

Finding Aid to the Great Plains Produce Association Records

Great Plains Produce Association

Great Plains Produce Association Records, 1980-1983

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HISTORY

The Great Plains Produce Association was founded circa 1980 in the Fargo, North Dakota-Moorhead, Minnesota area. It is a non-profit corporation dedicated to serving the local farm produce interests of North Dakota, northern South Dakota, and western Minnesota. Its stated purpose was to promote the production and use of locally grown vegetables, fruits, and flowers. The primary function of the association is its farmers' market, which takes place in Fargo on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from July through October. In addition to the sale of produce, members often sell homemade goods, ranging from jams and salsas to pies and donuts.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This Great Plains Produce Association records include documents relating to the association from 1980 to 1983, and are comprised primarily of newsletters though there are meeting minutes and membership records as well. The records are organized into six series: Constitution and Resolution, Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, Correspondence, Membership, and Subject.

The [Constitution and Resolution Series](#) includes the association's constitution, written in 1980, and a resolution from 1983.

The [Meeting Minutes Series](#) includes documentation relating to annual and special meetings from 1980 to 1983.

The [Newsletters Series](#) consists of the association's newsletters. The newsletters were published on a weekly basis during the summer and fall, and every four to six weeks during the winter. The newsletters are primarily from 1981-1982, but some exist from 1980 and 1983 as well.

The [Correspondence Series](#) includes only two letters from 1983 relating to the association. One of them pertains to allegations of theft of produce by the minister of a nearby town.

The [Membership Series](#) includes directories, invitations to join, and membership forms.

The [Subject Files Series](#) includes association labels and letterhead, event agendas, and newspaper clippings.

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