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Illinois Office of Tourism Releases Newest Maker video, Epiphany Farms, part of Illinois Made program

Latest maker video features Central Illinois restaurant that strives to use local farm ingredients

Bloomington, III. – The Illinois Department of Commerce's Office of Tourism released today the newest local Bloomington business highlighted as part of Illinois Made video series: Epiphany Farms.

Launched in July 2016, Illinois Made is an ongoing program that recognizes the artisans, products and experiences that are unique to the state. It offers Illinois Made-inspired travel ideas to encourage people to extend their travel beyond a day trip by exploring the local businesses and great attractions nearby.

Owner and chef Ken Myszka lives by the phrase, "Think Global, Eat Local," since all of the food he creates comes from his 20-acre farm or from other artisans in the area. With this local farmto-table approach, Epiphany Farms is a great candidate for the Illinois Made program.

The new video looks into the restaurant career of Myszka, who gained a lot of his culinary skills at many high end dining facilities. He then traveled around the world and realized he wanted to combine high end food with farm fresh ingredients.

"Epiphany Farms brings in so many travelers wanting to try this delicious food," said Cory M. Jobe, Director of the Office of Tourism. "Myszka and the restaurant are a perfect example of what our state provides to its cities and visitors."

To learn more about Epiphany Farms and see this Illinois Made maker video, visit <u>www.enjoyillinois.com</u>.

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