MARKET GLOSSARY

Study these words to learn what make the Pike Place Market unique. Do you remember some of these from the photos you’ve seen?

Arcade
A covered area lined with Market shops and daystalls. There are two arcades where farmers and craftspeople sell: the Main and North Arcades.

Busker
Another word for street performer. Examples are musicians, magicians, mimes, singers, balloon twisters. Buskers perform for tips. Some have made their living as buskers for many years.

Consumer
A person who buys goods or services produced by someone else.

Craftsperson
A person who makes art. Market craftspeople must make what they sell. This handmade art can be made from many things, such as fabric, glass, metals, wood, clay, paper.

Daystall
A table rented for the day by a farmer or craftsperson. This is different from a commercial store space, where the store owner pays rent by the month and has a lease. Daystalls are also called low tables. Daystalls are numbered. Look for the numbers on the light bars above the tables.

Farmer
A person who makes a living by growing and selling fresh food, food products or flowers. At the Market, they come from all over Washington state. Farmers must grow what they sell.

Farmtables
Low metal tables that Market farmers have priority to rent each day. Farmtables are daystalls.

Goods
Another word for products, things you can see that are for sale.

Growing Season
The time of year when crops grow and are ready to be picked. For farmers who sell at the Market, the growing season is April through November.

Handmade
At the Market, this refers to items made by craftspeople. They make their crafts themselves, including some of the raw materials. They do not have people
in other countries make what they sell.

**Helping Services**
Services that help people, even if they can’t afford to pay for such services. At the Market, there is a preschool, a medical clinic, a senior center, and a food bank. These services are also called “social services.”

**Highstall**
A permanent stall where vendors sell fruits and vegetables from around the world. These stalls are built up on an angle, and are much larger than farmtables.

**Historical Commission**
A group set up by the City of Seattle to make sure the Market maintains the traditional uses and building designs it has had since it began in 1907.

**Historical District**
An area that represents value to a town, city or country, and is kept the same to remind people of their history. The Market is one of the only historical districts in the country to preserve the buildings and the ways they were traditionally used.

**Market**
A place where producers and consumers come together to buy and sell products.

**Market Foundation**
An agency in the Market that raises money to help people who live in the Market community or downtown. Some of the money they raise helps pay for a preschool, a food bank, a medical clinic, a senior activities center, and an assisted-care center.

**“Meet the Producer”**
Because farmers and craftspeople must grow or hand-craft their products themselves, Market shoppers get to buy from experts—the producers. This is why the Market started in 1907, so shoppers and farmers could meet face to face. This tradition is declared on a large sign atop an apartment building next to the giant neon clock.

**Organic**
A word to describe a natural method of growing produce without manmade chemicals that kill pests or help crop growth. Organic farming also helps preserve farmland for future crop growth.

**Owner-Operated**
Businesses in the Market must be owner-operated to uphold the tradition of “Meet the Producer.” The person who owns the store is a part of the daily operation of it. Another phrase used to describe these shops is “mom-and-pop” shops since many shops are family-run.

**Preservation**
Keeping something the same over a long period of time to save the value of it.
The citizens of Seattle voted in 1971 to preserve the Market’s traditions.

**Preservation and Development Authority (known as the PDA)**
An agency started by the City of Seattle in 1973 to run the Market for the people of Seattle. The PDA employs about 100 people to manage the Market. These employees include janitors, maintenance workers, security guards, accountants and property managers.

**Produce**
Raw fruits and vegetables.

**Producer**
A person who makes something for use or consumption by someone else.

**Rachel**
A bronze piggybank that sits under the Market neon clock and accepts money to help the low-income, elderly and disabled in the Market neighborhood.

**Tradition**
A way of doing things that gains value because it has been repeated the same way over and over. Some Market traditions are: businesses that have been run by the same family for generations; free samples given to Market shoppers; and celebrations to remember the Market’s birthday August 17.

**Vendors**
People who sell things. Synonyms as sellers, merchants.