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## Farmland will dedicate state historical marker

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2005. The state historical marker honoring Farmland Downtown Historic District will be dedicated at 2:30 pm (local time), at 106 North Main Street, in Farmland, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Farmland Downtown Historic District":

Farmland platted 1852 in Randolph County and listed as station on Indianapolis and Bellfontaine Railroad. Town incorporated 1867. Commerce based on agriculture and, by late 1880s, gas and oil production nearby. Responding to 1897 fire, community built six major buildings within two years of disaster. Historic district boundaries include parts of Main, Henry, and William streets, on original plat. Buildings were built circa 1867-1929 and are close to original condition. District demonstrates growth of railroad-based rural agricultural community. Listed in National Register of Historic Places 1994.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing Farmland's rich history.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience.

For more than 80 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are more than 470 of these markers across the state. There are currently eight state historical markers dedicated to Carnegie libraries throughout the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau Web site at [www.IN.gov/history](http://www.IN.gov/history) or call 317-232-2537.

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