



Online Retail Marketplace and Grocery for Farmers Restaurant Group

When the pandemic shut down all indoor dining in March 2020, Founding Farmers turned to GoTab for help. **Co-owner Dan Simons** and his business partners moved quickly to serve the pressing needs in their communities for curbside pickup of prepared food items, and grocery items like dairy and paper products. **At the same time they were able to partially replace some of the revenue lost to indoor dining.**

The Founding Farmers Market & Grocery debuted in May 2020 built on the GoTab restaurant commerce platform.



"The whole business model and pricing is incredibly attractive. GoTab is providing a tool, whereas other companies that are our 'partners' jam their hands in our pockets. We also keep the customer data and intel."

- Dan Simons, Co-owner Farmers Restaurant Group

The store offers over 500 daily grocery items, meals and household staples. It includes a robust selection of prepared foods, bakery & pastries, butcher & deli, fresh product, house-churned ice cream, and much more.



- Branded online menu with custom look and feel. Menu is available like any website link so it can be embedded on their website, or shared standalone via an email promotion, or a social media update.
- Scheduling capabilities that allow guests to book their preferred pickup date and time and receive customized pickup instructions. If plans change, guests can easily adjust their pickup time and location.
- Integration with GoTab KDS so the kitchen can seamlessly
 expedite orders through a single interface. Scheduled pickup
 orders are managed automatically in the GoTab KDS and alert
 staff when an order is nearing its designated pickup time.



- Two-way text communication with guests ensures everyone stays informed. Guests receive text order confirmations via GoTab. Kitchen and expo areas can communicate with guests about order changes, out-ofstock items, or special instructions. For example, remind guests to bring a valid ID for alcohol orders.
- **Discounts and special offers** to promote bundling of food, wine & spirits orders.
- **Print packing slips** for organized fulfillment of orders and use two-way chat capabilities to maintain open communication throughout the process.



Customers have given the platform high marks. The platform turned out to be a tremendous success. **In fact, in the midst** of the pandemic, the ecommerce platform generated up to \$125,000 per day.

"We had no shot at surviving with just restaurant takeout," Simons says. "Now, we're looking at a chance to build a new company, a farmer-owned food and beverage provider, with compensation structures to create a stable living wage."





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