

## Fresh produce sold at Bridge Street

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HUNTSVILLE, AL (WAFB)- Since it's opening in 2007, Bridge Street Town Centre has established itself as one of the premiere shopping and entertainment destinations in North Alabama. Now, they are offering a different type of shopping.

In this week's Restaurant Scorecard report, we're going to the Bridge Street farmer's market.



Saturday morning, a crowd has gathered at Bridge Street Town Centre in Huntsville.

It's not to catch a great shoe sale, but to buy fresh fruit and produce at the Bridge Street farmer's market.

A novel idea for Bridge Street, which representatives said is really a lifestyle center.



"I think it's a great addition . It helps us be involved in the community more and reach out to people we wouldn't normally see at the center," said Bridge Street representative Amy Welch.

Vendor Marilyn Champion sells fresh vegetables from her family farm in Falkville. She said she under-estimated the response last week, but came prepared this week.

"Last week, which was my first day, was a very good turn-out. I had a good turn-out. I didn't bring enough, but this week I have," said Champion.

Right now there are 13 vendors selling everything from squash, lettuce, baby potatoes and carrots to juicy plums, peaches, strawberries too.

You can also sample homemade spreads and dips.

If you get a sweet tooth, how about fresh pastries and a beverage from the Chocolate Crocodile?

The farmer's market is open from 9:00am-1:00pm every Saturday, rain or shine.

"The response has been really good. Of course, the rain put a little damper on things today (thursday," said vendor Mary Francis Brosemer.

For others, it was only a temporary inconvenience.

"We had a real good response. Had a real good market last week. And despite the rain, we've had a really good market today (thursday)," said Steve Carpenter of Jack-O-Lantern Farms.

Right now plans are for the Bridge Street Farmer's Market to run through the end of September, but it may be longer if the vendors have seasonal produce after that time.

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