

Taking her pick: Marie Campbell of Farmington Hills looks over what's available at the DDA's Farmers Market. She and husband Hal shop most Saturdays.

Market day

Farms come to city on Saturdays

BY TOM BAKE

here are no farms in Farmington but, thanks to the efforts of the Downtown Development Authority, fresh produce comes to town most summer and autumn Saturdays.

The DDA's Farmers Market is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Satur-days through October in the park-ing lot of the Village Commons shopping center on Grand River, just east of downtown.

About eight vendors from the metropolitan area offer flowers, fruits and vegetables as well as fresh baked pools, said Judy Downey, DDA director, and more sealers are expected as the growing season progresses.

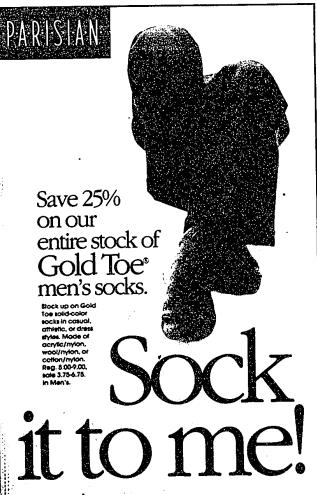
"You'll be seeing everything that's fresh in Michigan," Downey added.
Hal and Marie Campbell of Farmington Hills say they shop the Farmers Market just about every Saturday.

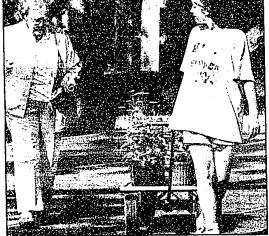
"I like the down-home aspect of it," said Marie Campbell. "Farmington's a small town, after all.
"I grew up in the country, around Belleville, and gardens have always been important to me. I attended a one-room school house — grades 1-8 in the same room — and every student had his or her own garden."

Downey said most of the produce comes from farms near Ypailanti, Romeo, Armeda and as far away as Coldwater.



Above, cherries, blueberries and green beans are displayed at a recent market. At left, Sarah Stewart of Farmington pulls a wag-on-load of perennials for her grandmother, June Thompson of





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