

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic FARMERS PUBLIC MARKET

and/or common Farmers Market

**2. Location**

street & number 311 S. Klein Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Oklahoma City — vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Oklahoma code 109

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Phil E. Daugherty (Daugherty is part owner and manager of the Harden Estate Trust for the other owners)

street & number 219 Couch Drive

city, town Oklahoma City — vicinity of state Oklahoma 73102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Oklahoma County Courthouse

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	(basically)	

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The \$500,000 Farmers Public Market was considered "the last word" in marketplace construction when it opened in 1928. Spanish Colonial Revival style architecture - extremely popular in the Southwest at this time with its gracious lines, varied colors, and terra cotta ornamentation - still distinguishes the buildings today, despite obvious signs of aging.

The two-story main building is 125 by 150 feet in size. The walls are of clay tile surfaced with stucco. Floors are slabs of reinforced concrete over structural steel joists, making it virtually fireproof throughout. Principal roof materials consist of built up felts and asphalt over steel. Towers and decorative second floor overhangs are covered with Spanish tile.

On three sides of the major structure was a wood-frame market mall. Once roughly "U" shaped, this mall, which was made up of produce stalls, increased the overall dimensions of the market complex to 320 by 210 feet. The south portion of the "U" was later removed after being partially destroyed by fire (the only significant alteration over the years) and that area is now open and used for parking. The alteration has not significantly effected the structure's integrity.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1927 **Builder/Architect** Gaylord Noftsger

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Farmer's Public Market is significant in the area of architecture because of its Spanish Colonial Revival style and because it was the first planned public market in Oklahoma City.

Construction of Farmer's Public Market began in 1927, and it was opened on June 16, 1928, with great celebration. Spanish Colonial Revival style was extremely popular in the southwest during this period, and it was selected for the market. The building's gracious lines, varied colors, and terra cotta ornamentation are important aspects of the style used in the building's design. Farmer's Public Market is the best remaining example of a public building in Oklahoma City designed in the style.

Furthermore, the building was the first in the city designed especially for use as a public market for agricultural products. Such a center for buying and selling of truck farm and other agricultural products was of extreme importance for a community situated in a primarily agriculturally oriented area.

Farmer's Public Market continues in operation today. Some farm produce is still sold here, but primarily it has become a shopping center for antiaue buffs.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Nelson, Mary Jo, "Market was Stepchild. . . " Oklahoma City Times,  
June 5, 1978

"Farm Market Is Last Word For Its Type", Oklahoma City Times, June 15, 1928

"Market Place Is Opened With Rush of Buying," Oklahoma City Times, June 17,  
1928

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property c. 1 acre

Quadrangle name Oklahoma City

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Block One, Delmar Gardens addition, city of Oklahoma City. Boundaries are SW 34 on the north, Exchange Avenue on the south, S. Klein on the east and S. Ellison on the west.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kent Ruth - Bill Peavler, Melvena Thurman - editor

organization Oklahoma Historical Society date December 1980

street & number Historical Building telephone 405/884-5456 521-3297

city or town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 73105

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *C. Empstead* date 10/21/82

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*ja Beth Groves* date 10/2/82  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration