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Compeer Financial Awards over \$54K in Farmers Market Grants

59 Grants Awarded to Farmers and Farmers Markets in Compeer Territory

Sun Prairie, Wis., (August 5, 2019) – In celebration of National Farmers Market Week, Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, is announcing the 2019 recipients of Farmers Market grants.

The fund is awarding 59 Farmers Market Grants, totaling over \$54,000, supporting 36 farmers market organizations and 23 farmer vendors. This is the first year that Farmers Market Grants have been offered by Compeer Financial.

National Farmers Market week, August 4-10, celebrates the vital role that farmers markets play in supplying locally grown foods to the regional food system.

Each farmers market organization received up to \$1,000 and farmer vendors received up to \$500. The Fund intends to offer this grant again in November 2019 to provide funding for 2020.

"Farmers markets are helping make fresh, healthy foods available in a way that is accessible and direct for consumers," said Karen Schieler, Senior Corporate Giving Specialist. "The Farmers Market Grants allow Compeer to recognize the asset that these markets are to their communities and to the farmers selling produce and other value-added foods.

Grants were to support promotional efforts, advancements in technology or educational opportunities. The 36 farmers markets in Compeer Financial's territory receiving Farmers Market Grants include:

Illinois

Aledo Main Street Farmers Market
Batavia Farmers Market
Geneva Green Market
Glenwood Sunday Market
New Boston Craft and Farmers Market
Peoria RiverFront Market
Quincy Farmers Market

Minnesota

Big Lake Farmers Market
Cook Area Farmers Market
Farmers Market at Butlers in Aitkin
Goodhue Farmers Market
Hibbing Farmers Market

LeRoy Farmers Market
Lewiston Area Farmers Market
Little Falls Farmers Market
Medford Farmers Market
Melrose Community Farmers Market
Mill City Farmers Market
Minneapolis Farmers Market
Rochester Farmers Market
The Little Market that could
Two Harbors Farmers Market

Wisconsin

Boscobel Farmers Market
Burlington Farmers Market Inc.
Dodgeville Farmers Market
Jackson County Farmers Market
Janesville Farmers Market Inc.
Lodi Valley Farmers Market
Mineral Point Market
Monroe Street Farmers Market
Platteville Farmers Market
Richland Area Farmers Market
River Falls Farmers Market
Rome Farmers Market
Sun Prairie Farmers Market
Viroqua Farmers Market

About the Fund for Rural America

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America is the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial, structured to support Compeer Financial's mission to enrich agriculture and rural America. Compeer Financial's Board of Directors has dedicated one percent of annual net earnings to support the Fund's focus areas of education, youth engagement, rural development and community enrichment, agricultural advocacy and development, and cooperative initiatives. The Fund is managed by a Board of Trustees, made up of team members from Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin and members of the Compeer Financial Board of Directors. More information about opportunities available through the Fund can be found at [Compeer.com/giving-back](https://compeer.com/giving-back).

About Compeer Financial

Compeer Financial is a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. The \$21.0 billion organization provides loans, leases, risk management and other financial services throughout 144 counties in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Based in the Upper Midwest, Compeer Financial exists to champion the hopes and dreams of rural America, while providing personalized service and expertise to clients and the agriculture industry.

Compeer Financial is the third largest cooperative of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of lending institutions supporting agriculture and rural communities with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. [Learn more](#) about Compeer Financial.