Farmer's Market Is Entering Second Year Of Existence

By MARY GATES

The Acadiana Farmers Market Association brought about by the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is entering its second summer of existence. It is a showplace for the exhibits and marketing of farm products. It is open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until the produce is sold in building D behind Blackham Coliseum where nostalgic scenes occur in the community.

A mood of simple trade reminiscent of the time when nothing stood between the farmer and the consumer but a plump tomato is created by the arrangement of produce. The atmosphere is unburdened and unharried and the market is a place to find small quantities of vegetables and fruits without the hustle and bustle that characterizes larger markets.

FRESH PRODUCE — Craig Neveu, left, is secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Market. He would like to see “Louisiana money kept in Louisiana and believe the development of the Market would aid in the economy of the area. Mrs. Lydia Barras, and son Tommy reported they attend the Market frequently because there’s nothing like “homegrown food.”

FRESH CATFISH — Some say this year’s catfish from the protein catfish farm of Louis and Lawrence Cramer of Branch. Here Louis holds up a prize specimen. Catfish is one of the newest and most successful enterprises on the Farm.

TEEN-AGE FARMER — John Luby started farming at age 12 and has been in the Market for the past two years. He notes that finding a job at his age is a difficult thing. He likes his produce next that if the farmer makes money, he will be able to live off the work, not being too expensive a price. It’s been too expensive a price because there was no market for winter produce. The one because their price was on the market is “for successful farmers.”

Latola Beraud, also chairman of the Agriculture Committee, commented that the market is “for individual and that now, although it is a vegetable market, it is hoped that the program will broaden to any individual who has a product or skill he would like to sell directly to the public.”

It is expected that the 1970s will see “Agricultural research” being done, not only for the area but for the entire state. Dr. Robert Barry, Dr. Thomas Guillo, Dr. Thomas Allen, Dr. Thomas Liolais, and Mr. Smith are some of the individuals who have contributed to our present system.

Mrs. Lydia Barras, mother of John Luby, is buying fresh produce from market. She is buying from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banjon, David Wchter, June, crawfish, and the exciting market. Mrs. Beraud, also chairman of the Agriculture Committee, commented that the market is “for successful farmers” this year.

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