



LOCAL FOODS MARKETPLACE • Rochester, MN • Dec. 1&2, 2017

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### Service businesses invited to connect with local food makers—apply by Oct. 31 for early bird pricing

**Rochester, MN (Oct. 13, 2017)** – *Feast! Local Foods Marketplace* returns to Rochester's Mayo Civic Center Dec. 1-2. The Friday industry-only tradeshow will feature the Support Services Mini-Expo from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm when the Feast! exhibitors are not tending their own booths but are instead working to network and grow their businesses. Businesses and organizations that provide services, technical assistance, and/or resources for farm and food entrepreneurs are encouraged to [sign up by Oct. 31](#) for early bird pricing.

As Brian Erickson, New Markets Program Manager at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, said, "if you provide a product or service to food companies, grabbing a service-provider table at Feast is a great way to interface with nearly 100 small, growing food companies."

From 3-6pm, Support Service exhibitors are welcome to walk the expo floor and see the array of regional products. Registration includes lunch and access to the VIP Reception in the Art Center.

Apply here: [http://www.local-feast.org/support\\_service\\_providers2017](http://www.local-feast.org/support_service_providers2017)

*Feast! Local Foods Marketplace* hosts more than 100 jury-selected exhibitors who show, sample and sell their artisan food products to wholesale buyers during the Friday tradeshow and to consumers during the Saturday festival. Businesses selected to attend and exhibit are operating at a distributor-ready scale and utilizing locally grown ingredients in their supply chains. View the growing list of 2017 exhibitors [here](#).

For more information about attending as an exhibitor or food-buying professional, please visit [www.local-feast.org](http://www.local-feast.org) or email Eli at [eli@local-feast.org](mailto:eli@local-feast.org). To keep in touch with the latest updates, 'like' us at *FEAST Local Food Network* on [Facebook](#), follow @Local\_Feast on [Twitter](#), and use #localFEAST to make sure your voice is heard.

*Feast! Local Foods Marketplace* is co-hosted by the [Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation](#) and [Renewing the Countryside](#) non-profit organizations and is supported with premiere sponsorship by the McKnight Foundation and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

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