

Farm stands, farmers' markets open for summer season

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LAKE COUNTY – Beginning this month, prepare to savor the flavors of Lake County's Farmers' Finest produce and farm products as the county's farm stands and farmers' markets begin to open for the 2008 season.

From eggs and honey, which are available locally year-round, to plant starts, lettuce, strawberries, broccoli, beets, cauliflower, perennial plants, onions and more, are now available. As spring ends and summer begins, more summer produce, such as corn, peppers, beans, tomatoes, peaches and world-famous Lake County Mountain Bartlett pears, will soon be available.

There are many locations around Lake County where you can purchase produce and farm products directly from the farmer, which is good for the entire community. According to the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF), farmers today get less than 10 cents of the retail food dollar.

Local farmers who sell directly to consumers cut out the many middlemen and get full retail price for their food – which means farm families can afford to stay on the farm, here in Lake County, doing the work they love and residents can help to ensure a local food supply and keep local tax dollars within the county.

The following sources offer Lake County-grown produce for purchase directly from the farmer:

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market At Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive, Kelseyville Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, First Saturday in May - October

Upper Lake Saturday Morning Market 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., June 14 - Sept. 27 Main Street off Highway 20 in Upper Lake 275-0105 or 275-2000

Friday Nite Market 4 - 8 p.m., June 6 - Oct. 17 Adjacent to Austin's Beach in Clearlake 994-3600

Adamson Ranch Open May - October, call for days and times 11651 S. Highway 29, Lower Lake, CA 95457 355-3333

Barber's Country Farm Wednesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market 4680 Clark Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451 349-2518

Barrett Farms Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market PO Box 151, Finley, CA 95433 263-4211
www.barrettfarms.com

Buffalo Hills 95451 5120 and 5133 Cole Creek Road, Kelseyville, CA 95451 Visitors are welcome anytime to see the buffalo from the road; call ahead to purchase meat. 279-2063

Glo's Glee Garden Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market PO Box 743, Lower Lake, California 95457 987-2888

Hanson Ranch Open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., August - November 3360 Merritt Road, Kelseyville, CA 95451 279-4761

Hrutky's Egg Ranch Open 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday, year round 2750 Old Highway 53, Clearlake, CA 95422 994-2317

Jaguar Garden Nursery Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market; call for direct sales Lower Lake, CA 95457 995-5218 www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org/jaguar.htm

Leonardis Organics Call for direct sales Lakeport, CA 95451 www.leonardisorganics.com

Morgan Valley Produce/Socora's Salsa Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market; call for direct sales PO Box 373, Lower Lake, CA 95457 994-5043 www.socorassalsa.com

Renker Farms Open June 15 – Nov. 30, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily 2297 Argonaut Road PO Box 102, Kelseyville, CA 95451 279-4409

Seely's Farm Stand Open Memorial Day Weekend - Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. - 6p.m. daily 80 E Highway 20, Upper Lake, CA 95485 275-0525

Sky Hoyt Specialty Grower Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market; call for direct sales Lakeport, CA 95453 279-0859

Sutton Family Farm Open May - December, hours and days vary by season 2405 Scotts Valley Road, Lakeport, CA 95453 263-6277

Yerba Santa Dairy Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market; call for direct sales PO Box 1048, Lakeport, CA 95453 263-8131 www.cuesa.org/markets/farmers/farm_10.php

Yoxagoi Orchards/The Purple Pear Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market; call for farm stand hours of operation 3545 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, CA 95453 PO Box 838, Kelseyville, CA 95451 279-4949 For a complete list of local farms and markets offering fresh Lake County products, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at 800-525-3743 to request your copy of the Lake County Farm Trails brochure. For general visitor information visit www.lakecounty.com.

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