

Farms and Farmers' Markets

A local perspective

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Bannockburn Farm

The Farm Today

- Economics
 - ❖ Think big
 - ❖ Machinery
 - ❖ Land
- Government
 - ❖ Priorities
 - ❖ Subsidies
- Pressures
 - ❖ Income
 - ❖ Expenses



The Small Farm Today

- “Hobby” Farms
- Working Farms
- Cottage Farms
- Off-Farm Income
- Niche Markets
- Heirloom Varieties and Heritage Breeds



Minnesota’s Local Food Landscape

- Natural Food Co-ops
- Grocery Stores
- Restaurants
- Farmers’ Markets
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
- Direct Markets



Bannockburn Farm

- History
- Market Gardening
- Unique CSA
- USDA Organic Certification
- Naturally Raised Meats
- Bakery



Local Markets

- St. Cloud
- St. Joseph
- Cold Spring
- Avon

- Others



Community Supported Agriculture

- Purpose
- Different Types
- Consumer Options



The Future Farm

- Big
- Small
- Sustainable?



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