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LETTERS

One big, happy market

THANK you so much for your thorough coverage of my favorite subject — my local farmers markets [Special Issue: Farmers Markets, May 24]. I especially appreciate your story on Laurent Bonjour, a big part of the French "invasion" at the Culver City farmers market (and the advisor for the exquisite cheese plate I served recently to out-of-town visitors).

French is heard all over the market — at the French wholesale bakery, the pasta stand, the asparagus and artichoke stand, the crepe stand and now at the granola and "best oatmeal cookies I've had at a market" stand. Oh, and the artisan chocolate stand. I'm too polite to ask, but how did we get so lucky? I spent part of my childhood in Belgium and this market most closely approximates that experience.

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