Pittsford's Farm Stands and Farmers Markets

One of summer's delights is the abundance of fresh, local produce.

Our agricultural heritage runs deep in Pittsford. Post-colonial settlement began along an expanding western frontier in the 1790s. Fertile farmland and the opening of the Erie Canal contributed to Pittsford's development as a successful agrarian community. Farming families began by providing for their own tables. They progressed quickly to supplying the region, shipping by way of the canal and, from 1842, by the Auburn and Rochester Railroad.

Descendants of Pittsford's early farming families work the land to this day. These include the Hopkins, Knickerbocker, Powers and Willard families. Their work, and the work of the Town's other farmers, supplies our local farm stands and our two farmers markets, all offering the best in local produce.

Along the rural roads of Pittsford you'll find the Hopkins farm stand at the corner of Calkins and Clover; the Knickerbocker stand at164 Knickerbocker Road and the Willard farm stand at 116 Willard Road. Each offers an array of fresh produce grown in the fields behind them. The Lehman Farm Market at 132 East Street and the Powers Farm Market at 161 Marsh Road each offer baked goods and specialty items, in addition to fresh produce from the adjacent farms.

Pittsford also has two farmers markets, offering products from multiple growers and artisans.

The Pittsford Farmers Market, in Pittsford Colony Plaza at 3400 Monroe Avenue, is open through November. Hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am - 1pm. Now in its 26^{th} season, the market features fresh fruits and vegetables as well as baked goods, freshly cut flowers, a wide range of plants and other items.

The Pittsford Village Farmers Market opened in 2014. Already it's a Pittsford institution. It runs through October. Located in the Village by the North Main Street entrance to the Library parking lot, the market opens each Thursday from 4:00pm to 7:30pm. Featuring local, organic and sustainably-produced products, it offers fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods and meats. The market also features live music, food and crafts each week, as well as special events throughout the season. More than a market, it's an experience.

Enjoy the summer, and support local agriculture by enjoying Pittsford's farm stands and farmers markets.

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