City of Rochester, Lake Ontario shoreline and surrounding counties since at least 1905. My family, four generations carried on the tradition of selling fruits and vegetables on the Rochester Public Market horse carriage or horse drawn wagons to trucks. The Spirit of the Market remains strong in the year, 2010 with over hundred years of tradition, vending, and entertainment.
Dave	Huge selection, great prices, friendly people...something for everyone.
Sally	The Rochester Public Market has been providing Rochesterians with low cost, healthy produce for decades. When I shop there now, I reminisce about walking along the stalls with my father years ago, listening to him haggle with the farmers. He liked to go late in the day, saying that's when you got the best deals. In this fast changing world, it's wonderful to have a place that reminds us of simpler times and yet fulfills a timeless need.
Don	Good location. Longevity; I've been going there since I was a young child, and I'm over 50 years old, now. Great prices, great selection, great breakfast sandwiches!
Cheryl	Variety of vendors, food, entertainment, goods, livestock. Anything you can think of
Erica	In a land of chain "super"markets, super Wal-Mart's and McMansions, its nice to know that farmers still exist and continue to provide fresh produce to their customers--a piece of Americana that hasn't been super sized.
Tony	I remember going there as a kid. Great memories then and now. The diversity is awesome and the people are extremely nice.
Pamela	The best in the country
Joan	The market is the greatest deal & meeting place.
JIM	complete up to date selection changes by seasons
Chris	lots of great people
Suzanne	It's the heart of Rochester!
Martha	year round apples for apple sauce Asian pears
Cody	Its fun, exciting, tons of selection and the environment is full of life! Not only does the Rochester Public Market have the freshest produce, it also has the most unique or delicious or abundant other products to buy! Not many cities are as defined by its public markets as Rochester's Public Market does!
Jennifer	It is over 100 years old and truly brings the community together. Fresh food, People watching, Great Vendors. You can spend the entire day there buying fresh produce, eating great desserts, admiring or purchasing art, garage sale, beer and wine tasting, grab a coffee or find healthy plants! It's truly a great way to experience our friendly and fun city!
Anne	The Rochester Public Market is the best. There is a wide selection of produce at very reasonable prices and other bargains that make it well worth the trip. The vendors are very friendly. I have stopped at one other market close to my home, but was very disappointed.
donna	The 100 year history, as well as the diversity of cultures.
Edward	Over 300 vendors, over 30,000 people come out every Saturday. There is always something going on or new to see. The crowd is a thrill to be a part of and the variety of vendors make it a colorful, memorable experience no matter how many times you attend.
Annette	Great locally grown produce and a friendly atmosphere.
Scott	It's just the best...wonderful people/food/atmosphere a true melting pot of America in the best sense.
Joan	Selection, layout, abundance, and prices!
Vince	Open all year, good variety of vendors, wide open space
Marianne	The variety, the culture, and the community the market inspires. It is a great family outing where we inevitably run into old friends and make new ones.
Eileen	It is THE place to go on Saturday mornings in Rochester. Great fresh local produce, meat, flowers, seafood, and bakery items -- they have it all, and the prices can't be beat. The empanadas are legendary, and you can get pirogues too. The Amish folks sell their baked goods which are delicious! It's in a historic area with a lot of character, and characters. Best public market ever.
Abby	It is really great, and a place with many memories of going there as a child with my mom!
Barbara	Great products. Fair prices. Friendly sellers. Supports and celebrates urban living
John	Fresh food, center city, good prices, friendly vendors, tradition in the city of Rochester
Charles	It has been going for over one hundred years and has been a cultural landmark to most of the different ethnic groups that have settled in the Rochester area. People go to the Rochester Public Market to shop AND to meet friends for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat after they shop for their merchandise. I am 65 years old, and have gone there since I was about 10 with my grandfather, who was usually a vendor and had a small farm in Williamson. I learned how to "negotiate" price from my grandfather when he was on the buying end. EVERY time I return to Rochester, (I live in Texas) I ALWAYS go to the market about 7:00 AM Saturday morning.
B	It has so many vendors, great small shops and exceptional local produce.
Julie	So much variety, friendly people, kid friendly...LOVE IT!!!
Shawn	I enjoy all aspects of the Rochester Public Market. From the fresh fruit and vegetables, to the prepared foods and the "restaurants". My 2 boys, my husband and I have made friends with many of the vendors that we see regularly both at and

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	away from the market. We find the vendors to be not only knowledgeable, but kind and fun to chat with!
Mary	I believe the City of Rochester's public market is the best to be found. Presentation is done very well, making it eye appealing, but most of all the fresh produce in quality and quantity is affordable to all who enter the market. The vendors are courteous, helpful and a pleasure to deal with. Praises and thanks to the farmers who till and care for this wonderful land we so proudly love and cherish. God bless our farmers and God bless America.
Pamela	Great produce, great events, and great people!
Maria	It is conveniently located, on a bus route, close to the art district, has FREE parking, a wide selection of vendors. At Christmas you can buy your trees, wreaths, baked goods, produce, fish and maybe even gifts all in one place. It is a safe environment and vendors remember you week to week, are friendly and considerate.
Jane	I've been attending this farmer's market since I was a child. It has everything from soup to nuts and the farmers are friendly and willing to deal. When my older sister was alive, we would go together and split a bushel of squash or tomatoes or whatever, then go home and prepare it for the freezer. When I was a kid, you could buy a bunny or a live chicken. Today there are prepared foods as well as fresh produce. You can even buy the knives to prepare it with. It is the best experience around!
Maureen	Not only is it a great source of fresh farm produces, it is lively, promotes wellness in all demographics, and is a great venue for concerts and other gatherings. It truly is a hub that brings the city and surrounding burbs together. It's wonderful!
Patricia	all in the family meaning vendors as well as customers
Sam	This market's all about tradition. In fact I'm a third generation market aficionado. My grandfather would come to the Rochester Public Market to purchase fruit and produce for his Italian deli, Romeo's. He began this business in the early 1900's so you see this market has quite a history. My dad brought me here for the first time when I was nine, Now my Saturday mornings usually begin around 6:00AM with a trip to the to the market (they are also open Tuesdays and Thursdays primarily for the restaurant and deli trades). I begin by stopping to see my friend Java Joe for a cup of his delicious coffee which is made from his freshly roasted beans. Here is where little by little my friend's begin drifting in for their morning coffee. This is the place where we try to solve the world's problems, but we only focus on the little ones. There are friends I've had since high school and other friends that I have made at the market. Slowly we drift off two or three at a time to begin our "loop" through the market. This time of year the farmer's bounty is plentiful. Corn, peppers, onions, tomatoes, basil, peaches, pears and nectarines, and all type of berries, you name it. Then there are the specialty vendors like the Amish who make baked goods you just can't resist. Vinnie and Tony who have exotic cheeses from around the world and specialty items like the olive oil their family produces in Italy. This market's all about tradition. In fact I'm a third generation market aficionado. My grandfather would come to the Rochester Public Market to purchase fruit and produce for his Italian deli, Romeo's. He began this business in the early 1900's so you see this market has quite a history. My dad brought me here for the first time when I was nine, Now my Saturday mornings usually begins around 6:00AM with a trip to the market (they are also open Tuesdays and Thursdays primarily for the restaurant and deli trades). I begin by stopping to see my friend Java Joe for a cup of his delicious coffee which is made from his freshly roasted beans. Here is where little by little my friend's begin drifting in for their morning coffee. This is the place where we talk and try to solve the world's problems, but we only focus on the little ones. Some friends I've had since high school other friends I have made right at the market. Slowly we drift off two or three at a time to begin our "loop" through the market. This time of year the farmer's bounty is plentiful. Corn, peppers, onions, tomatoes, basil, peaches, pears and nectarines, and all types of berries too, you name it. Then there are the specialty vendors like the Amish women who make baked goods and homemade preserves you just can't resist. Vinnie and Tony have an exotic cheese shop with chesses from around the world and specialty items like the olive oil their family produces in Italy. Let's not forget the market smells. Scotty's makes the best breakfast sandwiches, then there's the smell of Latin foods in the booth next door and many other vendors who are making locally made hot dogs, sausages and of course hamburgers. By the way I'd put Scotty's pulled pork BBQ against any I've tried across the country. Then we begin the last part of the "loop" moving through the only building that opens up in the summer and stays closed up and heated in the winter. Yes winter, this market is open summer, winter, spring and fall. In the winter the farmers put up tents and use propane heaters to make their work more tolerable. Well let me get back to the vendors in this building. It has small farmers and vendors like Irving one of several fish mongers and the pig farmers who will sell you an entire pig, or just the head! Finally, we pass the herb lady and then Kevin and Mike Amalffi who have taken over their father's butcher business. What's really fun is bringing a "newbie" to the market. Just walking and watching their faces and their reactions is worth the price of admission. Which by the way is free!! This place is a true melting pot. The market is located in Western New York, in Rochester's Market District. This place has survived urban renewal, lots of demolition and reconstruction and other progressive city projects. So go to Java Joe's, and ask for Sam, we'll have a coffee and do a "loop". We'll get some fresh local corn in the summer or maybe we'll buy a fresh Christmas tree this winter!!
Donna	Fresh produce, meat, cheese, fish, seafood, coffee. Did I say fresh homegrown produce from local growers and farmers? All of this and SO much more!!
JENNIFER	Our cultural diversity shows in the all natural products from herbs to spices, breads, & nuts. Support of our local farmers & their wide selection of home grown fruits & veggies. In addition, but not limited to the fresh meats, dairy products, and fish.
Rick	For over a hundred years this market has grown into a biweekly event that brings the community together to support our local farmers. It's a testament to the community identity and heritage.
john	Our Market has character, accessibility, variety. It's friendly with a great selection of fruits, vegetables, cheese, meat and a whole list of non-food items.
Susan	Wonderful people and fresh local food! It helps our health and supports local growers and the economy- WIN WIN !!
Mary	Great products, great people!
Bill	Great market, fresh food, great people
Thomas	They have everything! Love starting my Saturdays there every week. Fruits, vegetables, meats, cheese, breads. The prices and quality beats anything you can get in a local supermarket,
Tricia	Our public (farmer's) market located in the heart of the city has been a staple in our community for over 100 years. My parent's took me there as a child and now I am taking my children and grandchildren. Local farmers sell their produce at very reasonable prices. Parking is at a premium because it is so busy. There is a flea market on Sunday and free concerts on Friday nights during the summer. It is truly a city treasure.
Frank	It's a true cultural experience, a real melting pot. The produce is always the freshest and most affordable that the region grows. It's the only place to satisfy any ethnic food specialty needs. I love the meat and fish pavilion and how can you beat the European cheese and olive shop and the coffee and espresso at Java's? Thousands of people from every walk of life and every economic stratum go to the public market every week to meet friends and buy from their favorite suppliers. It always amazes me at the patronage the hot food stands get. Whole families standing in front of Scottie's eating and talking about whatever. I just love it!
Frank	I grew up going to the public market every Sat. with my parents and grand parents. Memories of those days are PRICELESS
Susan	The prices for fresh fruits and vegetables are half of the local grocery store and the people are great - both the other shoppers and the farmers!! The plants are gorgeous too. It is my first step to really relaxing on the weekends.
marc	very fresh produce, good prices, easy access
Jim	Always something new to buy and try. Local beef farmer, Seven Bridges has the best beef! I'm a school food service director and buy local produce like apples, onions, tomatoes, peaches, potatoes, pears and peaches from some local farmers to serve in our schools. It just plain tastes better! My District is close to the many farmers who sell their products there. I like to keep the \$\$\$ close to home whenever possible even though our season here in the Northeast is short. Some is better than none!
Gary	It has everything!!
Diane	This market serves a wide area and includes a large variety of ethnic vegetation locally grown. The vendors are loyal and longtime providers. It is a meeting place for all people from all walks of life. I feel a sense of community at the market.
deb	Not only does it allow me to shop for fresh produce locally - I can buy clothes, household items and flowers all in one place. Going to our market is like going to a fair - it takes the sting out of having to shop. And did I mention part of the

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	weekly ritual is having breakfast there as well - again lots of vendors to take care of my needs!
T.	Clean, good food, healthy options, safe, great family fun, friendly, good memories. (On Mother's Day, my daughter and her 3 siblings, unbeknownst to me, video taped random people and interviewed them by asking what they thought about their Mother's. They showed it to me later in the day along with their own feelings. It was very touching!)
Robert	it's the biggest in the area
Stacey	I can always find what I'm looking for at a great price and the flowers and food are always fresh!
Donna	From the fresh coffee or tea you can get to further enhance your shopping experience; our Rochester Public Market is full of fresh local produce of every sort. The music of warm happy smiling people floats through the market. Coming to our market, you understand why we are the Flower City. Its pure delight, sometimes I go there just to sit and be in the moment.
Clare	It has everything possible, meat, poultry, fruits veggies, clothing, a bakery and much, much more. It is like a family you see the same vendors and buyers there every Saturday or whenever you go.
Andy	It has a great variety of produce meats and crafts
Ira	The Public Market in downtown Rochester, NY has been, and continues to be, an important destination for thousands of shoppers. For over 100 years, the Market has served as an economic engine and a cultural icon in our center city. Vendors come from all over the Rochester and Finger Lakes region to sell fresh produce and a mind boggling variety of artwork, craftwork and dry goods. The Bands on the Bricks concert series is ever popular during the summer months, and Santa never fails to delight the youngsters during the holidays. May the Rochester Public Market live to celebrate another century and beyond!
Jenna	People of all cultures throng together to buy healthy, affordable food for our families. At the same time we support local farmers.
Joann	It is the best market I have ever been to.
Joan	It's the best!
Dayle	This amazing market has the freshest vegetables from local farms and amazingly reasonable prices- It attracts tons of people of all nationalities and ages- it is the quintessential melting pot. Everyone is happy to be there, so it is always an uplifting experience. The vendors are so very friendly (and to think they arrive at the crack of dawn to be there) Many brave farmer's come all winter long with their produce- so this market is year round and always an experience to enjoy!!!!!!!!!!
Jane	They've got it all--great, fresh produce, meats, bread, and even cooking materials! By far my favorite for the people and the content.
Robert	I enjoy going there and shopping during the week and weekends.
Carol	It's the BEST!!! Plenty of fresh vegetables and fruit to bargain for, the Public market is renowned for having the most variety of produce and fantastic prices, Beside having the most variety of fruits and vegetables, it also has cheeses, spices, breads, meat, fish, and almost anything else you can imagine, along with places to stop and eat the best food around for breakfast/lunch. The total experience is exciting and gets you in a great mood. The atmosphere is like none other. People have been going there for generations, like my parents, grandparents and my children, There's just something about it, nostalgic, exciting, ethnic, Delicious smells from vendors and farmers, samples to taste, Its a true experience to enjoy.
Kim	It's so diverse, there is something for everyone!
EDWARD	I LOVE THE DIVERSITY OF THE PEOPLE & FOOD. EVERYBODY HAS A COMMON BOND WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD. YOU HAVE TO EAT TO LIVE!!!!!!
Louise	I enjoy going to the market to see and buy the wonderful selection of produce and to support the small farmers. I enjoy seeing all kinds of people and I believe it's such an asset to the community. The extra bonus is when they have entertainment.
KEMA	BECAUSE IT'S TRULY THE BEST FARMERS MARKET EVER!
Luke	The City of Rochester Public Market provides delicious foods, support for the community, and a positive, fun atmosphere.
Diane	It is wonderful. Lots and Lots of different foods, from different cultures. Things you can not find at a grocery store. The clothing, purses, personal items. People are wonderful friendly helpful and all want to just enjoy the outside and the wonderful produce and products that are there. Things taste so good, fresh and flowers are beautiful.....Can't say any more. One visit and you will continue shopping there. Thursday is wonderful because there are not a lot of people, But Saturdays are the best. Breakfast, coffee and company.....the best...
Leah	In an area with such a variety of local growers, it is wonderful to have produce and foods from the region available to urban communities that may not have to ability to access or afford these good without the Public Market.
Bonnie	There is always a wonderful variety of products and fresh foods! Our market boasts many different cultures and ethnic items. It's an exciting and lively place to visit --and you save money, too!
Patricia	Organic produce - Large variety
Beth	Selection, layout, abundance, prices!
G.	It's the whole earth-sided center of Rochester!
Anna	My Grandmother has a stall for many years/driving from Scottsville/Chili.
Paula	Meets all grocery needs.
Ginny	It's the best!
James	Just like European Markets.
Ellen	The Market offers a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, produce, meats & other items at affordable prices. It provides a source for farmers & other vendors to sell & a great resource to consumers to be able to afford to eat well. It offers local support to our farmers & their communities. The extra events, garage sales, flower days etc. are great activities for families & again support our community. The Rochester Public Market truly is a highlight to our city!
Susan	Rochester Public Market is the best because there is no place like it - food, entertainment, everything all year!
Marcia	Great food - friendly vendors. Lots of people!
Peter	Best Public Market in US.
Tausca	This is a wonderful local place to come and get a little of everything.
Dean	Rochester rocks! Rochester's Public Market is its heartbeat!
Sabita	Great fresh food, kind people, community events, perfect for a Saturday morning.
Daniel	Everything you want at the price you want.

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Allegra	It's my absolute favorite thing about Rochester! And I've never been to a market anywhere else as good! I love it!
Pat	The market is phenomenal. I bought my house to be near the market & work. It is incredible what you can buy here! I also buy many of my landscape plants here every year - the prices are hard to beat! I also like the many special events that are held.
Layla	I think Rochester Public Market deserves the award because they are always changing and evolving to make this market convenient, safe, and fun shopping experience for all. I love to come and see the friendly vendors and super friendly office staff.
Daniel	Great food. Great prices.
Dianna	I've been coming here since I was a child (young 30s) Any & everything you need is here both days open. Vendors are wonderful as well as staff.
Lois	Easy to get around - wide aisles, great produce, friendly vendors. Great voice!
Jenamarie	Because it promotes culture, community and color!
Sue	The market is the greatest deal & meeting place.
D.	I love my Saturday morning at the market all year long. There's always some treat or surprise waiting and the fruits & vegetables are the best (and cheap)!
James	It's the best.
Judy	It is the most lively, ethnically diverse market I have ever seen. It is crowded, hard to find a place to park, yet the level of civility is very high. I have never seen a serious argument in all the years I have been coming here. The produce is wonderful and inexpensive. It is not upscale like many other markets I have seen.
Ed	Oldest market in the country actual working market - not just for trendy people.
Ann-Marie	Great people
Jonata	Great selection, great atmosphere.
S.	I love the market!
Craig	I am 4th generation coming here. Rochester's last melting pot. Always changing. Relationships with vendors.
Becky	Not only has Rochester Public Market been around for over 100 years. They celebrate the local growers in upstate NY. And have a great range of products.
Bonnie	Great choices of really fresh produce, variety, year-round, great people - watching every time.
Lisa	Joan Rocks!
Marry Ann	It's simply a joy to have such a wide variety of fresh produce in such a friendly environment.
Marlene	Fabulous vendors! Best announcer you can find.
Phil	Best produce, friendliest people, great place to shop. Best announcer!!
Mary	The atmosphere is as beautiful as the produce - vendors are great.
Paula	Saturday at the market the best way to start the weekend.
Mary	Thriving through good times and bad for over 100 years!
Fred	For 50 years, I have been coming to the market - always the freshest produce - the experience of walking around the market makes the drive downtown worthwhile.
David	The Rochester Public Market teems with great food, different languages, and in an important & lively part of the city of Rochester!
Barbara	It is the most fun, colorful place to shop. With friendly vendors and the fresh produce - why would anyone not want to shop here?
David	It's been around for ever and attracts large crowds year round that encompass all generations, ethnic groups, cultures, economic classes and is a tremendous showcase for the abundant local farmers and other food vendors. They provide a tremendous value and valuable service to the local market. It is also a very popular social gathering place.
Brad	It rocks, dude
charlene	it always has great values
Rose	The people are amazing. From the every-weekenders to the come-and-goes, they are all welcoming with the perfect dose of interesting. My apartment is filled with treasures that I've brought home from there, none of which I think I could part with. Rochester's Public Market is influential to everyone that lives there.
david	THIS FARMER'S MARKET HAS SURVIVED AT ITS CENTRAL CITY LOCATION OVER THE MANY YEARS BY CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO SERVICE THE NEEDS OF ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS. RECENT ADDITIONS OF MASSIVE PARKING LOTS AND ONGOING LOCAL BUS SERVICE CONTINUES THIS COMMITMENT TO ALL ITS CUSTOMERS. THE MARKET SERVES A DIVERSE POPULATION AND IS A FINE EXAMPLE HOW ALL PEOPLE CAN AND DO LIVE, SHOP AND WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY.
Patricia	We have shopped the Public Market for years now. We go every Saturday; my husband braves it even in upstate New York's wicked winters. We have our personal favorite vendors, for example Jim at Joes Meat Market.... (Extremely handsome!) We always run into somebody we know, share a cup of coffee and maybe an egg and pepper sandwich. Yes, OUR Public Market is #1 Sincerely Patricia M. Mahns
Sara	Although I now live in Boston, I still think the Rochester Public Market is the best...it deserves to be a model for public markets around the country. It is open year round and brings fresh, local produce and meats to the "masses" There are reasonable prices, but still support local farmers, and are in a wonderful, year-round setting. In contrast, farmer's markets in the Boston area small, and seem "elitist" with high prices, and locations in mostly trendy or wealthy neighborhoods, which does not best serve the "masses" or the Boston area farmers, like the Rochester public market. I still make a special trip on every visit and bring home Upstate NY produce with me to MA.
Tracy	I love the people, the variety, quality and all the fun we have shopping at the market It is so full of wonderful and nice people!!
Jessica	Lots of variety, great atmosphere great prices!
Maria	The Rochester Public Market is the best I've ever see. The variety of food available is outstanding, even through the winter. You can find local produce, breads, meat, milk, cheese! Dried beans, fresh empanadas, roasted peanuts... and everyone is so friendly all the time. It's the most inviting market I've been to.
Erin	It is so well organized. It has wonderful produce and plants that are often (seasonal) locally grown. We love supporting our local communities! We always have breakfast at the infamous Juan & Maria's, which starts our shopping day with full bellies and put smiles on our faces. Every vendor is so friendly and willing to share a story. We love how crowded our market knows others like to support the local community and find great deals as much as we do. It doesn't get any better

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	than the Rochester Public Market!
Daniel	The Public Market operates year round, and while I love the produce in the summer months, there is something meditative about being at the market at 7am in December, when the snow is obscuring the blemishes and potholes. I wander through the market, surrounded only by those other do-or-die market-goers. Coffee in hand, I visit the farmers and bakers who have forded the harsh Rochester morning to be there with me. Yes, they are there to sell, but I know that they too set up in the morning knowing that the people they meet have the same appreciation for food and place that they do.
Patrick	It is a great community event with a European feeling
Erin	The vendors are always so friendly with the customers and they always help you out to find the best produce.
Martha	The Rochester Public Market is a vibrant, exciting place year round.....with produce, plants, flowers, meats, fish, and always interesting people it's a terrific place to shop hands down!
Sara	great produce, some local farmers, nice mixture of indoor and outdoor market, and produce, knick-knacks, coffee shops and food joints, a funny loudspeaker, can establish good relationships between sellers and buyers
Jim	It's open even when there's 2 feet of snow and it's -20 outside
Randy	The market is vibrant full of colorful items as well as colorful people. It is in an area of the city that allows all people to come together to get the best freshest fruits and vegetables
Rosemary	It has fresh produce grown locally. It's a great meeting place for friends and relatives! After shopping it's great to have a goodie and coffee at the coffee shop or a breakfast sandwich made at Scott's
Beverly	It's a happening! I love that it is open all year, and on Sundays in the spring they open on Sundays with flowers. Tues, Thurs and Sat they are open too, and sell not only veggies but all kinds of other things too Bev
Holly	The RPM brings people of all cultures and walks of life together in the quest for fresh vegetables and fruit. It's naturally a vibrant, happening place to be in the warmer months, but it's a cheery place to be even in the sleet and snow!
Rose	Our market is a place where one can find everything you need and some things you don't need! It represents many different cultures and yet they all come together in an incredible harmony of wonderfulness! It begins my weekend by always putting a smile on my face!
Lauren	Diversity! Crowds! Lots of languages! Hot and cold, all year, wind and rain, fruit, vegetables, fish, hairclips and cereal.
Elaine	It has a great abundance of quality fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers etc. The merchants are friendly, helpful and so glad to see you. The prices are great. You get a lot of bang for your buck.
colleen	I shop at our Public Market rain or shine and often in the snow! The variety and consistency of the produce and the incredible community behind it all are in equal measure an absolute treasure in Rochester, NY.
john	The Rochester Public market is large and very busy place. It has everything. You deal directly with farmers and can purchase a variety of goods. The last time I went to the market I purchase Fresh Roasted Coffee, Locally harvested honey, Fresh Chorizo sausage, dried bottle herbs, Swiss chard, garlic, tomatoes, Organically grown Adzuki dried beans and a bottle of extra virgin olive oil imported from Greece. It is a wonderfully diverse place to shop and engage with the community.
Edie	We have been going to the market for over 30 years, and every year it just keeps getting better. We have always like they have so many local farmers, from veggies, fruits, plants, cheese, egg, meat, & bakery, anything you need forth week for breakfast, lunch or dinner you can get so fresh there. Even in the dead of Rochester's winters!!! Thanks for taking the time to read this note, Edie
Glennnda	History, the merchants, prices!!! Atmosphere.
Eleanor	Excellent fresh produce Many diverse people attend
Jeanette	Three days a week, all year round, in all kinds of weather, and believe me, we get ALL KINDS in Rochester, NY, the local farmers are there with fresh produce while other vendors bring in fish, cheese, meat, flowers, plants and more. Other times the market hosts an art show, several city wide garage sales, musical events and pre-holiday Sundays to sell trees and wreaths and flowers. Walk through the market, especially on a Saturday, and you will see every ethnicity, every imaginable costume, and every age from recently born to the very old, all enjoying the ambience, the reasonable prices and the wide selection. Rich or poor, we all love the market. Schools bring their children here to learn about fresh foods and enjoy the multicultural atmosphere. I have even painted pictures of the market's colorful variety.
Laura	all produce is locally grown, people are fabulous and friendly to all great food/throughout the year
Lori	The variety of items and the quality of the foods is great!
Carole	For over 100 years, the Rochester Public Market provides fresh produce, baked goods, fish, meat and flowers to a melting pot mixture of ethnicity and cultures. From curbside eateries to hawking sellers and impromptu musicians, a walk under covered walkways at Rochester Public Market offers a huge variety of peoples and languages to enhance every person's weekly shopping experience. Nearby cheese, coffee, ethnic foods, and bakery shops offer respite and time to meet and mingle with friends. Saturday mornings are a traditional event for people from all over Monroe County and beyond. I meet friends who drive over 50 miles to meet once a month to shop and 'catch up'. We always seem to buy twice as much as we planned and love every minute!
Sarah	Prices are great, local farmers brings fresh produce, vendors are friendly and do not haggle the patrons to buy. Musicians play, I often sees people I know. Enjoy the experience!
Ingrid	It's the best place to mix with all cultures.
carol	I HAVE BEEN TO PUBLIC MARKETS EVERYWHERE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND TORONTO but THIS IS BY FAR THE MOST FUN...HAVE COME FOR MANY YEARS AND MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN LOVE IT ...ACTUALLY CAME WIH MY GRANDFATHER OVER 60 YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS THE CHEF FOR A WELL-KNOWN ROCHESTER RESTAURANT, ODENBACH'S. it ISN'T JUST THE BARGAINS, IT IS THE ATMOSOPHERE, THE SMELL, THE WHOLE SHABANG...I CAN BUY CARROTS, SUNGLASSES, A Christmas TREE, CHEESE, FRESH FISH...ANYTHING THAT CATCHES MY EYE. This HAPPENS NO WHERE ELSE EXCEPT Rochester.
Ryan	Lots of history and lots of great local choices!!
Roz	It's the best! Great food at a great value! I've been going for over 35 years and it never disappointments. Today I tried some Peach Vinegar and was so surprised!! Delicious!
Linda	It is so diverse. So much to buy, so much to try, so much to watch and so little time to get it all in.
Nicole	There is a large variety of fruit, veggies, and foods available. Great prices. Friendly vendors. Fresh and delicious.
Jean	It is fantastic! I used to go there with my father and it has such great memories. You can get great produce and flowers for very reasonable prices. The merchants are always friendly and helpful. It's the highlight of my week!!
Joseph	The Rochester Public Market is a downtown treasure! For generations, people from the City of Rochester and cross the area regionally depend on the variety of produce and goods offered here. Special holiday events, Garage Sales, and other offerings make each weekend fun and enjoyable year-round.
Rochelle	It still has the feeling of an old time farmers market with its originality and diversity. You can find anything there, it's all good, and everyone's happy.
Gail	I have been going to the Rochester Public Market since my grandfather carried me there every Saturday morning 58 years ago. Although Grandpa died when I was young, Mom picked up Grandpa's role of our weekly trip to the Market. But she never did get the live chickens anymore. A trip to the public market as I grew up and still to this day its one of my most favorite things to do. I can just think about and it and smell that great earthy fresh aroma.
Richard	Tremendous selection of fresh ingredients allow me to prepare delicious meals

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Karen	Has everything!!! Brings city and suburban folk together....love it!!!
David	Best food, people, prices, fun, excitement, diversity and LIFE.
Jessica	It's not just a market, it's an experience. There's a little bit of everything.
Dave	I have been shopping at the Rochester Public Market as long as I've lived here in western NY, which at this point is over 14 years now. What I love about the RPM is not only the knowledge that it's been a gathering place for local farmers and appreciative locals for over a century, but the fact that the food I buy comes from the land around me. Sure, I occasionally pick up some oranges or an avocado or two, but I know 90% of what I buy is grown by the same people I am handing my money to. The way I see it, my local grocery store won't miss the \$30 I spend on Saturday morning, but it can make a real difference to the local farmer who got up at 3am to pack their truck, drive into town and stand around all morning with a smile to sell me some of the best, freshest food I could hope to buy. And the fact that the Rochester Public Market brings all that and more to me 52 weeks a year is what makes me love the place and makes me want to see it as the #1 Farmer's Market in America!
James	It is the place to be Saturday morning. My week is not complete if I miss going. The produce is fresh. The food vender's are diverse and the food is delicious.
Janice	Wide selection of locally grown produce available 3 days a week
Matthew	To put Rochester NY on the map for something good
Dale	They have a lot to buy.
Danielle	I have lived in Rochester NY for 40 years and since I was a child my mother has taken me to the market. We would walk, talk, smell the food cooking and just enjoy the people. Now my daughter is 21 and we enjoy the market in the same way. It's not just a great place to buy local food, its something to pass on to your kids as a tradition.
F	It's just a great place to shop but also a great gathering place to meet with people from everywhere.
Teresa	Diverse products, plenty of homes grown and supported so well by a cross section of residence. Beats just about any farmers market anywhere in the world.
Jim	Heavily used and well stocked with essentials.
Judith	Very diverse items from flowers, fruits, plants, purses, christmas trees! Sundays during certain months there is an outdoor garage sale! It's awesome!
Kathleen	The market has a wide variety of products to choose from. From fresh fruits and vegetables to home baked goods and locally farm-raised meats, this is your one stop shopping experience. Not only do we get wonderful food, but we also save a lot of money and help our community all at the same time. It has a wonderful atmosphere, complete with an announcer who makes the market experience complete.
Courtney	Hundreds of events EVERY year! Something is always going on and there is always something for everyone. The perfect way to spend your Friday night listening to music, shop produces Saturday morning, and flea shop Sunday morning.
Joel	Our market is consistently awesome! I love it. It's a big reason why I stay in Rochester.
Heather	Because of its great deals and open air...have come here since I was a kid. Treating my daughter to the excitement today!
Heather	Open year round! Great variety!
Debi	I really did not know that we had such a great farmers market until my daughter got into catering when she was in high school but now I do and I do love going. Our market is so friendly and you know that people love to go because it is always busy even in the winter. I have gone with both my children in the winter to where our hands were so cold we couldn't feel them but it still was fun going.
Ellen	You can find just about anything you are looking for great variety.
Jacque	Freshness, variety of vendors and shoppers alike!
Holly	It's just the best!
Lisbeth	It's more than food; its a meeting place
Margo	I have been to markets in PA, Va, NJ, and DE. Rochester has an abundance of fresh produce and goods. I have made friends with the farmers. Some have passed in the 40 years that I have shop at the market. It's nice to see the children and grandchildren still on the farm and selling the products they grow. Also, a great way to eat healthy inexpensively as I prepare everything from scratch.
Jason	It offers really good quality, local vendors and great food (both prepared foods and raw foods)
Theresa	Our market sells everything you need. Items are fresh and people are very friendly.
Michael	Our market is the best and we are diehard Rochester public market shoppers-even in the dead of winter, slogging through the snows of January and February every Sat. morning to pick up citrus fruits and winter vegetables. Coffee, cheese, flowers and upstate NY produce-this market has it all!
Robert	Because it is the best....
Grace	It's old; it's urban; the population using it is extremely diverse. I almost always run into someone I know, but I also see people and hear languages I don't otherwise encounter. While not all the food is local, I appreciate the increasing availability of locally-grown food grown by farmers committed to sustainable methods: no chemicals or limited chemicals, and grass-fed animals. I also am delighted to see heritage tomatoes and some other unusual vegetables. I also appreciate the sale of flowers and other plants in the spring.
Lynne	Big, lots of variety, great vendors, and events too!
Kathy	This market has been part of my history for over 20 years. My friends and I would meet and spend the morning there. I love watching the different people buying things that I don't even know what they are. Its very community minded and a great experience.
wende	You can buy everything at Rochester's Public Market! Veggies, meat, cheese, olive oil, fresh pasta, bread, coffee, spices, wine, seafood, baked goods, plants, flowers, and even locally raised and grown meats and veggies. Some are organic, some are not. But, you can find whatever you're looking for at the market. In most cases you can meet the local farmers or owners, and hear the stories behind why they grow or sell what they do. It's always a new experience, and the Rochester Public Market has been a staple in my family for over 10 years. I wouldn't go anywhere else!
Jean	It's an experience for the whole family that supports the Rochester community in so many ways.
Mark	Packed every weekend, a lot of vendors, great deals, and fun day for family.
Amanda	Always fresh food and lots of people you want to run into!
Susan	Prices and selection are great. Vendors are so friendly. It's not easy being a vendor in Rochester's cold winters!
Ursula	Year round and can always count on them!! It has become a family tradition to attend. I just love it and travel over 20 miles to go often!!

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Chris	It has the best produce, flowers, plants and anything else under the sun in a friendly exciting atmosphere.
Tanya	Our public market is fantastic. It is a great place to get fresh produce, meat and goods all year long. I love grabbing breakfast there on the weekends and people watching. The Rochester Public market is used for flower days, garage sale days, and music nights and is a great showcase for the strong sense of community spirit. I love tasty food that I can get at places like the Empanadas Stop and coffee at Java Joe's.
Mark	The food is good; the prices are low; and it's a favorite tradition for so many Rochesterians.
Jonathan	The Rochester Public Market is an anchor institution that showcases Rochester's unique and uncommon combination of refined city and beautiful rural attributes. Nowhere else I've lived can you get such a rich variety of incredible and locally-grown produce, in a venue that's steps away from world-class museums and theaters? Rochester has many infrastructure needs, but the preservation of local farmland, well-supported by the local population and distribution networks, is a terrific model for other American urban communities.
Beth	It's got everything! It's unique, the people are great, the produce is unsurpassed....what's not to like!
David	Our public market provides easy access to quality, affordable food for a very diverse population. It's one of the best things Rochester has to offer!
Blair	Rochester's farmers market is the most fantastic slice of humanity served up in these parts. We shop there rain or shine, summer and winter, for the best chance to poke the produce and flap gums with the farmers. It's amazing!
C	You see everyone and can buy just about anything at a more than fair price!
Willy	It is a great experience every time we go. The produce is great and affordable. We love supporting the local farmers directly and the Rochester Public Market provides that connection as well as a great atmosphere.
Jon	affordable,affordable,affordable and very friendly
Anda	It's an awesome mix of brightly colored, good-for-your-body fruits, vegetables, etc; it's an awesome melting pot of patrons from all races and ethnicities!
Renee	The goods are tops, the people are friendly and they always have what you want. Also the farmers obviously tend to their crops very good. They're tasty and well kept. They show us what it means to be a proud farmer and why we should continue to support them.
Sandra J.	Because of the wide variety of fresh foods but also because of all of the cultures represented in keeping America healthy and anchored at an afford price; I understanding that farming/agriculture is one of the most important commodities in America. Farming brings life to every living and breathing being on this earth, man, our environment and every living creature/thing on earth.
Leslie	Our market is open every week of the year, and I go to it every week, no matter the weather. It is democratic and diverse, populated by both poor and wealthy alike, representing the many ethnic groups in our area. Unlike some markets that specialize primarily in prepared foods and exotic items, the Rochester Public Market is loaded with locally, grown fresh produce, and the produce is both abundant and inexpensive. We are fortunate to have orchards, small farms, and vineyards close by. Once nicknamed the "Flower City" for our nurseries, the Rochester Public Market is also full of with flowers. Our market has been in the same location, continuously for over 100 years. We fought when it was threatened to be moved to the suburbs. For me, the Market is a 9 minute drive. Many people still walk to it. I see my friends there; I make friends there, it gets me cooking and making my home look beautiful.
John	open year round, always able to find good fruits/veggies and crafts
Ron	Great place to shop and bring the family. A very friendly setting.
Chris	Cause it's mine.
Lita	I purchased thirteen ears of corn there for \$1, and every single ear was delicious.
Fred	Diverse traditional and excellent
May	cool stuff, great prices, it's an event
Mike	I love all the tastes, smells, sounds, and energy of the Rochester Public Market. It's like the 'living room' of the city. I never know who I'm going to run into there but I can always count on seeing a few familiar faces. It reminds me that I'm part of a great community!
Sherry	The deciding factor in my husband's decision to relocate from Boston and buy a house in the Rochester, NY area was the Rochester Public Market. He appreciates and values the incredible public market Rochester offers. Every Saturday we both do most of our grocery shopping at this public market. We can find locally grown produce, farm fresh eggs, meats, fish, cheese, honey, maple syrup, bread and much more. We enjoy the experience of shopping for locally grown food and supporting local farmers and other producers. It's a treat to also be able to shop at the market on Tuesdays and Thursday.
Sheana	It's a wonderful place, with helpful vendors, fresh clean & tasty local foods/produce/organics. Where you get two times the regular supermarket quality and quantity for half the price without haggling. With a cafe, an open diner, a fish market on Saturdays and quit a few clothing & accessory vendors plus some. No matter how many times you go you'll always find something new and interesting as well as old & wonderful. Simply a Rochester tradition now.
Hans	Pleasant relaxing atmosphere and the fresh local grown fruits and vegetables.
Paul	they got the BEST ever extra sharp cheese in the world
Amanda	Best produce, great prices and a comfortable atmosphere!
McNamara	Good selection, clean, friendly and safe. I've been going to the Market every Saturday for 40 some years. Lots of things have changed but only for the better.
Anne	My market has it all! The sights, sounds, and smells make it one of the best experiences ever. One time there was a red truck full of cauliflower against a perfectly blue sky...it was a calendar worthy picture. The vendors are friendly and go out of their way to help all buyers out. The Flower weekends and Holiday weekends are great. Scott's makes the TASTIEST breakfast sandwich in the county. We are xo lucky to have a place where you can get fresh fruits, vegetables. Baked goods, meat, pasta, flowers and much more in our wonderful city.
Brian	The Rochester Public Market has been a tremendous community resource for over 100 years. The market has been providing the region with a venue for small farmers to sell their products and the public to purchase locally grown or locally managed produce, meat, fish, eggs, breads, wine, etc. at very reasonable prices. We are lucky to have so many incredible natural resources and blessed with such great geography located adjacent to two great lakes and the finger lakes region of New York. Farming has been an important part of our community and region for 200 years and some form of public market has existed in Rochester since the 1820s. The Rochester Public Market continues to grow in popularity and has helped to raise awareness in surrounding neighborhoods and communities to the value of locally produced foods.
Tom	The local farmers really work hard to make sure their customers are happy with their purchases.
Catherine	I just recently went to the Rochester Public Market for the first time in my life. I enjoyed the variety of vendors and fresh produce. I really think it is important to provide a place for our local farmers to sell their crops. No farms. . . No Food!
Beverly	The ambience of the Rochester Public Market is truly unmatched = everything from music to foods from around the World - It truly is a great place.
David	Since I lived in the city going to the Market is a Saturday ritual. I can get most of my grocery needs there and it's a great place to experience the mix of urban cultures.
Donald	best collection of good deals on fresh food and interesting sellers / shoppers
Otieno	It's open all year round. A great place to get fresh ingredients for my recipes while having a great time with my family in the summer. It's as good as having my own kitchen garden!

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Peter	The market has a variety of goods year round. Seasonal events are held that add to the character of the facility. The number of people that frequent the market is unbelievable. It's enjoyable to bump elbows with others and experience what it was like to shop in the past.
Richard	It's great, lots of variety of food and folks.
Jeffrey	Lots of vendors with great diversity of products, great selection, all year around!
Alberto	Rochester Public Market is the best market because you will find all the produce you need also they have different activities during summer months and winter month's
Carey	There is a wide variety of fresh and affordable foods. I have gone to this market for over 20 years and have never been disappointed. Many years ago, I was a single parent and short on money, so shopping here sustained us for many years. Now I have more discretionary income, but I continue to go because of the large variety of seafood and specialty items (imported cheeses, homemade macaroni, seafood, for example) and the fresh, local produce.
Karen	I saw a pigs head for sale at the meat market and the most beautiful displays of fruits and vegetables in vivid colors... where else can you see that!
Krista	It's a great huge market open 3 days a week w/plenty to offer. Not only are there fresh fruits and veggies there is also local baked goods, meats, fish, flowers, wine, cheeses. You could make your trip a day event since there are restaurants too. I like that it stays open year round and has events on non market days to support the city
Steve	There's nothing better than fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables.
Alvis	Our public market has the largest selection of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. The public market also provides meats, baked goods and gift ideas at reasonable and affordable prices.
Steve	Great vendors, good prices.
Sean	Multi-product, multi-ethnic, and run with a deft hand by a City of Rochester staff that blends humor, warmth, and efficiency,
Tamara	The Rochester Farmer's Market is GREAT! It has Excellent quality, Great variety, and the best prices! It's a lot of fun too!
Deborah	I have been attending this market for years. It is lively, the food is great, and the people are great. You can find anything and everything there. When my children were small I bought their shoes there, as they grew older we bought clothing and other things. I buy my flowers there in the spring. I can go there with a grocery cart and purchase a full cart of fruit and vegetables for \$10 or less. It is the best place for people on a tight budget or for people looking for something different and affordable. They also have a lot of great events through out the year like community garage sales, holidays at the market, music events; it's just a great community/public market. And the fruit and vegetables you find there are always of the highest quality.
Susan	They have amazing produce and flowers at very reasonable prices. It is also the ambiance.....its GREAT!!
Donna	Best Market Ever! Freshest produce, fruit, and flowers around!
martin	has brick pavers, indoor and outdoor vendors, good architecture
nacy	The many different cultures it represents --from odd to hard to find produce is also there....
Cathy	The variety, the freshness of the foods.
Molly	None others that I have seen even compare.
Kelly	I grew up going to the Public market with my family and every weekend it was an amazing family outing. You can find almost anything you need and then some. And the vendors are all friendly and dedicated to their products.
Beth	Love the selection of produce.
James	The Rochester Public Market maintains a vital position to the city on so many levels. It is a source of quality produce at an affordable price. It brings people of all walks of life together in one place. It also provides a powerful incentive to come into the city. It's everything Rochester needs and more!
Sylvia	Its size, variety of products, and numerous community events!
Shea	Because of the diverse atmosphere, the abundance of fresh produce, and the friendliness of the farmers.
Pete	It's the best place in the world
Patrick V.	Shopping at the Rochester Public Market has always been a pleasant experience. My first memories of shopping there are from when I was a kid in the '50's' going with my family. As an adult I shopped there with my family and now my children take their families there. There are many area families that have followed the same tradition. The produce is always fresh. It makes me feel good to buy local products and support the local farmers. The prices are always very fair, and the sellers are always glad to see you. Very family oriented.
Daron	Love supporting the local economy and knowing where my food comes from.
Brenda	It has the freshest fruits and vegetables from our local growers. I travel from the suburbs, passing several large, local grocery stores, just to buy from this market. It is worth the drive.
Cynthia	It's a great market that part of the history of the city! People come together from all walks of life. It's a wonderful experience.
Sandy	It's an awesome market. Open air, great selection of grower's, lots of organic choices, open 3 days weekly not just 1.
donna	Great location, Cobbled streets, historical buildings, colorful people, wonderful selection of foods and specialty items!
Tim	It's simply the best. Period.
Willie	Friendly with great variety of vendors and products. Great prices and convenient to entire area
Rhiannon	It rocks!
James	Fresh local produce is the best. It tastes great; it saves money and support local economies. Plus the atmosphere is amazing. Get some coffee and breakfast from some of the best the city has to offer and find some of the best produce around!
Linda	I have gone to this market since 1944 when my mother and aunts who lived in the neighborhood would walk over every Saturday to shop pulling me in a wagon. I did the same when my children were young. Thus teaching them the value of fresh foods. Even though the customers may have changed and the vendors may have changed it still has that "old time" friendly atmosphere about it. It has a wide variety of quality locally grown foods and goods. Pricing is very reasonable helping all of us to stay healthier by allowing us to stretch or food dollars so that we can enjoy eating fresh food.
Michelle	I love being able to find exactly the right variety and amount for the upcoming week! And I can try new things without spending extravagantly.
Pamela	The Rochester Public Market has a great selection of locally grown produce and very friendly knowledgeable vendors. It is always a wonderful place to get fresh and inexpensive produce!
Robin	Wonderful sense of regional community.

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Chuck	I love its friendly nature and the wide variety of food, household products and activities!!!!!!!
Alison	Wide variety of goods, close to my house.
Marie	It is the most beautiful and enjoyable multicultural experiences in the flower city!
RICK	It provides access to farm fresh fruits and vegetables to urban residents.
Beth	Year round you can do all of your shopping at the market. Everything is so fresh!
Cheryl	The Rochester Public Market has been going on since I was a little girl. Obviously, expanding and accommodating more and more vendors as the years went by. One can purchase fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, flowers, and clothing. My mom used to take me when I was a child and now I go not only for the food, etc., but also to take in the local culture of the vendors and the other visitors. It is quite the experience!
Lee	Fresh upstate produce is one of the benefits and bonuses of living in NYS. We have a wide range of products, including fish, seasonal fruits and vegetables, crafts, flowers, and local restaurant staples like Maria's. Our market is active year round despite Rochester's traditionally cold and windy winters - with residents and vendors alike braving the cold for the best produce and meats available.
Anne	It's the best a market can and should be. It's a cross-section of cultures and a cornucopia of fresh produce and flowers from local farms. It's also fun! They have special events all the time even including concerts and community garage sales. It's just a great place to take the family, get a deal, have a bite to eat and soak up salt-of-the-earth culture, all right in the middle of the city!!
Michael	You can get the fresh veggies you need at a good price and great quality
Robert	Large variety, good quality, low prices!
Helen	I am 54 years old and went to the market at 5 - my grandfather was a vendor/farmer. Love the market!!
Lauren	When you shop there you support local farms. It has good quality, fresh vegetables and fruits. Prices are better than imported foods at grocery store.
Mark	A city institution, the Rochester Public Market has been a mainstay in the cultural life of this city for several generations. My grandparents were vendors at the market and my children and grandchildren will shop there long after I'm gone.
Rebecca	The market offers incredible varieties of the freshest fruits and vegetables year round. The prices can't be beat; the vendors are knowledgeable and friendly. Plus, it's located conveniently for the entire county.
Heather	Love this place!! I have been going here since I was little and my grandpa took me :) Always an adventure...food, people and music.
Joni	The Rochester Public Market provides an incredible variety of good food, consumable goods and plants and profound mixture of people and experiences.
Jessica	Rochester Public Market not only offers wonderful local produce but also offers just a taste of the multitudes of cultures that have melded here...it offers revitalization to an impoverished community... it allows for political and social forum, it encourages community service and activity. If there were a pulse for a City... The Rochester Public Market would be ours... and we are alive and flourishing.
Aaron	Good produce and food at good prices. Always packed with some weekday hours as well. The best farmers market I've ever been to!
Gabriel	It's a great place to buy fresh, local food. And it's a great place to people watch!
Rich	It has everything!!! Convenient location. Very friendly, clean and neat economically friendly for our family can't beat it.
Peter	Variety!
Jeff	variety and accessibility
Sharon	The Rochester Public Market has been the heart of city produce shopping for decades. It provides an opportunity for people from all walks of life to gather together in pursuit of healthy, local produce.
Liam	The combination of excellent food vendors and wide variety of affordable fresh food makes this a great place to spend a Saturday. The effect of the Market is noticeable around the neighborhood as well. There are several independent shops that have opened and a brewery with tastings and tours available. What was once a fairly rough neighborhood has been transformed in to a friendly neighborhood and a destination, thanks to the Public Market?
Challis	You can buy virtually anything at the ROCHESTER Public Market and at a great price. The vendors are friendly and culturally diverse; it is a wonderful place to shop.
Margaret	The Rochester Public Market has a wonderful variety of fresh and locally grown fruits, vegetables, garden plants, trees, and a diverse population that visits on a regular basis. There is always a deal to be had. People watching are another thing to do.
Lynne	Our market is large, with a huge variety of items to buy. It's centrally located and it gives us a great opportunity to purchase fresh produce from our local farmers.
Kristi	Fabulous farm market right in the heart of the city.
Laura	I remember going to the market with my Grandfather when I was a small child. I was fascinated by the sights, sounds and smells. When I enter the market today, it has the same nostalgia as it did then. If alive today, my grandpa would be proud.
Maureen	Our public market has a huge variety of produce and so much more! It has grown so much in the last 10 years with special market days, flower days, garage sales, Bands on the Bricks/Night Market w/concerts - it's a wonderful family tradition.
Brenda	I grew up going to this market. I now have my husband hooked. You can get anything you want from fresh veggies to plants to meat hanging right in front of you to home made fresh donuts. This market is so much more than just shopping for groceries. There's entertainment, restaurants and garage sales.
Deb	Rochester's Public Market has it all: history, and abundance of vendors, good food to eat on the spot, flowers and plants when you need them, and a market atmosphere that mingles different nationalities and socio-economic groups. I love to go there and shop there frequently.
John	A great spirit at the Rochester Public Market, especially on Saturday mornings. Is THE place to go for homegrown produce as well as specialty foods? In the middle of an urban setting, shoppers are connected with the growers, the various family farms from throughout Western NY who are there weekly with locally grown vegetables and fruits as well as other 'home-made' specialties!
Patrick	The market offers quality food, a place to gather, a blending spot for all sorts of folk and for me most importantly it is year round. Not only good fresh produce but fish and meats and I are supporting local vendors and business people who are working hard and deserve my support. It isn't just a place it is a community within our community and we are all better for it.
Sheila	The Rochester Public Market should be one of America's favorite because of the diversity it offers. It not just a market it's learning experience. Our market has brought many different cultures together to share their goods with our community for years and years. Going to the Rochester Public market is a staple on Saturdays. The heart and sole of our beautiful City of Rochester that show cases not only home grown goods but from around the world.
Darryl	Our market does bring the city, urban, suburban, and rural residents together. This maybe their first time coming together, and what a wonderful experience it is! Our market represents the heartland of America!
Wendy	It offers a variety of goods and services to a vast majority of people from different ethnicities. Excellent resource for city, suburbs and rural communities.
William	The long tradition of bringing fresh farm produce to area residents makes this one of the region's most loved markets. People come from all over to buy and sell produce.

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Chris	Many different produce vendors with great quality and selection. Very easy setting with free parking to access this market. Also the majority of the produce and merchandise sold is from about a 30 mile radius of Rochester, NY keeping the money in the immediate area!
mia	Lots of variety. Provides fresh affordable produce to families that might otherwise be forced to choose the more affordable fast foods. Joyous experience for children, providing family bonding as well as teaching moments.
Adam	Because it has over a century of history, great multi-ethnic clientele, super high-end stuff as well as fun flea-market-type stuff... it's huge, it's cheap, and it rocks!
Alana	I have been going to the market since I was about 3 with my grandparents. I love the local farmers
Dina	The vendors provide fresh, quality fruits and vegetables. I love to support the local farmers!
Donna	It is so a fun place to go on a Sat. or Sunday morning but they have so many great things to buy. It is also a great venue to support all of the local growers, businesses and has some unique vendors as well. You can at anytime bump into a neighbor or co-worker it's truly a happening place!!And best of all you can wheel and deal and you get some bang for your buck too.
Jesse	I love the Rochester Public Market best for its diversity. I love going there and seeing people in the Rochester area speaking so many different languages. So many cultures are represented, and that diversity is reflected in what's available. Our region produces great goods, and the people and prices are great. I love taking my 3 yr old son there on Saturdays for a breakfast sandwich and a soda.
John	The Rochester Public Market reminds all of us of the bounty that is at our fingertips in this part of the country. Prices are reasonable, vendors are friendly, and quality is high.
Tracy	Always look forward to going to the Rochester Public Market. Always something new to see and buy!
Janine	Size, selection and home town
Katherine	Variety and quality of products offered, community feel, outstanding events!
T	Operating continuously since circa 1912. Provides jobs and spurs retail in the center-city. Very cosmopolitan mix of patrons and vendors. Permits 21st century children to see, smell and feel a variety of food items and animals and to hear numerous foreign languages spoken.
Sandy	It has history. It has tradition. It's a local phenomenon that just keeps growing and growing and getting better and better.
Colleen	There is such a variety of produce & products; only the freshest from around the city!
Karin	Greatest cultural experience Rochester has to offer- a great place for sights, sounds, flavors!
Mary Jo	The Rochester Public Market always has a huge selection of the things you expect to find at a public market like produce, flowers, baked goods, etc but then they also have meats, cheeses, purses, socks almost anything you want you can find there...it is really an enjoyable place to be!
Susie	There is always terrific choices and gives everyone the opportunity to shop local.
Frank	There are a variety of vendors dealing with produce, other food items, flowers, hard goods such as clothing and house wares etc. I love the garage sale days and flower Sundays. The vendors are friendly and are willing to talk to you even when they are busy They multitask very well. You get to meet many old friends at the market as well as making new friends. You can even have breakfast at one of the several vendors available. Finally, you and your car are completely safe because of the market security people and the Rochester Police present. Tip- gets there early to avoid the crowd!
Robertta	Selection, convenience, price, organic availability! (Having grown up a farmer's daughter in Iowa, I support farming; hence good, healthy food!)
Joseph	Been going on for many years- good people, good food, and great vendors- excellent environment. top notch
Janice	Everything from soup to nuts and all that's in-between.
Barb	The City Public Market provides year-round access to local produce and commodities.... I love the fresh quality
Connie	Everything you want or need is at the Public Market. There is nothing like fresh locale produce or being able to pick up the best meat in town. Knowing that you are feeding your family fresh fruits and veggies that are high in nutrients is satisfying. The market is located in the city so it is accessible to everyone. It is fun to be at the market and run into your friends.
Tom	It's big, very well managed and well maintained, always packed, with a LOT of high quality longtime vendors. Vendors spill out into parking areas there are so many. Many travel 100 miles one way, passing other markets to sell here, each week. Local farmers are well supported by the mixed clientele. Each week small farms' produce is plentiful, very fresh and inexpensive. Local fresh meats, local small livestock, local made cheese, local made breads, local grown veggies, local grown fruit from a fantastic agricultural region. An enormous variety of different cultures and ethnic groups sell and shop here. Deli style coffee shops, small bakeries, REAL butchers, a mix of dry goods shops have renovated old warehouse spaces and are always busy. Local microbreweries and local Wineries that sell here have World Class award winning beverages!! Local music talent and Eastman School of Music students are always Basking and are well supported. RPM also puts on an array of concerts year round, and hosts ethnic events, and charity fundraisers along with the incredible seasonal produce and holiday special days. Where else will you see 75 local Xmas tree and Wreath and holiday decoration vendors regularly sell out all their goods on cold December days? RPM rivals any of the many USA and European market I have visited.
jasmine	upstate ny is a strong community that uses our farmers market for fresh tasty local food, socialization, and education. As industry fails at the end of the rust belt the Rochester farmers market provides a positive meeting place for family and friends and fresh tasty food at excellent prices.
Donna	This market affords me the opportunity to buy the best locally owned fruits and vegetables. It also has a great "flea market".
Scott	52 weeks a year of local produce and it's the one place in the city where everyone comes together in peace.
Kelli	Rochester's public market is always a fun way to spend a Saturday. People travel from all over to go. The people are so nice and the food is all locally grown and so good. It helps supports local farmers and without local farmers there isn't food!!!
Juneey	There are many vendors with various fresh produce vegetables, and other items, friendly and always a good fun experience to go to the Public Market in Rochester.
Katrina	This market is a great community asset and draws people downtown from all over the city and suburbs.
Beth	Our Rochester Public Market is more than just a public food and merchandise market. It is a diverse community-based social hub where people of all communities, races, ages and backgrounds come together for one common goal and that is to purchase items that provide nourishment for themselves as well as their loved ones. If you are a native Rochesterian; on any given weekend, you will run into old classmates, childhood and neighborhood friends, distant relatives and co-workers. It is a safe place where you can have a conversation with a stranger about the freshness of fruit and out of curiosity, ask another patron what their nationality is without fear of offense. Of all of the gatherings that Rochester holds, and events that we sponsor annually, this is one of the most pleasurable, peaceful social gatherings that I have always had the pleasure of experiencing. As a young child, I was not allowed to touch things in grocery stores without my mother's permission, but I will always remember being by my mother's side and allowed (without ever asking), to pick up produce in the public market and give it the sniff test while she locked eyes with me and smiled. I was too young to understand the real reason why we were sniffing the fruit or peeling back the husk on corn on the cob, I was just so proud of being allowed this privilege. That feeling carried over into my adulthood and I have always subconsciously had a profound respect for the public market. In addition, supporting our local farms to aid in sustaining the viability of our great city is the most rewarding part of the public market experience of all!!!

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Christine	open 3 days week for produce, special event sales on Sundays (spring flowers, garage sales, fall flowers and Christmas trees) also music events at other times of the week. Great meeting place every day at the unique coffee shop. Also all local sellers so the money earned stays locally and supports our farmers so that farmland is kept and not left unproductive or sold for building.
Nora	Because it IS the best. Consistently fresh, affordable, and an H-U-G-E variety of food and wares. The vendors are so pleasant and friendly. The Market is clean and very user friendly. It is a destination not just a shopping trip.
Andy	Great Fresh Food
Sharon	Rich and poor, young and old---there is something for everyone!! It's not fancy, and that is it's inherent charm
Linda	They have everything you need there the farmers are great.
Nevada	I think buying local at great prices should be encouraged everywhere! I love getting breakfast at Juan and Maria's Empanada stand! I also really like that there are more and more farmers supplying meat that is organic, no antibiotics, vegetarian fed animals ;D
Patrick	Great selection, lots of local items, great prices and variety
Jame	The Rochester Public Market offers something for everyone. From Local entertainment from the various Churches and social organizations to Garage Sales/ flea market items and seasonal Fruits and Vegetables. The many restaurants that surround the Market are ethnic and a tasty treat for anyone, young or old.
Tina	Great produce, great prices, great people. Have been going there for 40+ years. Love it!
Donna	Going to the public market is like going to another country with all the different people who go shopping there. The produce is the best and you can always get a good deal. The plants are beautiful also and the workers/farmers are also really nice.
Gary	Quick and easy access to the bounty of Rochester's local farms.
Kristen	The best selection of fresh foods. Friendly home-grown farmers!
Daniel	wide variety of products high quality products diversity of people who display and attend nearby specialty bakeries and coffee shops
Ann	There is such a variety at the market. My daughter and I have bought some beautiful purses there. Scotty's has the best breakfast sandwiches. It's a wonderful market!!
A. Stu	HEALTHY LOCAL FOOD AT A GREAT PRICE!
Jill	It is a great market with an abundance of local produce plus other items such as homemade food items, packaged food items, cheese, wine, meats, etc. They also hold special events such as Flower City Days in the spring where the market is filled with local plants, both annual and perennial, hanging baskets, vegetables, and trees.
Teresa	I love the Rochester Public Market. I go there frequently and it is the best place to buy fresh produce and mingle with people. I lived in Europe for many years and the Rochester Public Market compares with the older markets of the Old World. I always suggest to visitors and newcomers to go to the Rochester Public Market and they are never disappointed.
David	The Rochester public market is a great and diverse market with all types of local produce and meats along with a variety of other goods. The produce is fresh and delicious and the prices cannot be beat!
J A	Fresh produce is sold at 1/4 the price of the grocery store. The vendors are very friendly, and I've never had a problem.
flora	Great selection, great value, street musicians, and great food!
Deb	Always several farmers with lots of different fruits, veggies, cheeses, flowers, plants to choose from, winter, spring, summer or fall. Oh, don't want to forget the baked goods!!
Mary	The Rochester Public Market is filled with all the bounty of our nearby farms. It also has many jams and jellies and homemade baked goodies that are all devoured by my family when I get home. I love to see all the people of the community there and it is a great social gathering place for all cultures. Even when I don't need much in the way of groceries I still go just for the fun of it!
Alfonzo	wide selection and love the people
Christine	It is the best because it is located in the City and all city residents can easily get there by a variety of transportation. It is a great community meeting place and brings the bounty of our rural communities into a great urban area.
Tom	Great breakfast sandwiches
Kelly	Its fun and has so many great foods
Wilma	Our farmer's market is the one place I can go to get a true view of the ethnic diversity that is America. I can find most all the ingredients I'd need for any cuisine (Oriental, Indian, and Latin American, Middle Eastern) I love. And, I am bound to see at least a half-dozen folks I know. It's great too to have organic fruits and vegetables; free range eggs, chicken and turkey as well as bison and grass fed beef. I can buy wine from small local vineyards from the person who has nurtured the grapevines. There's honey in a jar or still in the comb. I buy my maple syrup by the gallon at a fraction of the cost in my local supermarket chain (and we have one of the best supermarkets in the country, "Wegman's"). It's great to have the choice of dark or amber syrup. Cheddar, feta, fresh mozzarella. I've learned so much about the food I eat, how it's grown, how to pick it, how to prepare it (I never knew you could make tomato sauce in the oven, yum!). I grew up in Philly and there is a huge public market there. The most constant refrain from every stall is "no picking, no picking" Not at our market. They always ask which one you want. Around the edges of our market is a bakery, a micro brewery where I can see the barrels of brew and open air eateries. Flats of annuals and perennials arrive just in time in the spring. Every year there's at least one plant I've never seen before. Our market is the place to go for healthy, fresh foods and friendly people.
Bill	One of the best places to go in the early morning
Kayleigh	The diversity and atmosphere found at the Rochester Public Market is astounding. It's also nice to eat fresh, local products!
Peg	Fantastic variety
Joan	It is open all year -- even in the dead of a western ny winter. It draws vendors from all over even buffalo and niagara falls. They have special events all year, such as: flower days in the spring and garage sale days. They have just paved a great parking lot, but it is still too small and I hear that they even have a tram to take people to the market. They offer breakfast and other food and the people are absolutely the best. Everyone is so friendly and of course you will always see someone you know there. Old friends, co workers and family.
Antoinette	Such a diverse choice of fruits and vegetables. I love to buy a cup of cappuccino and browse the beautiful selection of different items for sale!
Lorraine	It's the best....
M	The food is great and you find really good bargains
Kelly	I love the great produce and the local fare. They have everything from Tomatoes to Handmade Mozzarella cheese!
Dawn	It is like a vacation for me each Saturday morning. It is a step back in time of simpler times and kinder people. There is so much offered at this public market anything from a freshly baked loaf of bread to a beautiful piece of clothing to a

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	beautiful head of lettuce. The prices are great and so is the quality. What a treasure for Rochester.
Lynn	When you arrive at the market diversity goes out the window. The market is packed but everyone is friendly and the vendors are plentiful and cater to the customers. In an economy that is poor the market offers plenty of healthful items at a reasonable price you will not find anywhere else.
Pat	It is one of the most truly diverse places I've ever been to. Lots of beautiful local produce, meats, and fish. Beautiful trucks full of corn, peaches, and now sunflowers. Soon there will be winter squashes and pumpkins. There's activity all year 'round. People are very friendly. A great way to start the weekend.
Brigid	The Rochester Public Market has something for everyone! I love getting up before the sun and riding my bike into the city to buy local goods. I talk to the people who bring those goods from the ground they grow them, in to the table they sell them from. There's something very simple about the whole process that makes it so different from shopping in the super market (No offense to Wegmans which I love too!)
Jennifer	On our first visit to the Rochester Public Market, one of my children commented that he did not know "lettuce grew in a ball" -- he was used to getting bagged lettuce. From that moment on, we began visiting the Rochester Public Market. My three boys especially love visiting during summer break. They like selecting their own fruits and vegetables, which makes it easier for me to get them to make healthy choices.
Ann	The market is a wonderful environment for all age groups. There is a lot to see and experience. Supporting our farmers is supporting the American way of life.
Bonnie	Everything is fresh, the smells are wonderful, it's airy the people are very friendly. Great bargains, people from all over to meet. It's a wonderful day trip and just the atmosphere makes you feel good.
Veronica	love the atmosphere, flowers, vegetables, vendors and sales
Emily	The Rochester Public Market offers a very large variety of goods at much lower prices than you find at the grocery store and it feels good to know you're supporting your local farmers and economy. You learn just how multi-cultural Rochester is when you go to the market as you will hear many different languages being spoken around you. What's most fun is seeing your favorite vendors each time like Larry the cheese guy, Donna the tomato lady (who, in the fall, becomes Donna the squash lady), Vince the cold-cut guy and Mia, Omar and Cassie who make the most delicious breakfast tacos!
Rebecca	It's a sizable complex of vendors with a great variety of products. I love being able to pick up your choice of fresh produce. In late spring they have Flower City Sundays, at which you can get lots of flowers, fruits and vegetables, and others things for gorgeous, productive home gardens. Though it gets very busy and winding your way through the crowds inspecting things for sale in the booths can take time, the atmosphere is very nice - everyone seems to be enjoying the experience and is pleasant about letting folks get through. It's great being able to buy a lot of local produce and items, and the money savings are GREAT! My husband remembers going as a small child, riding on his Dad's shoulders. It's a gem of our City, and a great experience for all ages.
VERONICA	OPEN YEAR ROUND. BEST PRODUCE. MUCH DIFFERENT VARIETY OF ITEMS FOR SALE.
LouAnne	I have been going to the Public Market for over 40 years. It is a fabulous cultural experience. I have fond memories of my grandmother taking my cousins and me to the Market. We would have an upright cart to gather our purchases. We would fight over who got to "drag: the cart!! I love that place!
Robert	It's the BEST. My grandparents, my mother and I shopped there since I was a toddler-58 years ago! They have the best selection of everything you could want at great prices. Everything is so so fresh.
Cheryl	There's a diverse selection of fruits, vegetables, wares, etc. You name it, it's there!! There's also usually a type of vegetable or fruit that isn't usually carried in the supermarket. The vendors are friendly and the prices are really reasonable.
Geraldine	The Rochester Public Market has a wide variety of goods. The prices are good and it is a chance to try fruits and vegetables we don't ordinarily buy. We always find something good.
Denise	Love going to the market early on Sat mornings. Love the food, love to people watch, and very ecliptic offerings. Little bit of everything!
Amanda	Most fun you can have on a Saturday morning!
Diane	The City of Rochester's Market offers a wide variety of fresh produce, baked goods and other items. They also have the Flower City Sundays, garage sales and the Friday night concerts.
carol	Rochester's public market provides common ground for residents who have come from countries around the world. You can hear languages from Europe, Asia, Africa, Central and South America. We're all shopping for the freshest ingredients for meals from many cultures. Not exactly a melting pot, but a chance to come together with people you might otherwise not encounter, for a shared experience and a glimpse at wider horizons.
Diana	The huge variety and the excellent quality of items available, the greatly improved parking facilities, the friendliness of everyone there!
Margaret	The history here is awesome
Kathy	It has something for everyone
Margaret	6 months of cabbage, potatoes and onions are worth braving the below-freezing temps.
Adam	Love, love, love the market! Have been going since a child and still going now. Brings a lot of real good memories!
Nancy	It is wonderful to have access to such a variety of fresh fruit and veggies year round. The Flower Sundays in May which feature garden needs are a special treat as is the Christmas fixings in Dec. There is an "old world" feel to the market. It is just a very special place.
Margaret	It is fun and you get the best food!
Patti	Its the greatest place for fresh fruits and vegetables and has entertainment its the greatest place ever
Michael	I look forward to bumping into people as I move through the sheds. The sites and smells of the produce give me a connection to the earth. For the past ten years I have made new friends with other folks that go to the market regularly on Saturday morning. I consider the one to two hours I enjoy at the market great therapy.
Crystal	Because they rock!
Lisa	Best farmers market I've been to - in any state!
Arhonda	You can get anything at our Market!
Chris	The entire concept of an open market and having a venue that brings us back to our agricultural roots intrigues me and it is enlightening that Rochester, NY has such a vibrant venue for all to use.
Juliette	It's amazing!
Gavin	It is a great place to find good food and good people.
Mike	The people
KIM	SATURDAY TRIPS TO THE MARKET FOR FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE & MANY OTHER ITEMS IS TRADITION FOR MANY OF US IN THE AREA. OF COURSE, YOU MUST GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE YOU ARE HERE. AND DURING ELECTION SEASON, ALL OF THE LOCAL POLITICOS ARE GLAD HANDING AND BABY KISSING ALL OVER THE PLACE. LOTS OF GREAT MEMORIES FOR MANY FAMILIES ARE TIED UP IN THIS FABULOUS LOCAL MELTING POT CALLED OUR PUBLIC MARKET.

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Deb	Diverse selection of goods and market-goers! Conveniently located.
Sue	Great produce, plants, location, etc.
Cathy	Something new and wonderful every time I go!
Debbie A	I have been going to the Rochester Public Market for more than 40+ years, first with my grandparents, watching them barter for produce and livestock, then on my own or with family as an adult. My husband & I were just there Friday, and we can always find great deals, great prices and everything from purses to produce to fresh cheeses and meats. :-)
James	Because no market I've been too can compare and it completely blows the grocery store away.
Valerie	I went to the market as a kid. I've been going since the late 1950's.
Cathy	It's one of the oldest farm markets in the country and still so vibrant.
Nancy	The variety, the selection, the location, the ambience, the smells, the sounds - it's a wonderful experience for everyone to visit our Public Market! It's the best!
David	one of the best and friendliest markets that I've been to in 15 states, very good prices and many local farmers
Gary	best market great product selection overall great family experience
Dan	A great way to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, and many other interesting things, for the Home and table. The market has an interesting variety of produce that comes from many different cultures. My great grand father was a farmer in Penfield and used to sell on the market. I have gone with him several times and as a child it was a great treat
Andrew	I have been going to this market since I was a little child and my dad would sell Polly-O cheese there. I absolutely love this place and they have been constantly improving it year after year.
Lauri	Great variety, friendly vendors!
Tim	Try to get to "The Market" every weekend and every time there is something new. This last trip, there were two young ladies playing the harp and violin, presumably students at the Eastman School of Music nearby. So amazing to take in the smells, sounds and atmosphere while enjoying your fresh ground coffee and Breakfast Empanadas.
M.	I remember as a very little girl going to the market every Saturday morning with my parents and siblings to purchase produce or meats to supplement what my parents grew in their garden; purchase the chickens for our dinners (also remember my grandparents killing the chickens in their driveway). We would also go to some of the buildings where the vendors had their vats of olives, dried legumes, fresh bread and various other items in bulk. When I go there weekly now, I always have a special memory of deceased members of my family, friends that we would meet there and chat about everything under the sun. Some of the members of my family worked there also. Now, there are new memories the younger memories of our family meet there, have a breakfast sandwich...stroll down the aisles....smell the special aromas in the air....etc. etc.
Janet	The Rochester Public Market has a long tradition of helping local farmers, merchants and ethnic vendors sell their wares. Recently, vendors have included Amish bakers with flavored angel food cakes, a wonderful shop with Spanish cheese breads, a brew tasting place, Juan and Maria's Empanada stand, a Polish eatery, and a very popular coffee shop with great budget-conscious breakfasts. The Public Market has also greatly increased its services in recent years, with a new shuttle, increased parking assistance and lots of special events, such as movies at the market, artists' rows, Chef's Days at the Market, bands, hayrides and petting zoos in the fall and a chance to ride with Santa at Christmas.
Dawn	Just love going to the market on Saturdays! Even as a child I loved the market and everything it has to offer.
Mary	My great grandmother used to shop there and over the years it's gotten better! You can see many different people shopping there... it's a shopping and cultural opportunity!!
Jennifer	It has a huge variety of produce, good prices and I love that it is locally grown. Have gone to the market for years.
Dawn	There is always something new, someone fun to talk to....great prices, great deals, always fun! It makes me remember that farmers work very hard to bring us our foods while many of us take it for granted. There are always stories to be heard of the hardships, and the good times too! Sometimes going to the market is just about getting back to thinking about when I was a kid and how things have changed so much! Good teaching for families.
Jennifer	Great food, friendly people, and your dollar really go far.
v	Juan & Maria's
Rebecca	So big, great local farmers with delicious fresh produce. Some of the best apples and peaches I have ever had!
Stanley	Rochester Public Market has been continuously operating since about 1905. It draws an eclectic group of folks- suburb, inner city, rich and poor. It represents one of the great opportunities in our area to see many ethnicities collect and mingle and have breakfast as well as buy from each other. Our Market has great produce and wonderful places to eat and drink. But most of all, it is a last vestige of the kind of experience that is almost gone in the USA- mixing diverse people in one setting and all there for a happy and similar experience-buying local foods, sharing, eating, drinking, enjoying.
Jerry	Safe place to shop Reasonable prices Fresh products Great variety Convenient free parking FUN!!!
Dana	It has changed an entire neighborhood for the better and allows local grower's access to the city residents. It gives inner city residents affordable fresh produce and draws people from all over the county to the site. Recently, it has hosted community events that bring people together to support local musicians and artisans. The rental spaces are affordable for farmers and local people selling crafts. There is a garden market on Sundays where local nurseries can sell plants. Our market is a positive experience that enriches us all.
Faye	It is the place to be on a Saturday morning the sounds of laughter when old friends run into each other and discuss mutual friends they know or their kids. Looking for a good bargain or that one of a kind gift or certain food from their homeland. Faye Moore
Linda	Draws people into the city ... from all over the area! Great attraction even during the winter - holidays at the market are fantastic, wonderful finds for holiday gift giving. Vendors are outstanding, customers are loyal. Has revitalized a whole neighborhood, numerous successful businesses have moved to the market area due to the increased vitality in the neighborhood. Eye-opening experience for city children to see that food doesn't really start out in plastic and paper packaging. Allows low-income people to make healthy and affordable food choices. Welcomes a mix of all people from all backgrounds - there are no barriers to anyone at this market.
Carol	Our public market offers a wide variety of fresh fruits and veggies, meat, seafood, coffee, bakery items, jams and jellies, wine, clothing - just about anything you can image - all at a price that can't be beat! It's a bustling, friendly place where you invariably run into friends as you shop. You can get breakfast, lunch, or just a good cup of coffee or tea and enjoy the scene! It's a great place to visit and a highlight of our town.
Ron	Because it's fresh, the farmers are nice, and it's upstate NY.
Trish	There is a strong community spirit - a variety of local produce - a friendly welcoming atmosphere. Regular features in cooking as well as entertainment. There's nothing better on a Saturday morning than picking up a cup of coffee and walking through the three sections of the market or pausing to sit at one of the outdoor tables. There are places to get a prepared breakfast or pick-up and take with you freshly cooked empanadas.
Pat	Love the fresh priced right food!!
Mia	They always have a huge selection of everything I want.
Matt	Great food. Great people. Great layout.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET SUBMITTED ON BALLOTS FOR THE 2010 AMERICA'S FAVORITE FARMERS MARKET CONTEST

Kathy	These farmers who sell produce need to make a living and we should support them. The Public Market is an experience in itself and I feel good supporting local products.
Anna	I work there and I love it and so do ALL of my customers!!! It has a friendly and nurturing environment that makes you want to shop!
Matthew	Fresh and Fun
IFTEKHAR	Public market is an amazing place. It is colorful, has plenty of products and most importantly fresh and cheap food.
carol	Fresh and homemade food Reasonable prices Diverse clientele You never know what you might find, but you can always get what you need!
PortiA	The market has great produce and atmosphere. They also make great use of the positive energy by having special themed events at the market as well, such as Flea Markets on Sunday, Flower City at the Market days where you can get flats of flowers, and even the Rochester Food and Wine Festival. There are lots going on at the Rochester market!
Patti	It is the best! (enough said)