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Local festival will feature farmers and food artisans from upper Midwest

Rochester, MN (October 13, 2014) – The largest celebration of local foods in the tri-state area will premiere November 2-3, 2014 at the Rochester Civic Center, Rochester, MN.

The first day of this two-day event will be open to the public with a Sunday showcase of the best of local food by producers and makers from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. It will be a great time to satisfy your curiosity for local foods.

Sunday's theme will be "Homegrown for the Holidays" and will feature over 100 exhibitor booths (listed online at local-feast.org/exhibitors).

Visitors will be able to taste and purchase a variety of foods that are made throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa such as specialty sauerkraut and kimchi, artisan cheese, gourmet African simmer sauces, homegrown salsas, unique beef jerky, wild honey, hand-brewed kombucha, traditionally-crafted chai, gluten-free granola, all-natural farmstead yogurt, small-batch jams, award-winning wines, craft beers and distilled spirits, and more. Oh, and gourmet farm-crafted chocolates.

It's a great chance to meet the farmers and food makers and hear the stories behind the food. And you can plan ahead for the holidays by shopping this array of unique homegrown, artisan foodie gifts.

Also packed into this fun-filled day will be a lineup of chef demonstrations, food making workshops, and activities for kids such as the Veggie Grand Prix.

Live music will complete the festive atmosphere, with appearances by the DitchLilies, Patty and the Buttons, I Like You, and Maritza.

Admission is \$5/adults and \$2/children. There is an additional charge for sampling the local beer, wine, and hard cider.

Following the *Festival*, the *Tradeshow* on Nov. 3 will offer an exclusive experience for exhibitors to network with commercial buyers. Tradeshow registration is required.

For more information about the *Feast! Festival & Tradeshow*, please visit www.local-feast.org. To keep in touch with the latest updates, like *Feast! Local Food Network* on [Facebook](#), follow @Local_Feast on [Twitter](#), and use #localFEAST to make sure your voice is heard.

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