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Ames Main Street Farmers' Market Kicks Off Eighth Season on May 5

AMES, IA – The Ames Main Street Farmers' Market (AMSFM) kicks off its eighth season on Saturday, May 5. The 2018 market season will run every Saturday through October 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in historic downtown Ames. In October market hours will change to 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Market will be held in the 300 and 400 blocks of Main Street and offer fresh local produce, baked goods, wine, cheese, meats, eggs, jams, cut flowers, handcrafted art work, delicious prepared food and so much more. The Market will also feature live music, local entertainment, free children's activities and other special events during the season.

"We're excited for our eighth season on Main Street," said Market Manager Lojean Petersen. "We are expanding again with 15 new fulltime and occasional vendors joining the market this year. With special events planned each week, a variety of live music and children's activities, there will be something new and exciting every Saturday."

The opening weekend will bring its Third Annual Food Truck Showdown. The Food Truck Showdown will have a variety of Ames and Central Iowa food trucks competing for the best overall food truck, voted on by the Ames Community during the Market from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Brad & Kate and Ace Jones will be the featured musicians on May 5, two great performers. Additionally, Joyful Colorz will provide free face painting, and Cy and the ISU Spirit Squad will also be in attendance. It is going to be a great opening day!

Special Events for May:

- May 5 – Food Truck Showdown, Free Face Painting by Joyful Colorz, Cy and the ISU Spirit Squad
- May 12 – Free Meyer's Pony Rides
- May 26 – Free Hovick Petting Zoo

For more event information and to keep up-to-date on weekly vendors, kid's activities and special events at the Market, please bookmark www.amesmainstreetfarmersmarket.com and become a fan on [Facebook](#) (Ames Main Street Farmers Market), [Instagram](#) (Ames Farmers Market), or follow on [Twitter](#) (Ames Farmers Mkt).

The Ames Main Street Farmers' Market is led by the Ames Chamber of Commerce and is supported by the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Grant Program.

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