

PIKE PLACE AT 100

Images of Our Market



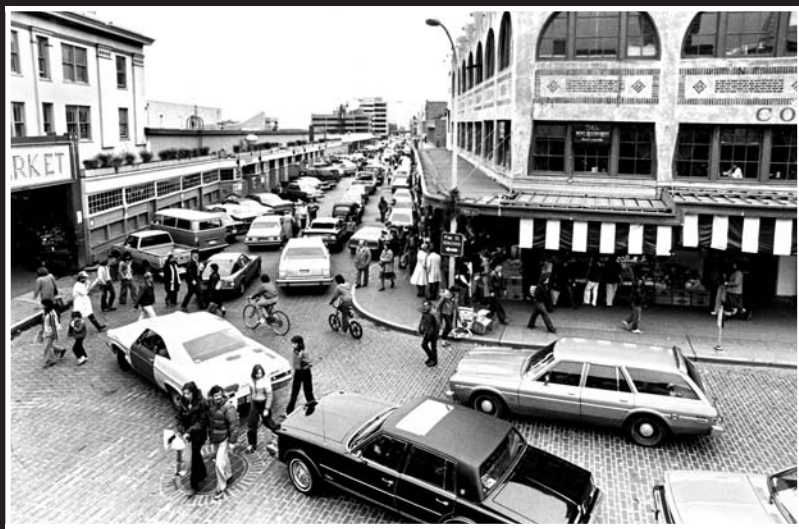
Circa 1907: By today's standards, the corner looks bare. But it offered all the essentials for an active market — a place where farmers on horseback could roll in with wagons full of produce and sell directly to the consumer. — Photo from Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority

One corner, 100 years

Onion farmers tired of getting fleeced by the middleman hitched their wagons 100 years ago and headed to this bend at Pike Street and Pike Place to sell directly to the consumer — and the corner has remained vibrant ever since. Considered Pike Place Market's front door, the corner welcomes one and all — from immigrant farmers and craftspeople working for an economic foothold to down-and-outers searching for a place of comfort, tourists having fun or locals buying bags of produce and a piece of fish.



Early 1930s: The horse and buggy has been replaced by the automobile, and farmers are shielded from the elements — and from the view of the photographer — by moving inside the main arcade. — Photo from Seattle Municipal Archives



1982: This scene from a quarter-century ago isn't dramatically different from the scene today, with bicyclists, pedestrians and cars all competing for space along Pike Place's narrow drive. — Photo from Seattle Times archives



2007: One hundred years after it all began, the Market's main entrance area remains one of the most exciting corners of the city. — Photo by John Lok, Seattle Times staff photographer

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