



Northern Michigan Farmers Markets Open for the Season

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Summer is right around the corner.

That means farmers markets are starting back up.

Multiple farmers markets in Northern Michigan are reopening.

Organizer of the Interlochen Farmers Market, Hannelore Frederick says, "We've been here for nine years and I haven't missed a Sunday in nine years."

Vendors reunited in Interlochen for their annual farmers market.

Frederick says she happy to see it grow year after year.

"2012 was our first year. We were out along the road under the trees. We were six tables and not a canopy between us," Frederick says.

Now, they have about 60 vendors.

This year they're enforcing rules like mandatory masks and added space between vendors.

They say this is meant to keep all those that come safe.

Frederick says, "All of the local people from Grand Traverse, from Manistee, from Buckley, from all of the surrounding counties. This is a community gathering place."

Traverse City is enforcing the same rules at their Sarah Hardy Downtown Farmers Market.

"Challenges always come. It's been tough times for us but we're just glad that we're able to continue to provide this community resource," says market manager, Kyle Warner.

He says he's hoping for a busy summer.

Warner says, "All of our farmers are coming back and we're seeing a lot of customers coming back too. We're expecting a big season."

Frederick says the best way to support your community during this time is to buy from small businesses.

"This is their income. So please shop locally because you are making a difference to the families in your community. You're allowing them to survive and thrive," Frederick says.

