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Chelsea's Agricole is celebrating six years and \$6 million paid to farmers

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CHELSEA, MI — An indoor farmer's market concept has netted more than \$6 million for area farmers and vendors since it opened six years ago.

Agricole Farm Stop launched in downtown Chelsea in summer 2019, taking advantage of relationships with local farmers to offer farm-fresh produce on a consignment basis. Since then, the business has become a staple of the community and still proudly pays vendors 75% of its profits.

Store Manager Shana Weddington says the market aims to connect local farms with Chelsea-area consumers in a way that benefits both groups.

"Part of the priority for us is to make sure that these farms have an outlet that pays them appropriately," Weddington said. "We're really lucky because Chelsea is an agriculturally rich community. Some of our farms are within 7 to 10 miles, and we have hyper-local farms that are within 2 miles."



Agricole, 118 N Main St. in Chelsea on Wednesday, July 2 2025. Jacob Hamilton | MLive.com

Recently, Agricole has expanded its dry goods offerings to include products not made in-state. The goal has been to offer a complete selection for customers looking to make the business a one-stop shop.



Wooden kitchen mallets by Detroit Malletworks at Agricole, 118 N Main St. in Chelsea on Wednesday, July 2 2025. Jacob Hamilton | MLive.com