



COUNTY OF LAKE

MARKETING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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LAKE COUNTY FARM STANDS AND FARMERS' MARKETS OPEN FOR THE 2009 SEASON

Lake County, CA – Beginning this month, prepare to savor the flavors of Lake County produce and farm fresh products as farm stands and farmers' markets open for the 2009 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 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 helps support the entire community and allows you to receive fresh, wholesome, and locally-grown produce.

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. – noon, first Saturday in May through last Saturday in October
www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Friday Nite Farmers' Market

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., June 5 – October 16
Adjacent to Austin's Beach in Clearlake
www.clearlakechamber.com

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Barber's Country Farm

Registered organic nursery featuring vegetable, herbs, and flower plants in containers. Organic heirloom tomatoes and a variety of organic vegetables in season. Open seven days per week April 15 – June 15; Wednesday – Saturday, June 16 – October. 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., also at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and the Friday Nite Farmers' Market.

4680 Clark Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451
349-2518

Barrett Farms

CCOF certified organic, home of Walnut Central, By Cracky It's Jackies' Farm Fresh Eggs, and Clucky Plucky Poultry. Certified organic walnuts, chicken eggs, Guinea fowl eggs (seasonal), meat chickens, Guinea fowl, and pheasant. Available at Nature's Bounty in Lakeport, Darling's in Kelseyville, the San Rafael Farmers' Market, St. Helena Farmers' Market, and Napa Downtown Farmers' Market.

PO Box 151, Finley, CA 95433
263-4211
www.barrettfarms.com

Buffalo Hills 95451

Visitors are welcome anytime to see the buffalo from the road; call ahead to purchase meat.

5120 & 5133 Cole Creek Road, Kelseyville, CA 95451
279-2063

Cow Mountain Kiko Goats Home of the "Brush Busters"

The Brush Buster Goats for fuel load reduction, habitat enhancement, and weed abatement; USDA meats; fresh flowers, herbs, and berries. Willow for basket weaving. Restoration work.

P. O. Box 51, Lakeport, California 95453
262-1577
www.cmkikogoats.com

Full Moon Produce Farms

Fresh organic produce available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and at the farm by appointment.

PO Box 1654, 2000 Smith Lane, Kelseyville, CA 95451
245-5779

Glo's Glee Garden

Organic fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants; Raspberries, grapes, figs, pomegranates, nuts, pumpkins, tomatoes, garlic, beans, cucumbers, squash, okra, basil, arugula, red potatoes, and much more. Glo's goat milk soap and herbal salves. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market.

PO Box 743, Lower Lake, California 95457
987-2888

Hanson Ranch

Produce stand and direct sales of several varieties of Lake County pears, dried pears and walnuts. Open 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., August – November.

3360 Merritt Road, Kelseyville, CA 95451
279-4761

Hrutky's Egg Ranch

Fresh eggs for sale. See chickens, egg room, chicks when brooding as an educational experience. Open 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Saturdays, year round.

2750 Old Hwy 53, Clearlake, CA 95422
994-2317

Jaguar Garden Nursery

Annuals, perennials, nursery stock, certified wine grape rootstock, bedding and landscape plants, trees. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and the Friday Nite Farmers' Market; call for direct sales.

Lower Lake, CA 95457

995-5218

www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org/jaguar.htm

Leonardis Organics

CCOF certified Organic fruits, vegetables, walnuts, and eggs; call for direct sales year round.

1010 Argonaut Road, Lakeport, CA 95451

263-4245

Love Farms

Hay baling and wool spinning; seasonal fruits and vegetables; fresh eggs from happy free-ranging hens. Available at Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market.

8025 Highway 175, Kelseyville, California 95451

349-7880

www.lovefarms.net

Morgan Valley Produce and Socora's Salsa of Lake County

Pesticide-free heirloom tomatoes, vegetables, melons, herbs, fresh-cut flowers, Socora's Chorizo seasoning, and Lake County's California State Fair 1st place award winning tomato salsas! Socora's Salsas 16oz. jars are available in mild, spicy, or hot. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and the Friday Nite Farmers' Market; call for direct sales.

PO Box 373, Lower Lake, CA 95457

994-5043

www.socorassalsa.com

Renker Farms

Fruits, vegetables, flowers, and agriculture-related gifts and crafts available. Open daily June 15 – November 30, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

2297 Argonaut Road, PO Box 102, Kelseyville, CA 95451

279-4409

Seely's Farm Stand

Featuring locally grown fruits including pears, peaches, and apples; large variety of local seasonal produce, fresh cut flowers, pumpkins, gourds, decorative corn and cornstalks; and locally produced products: salsa, honey, jams, jellies, and cheese. Open Memorial Day Weekend – Thanksgiving, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily.

80 E Hwy 20, Upper Lake, CA 95485

275-0525

Sky Hoyt Specialty Grower

Seasonal produce including onions, garlic, tomatoes, peppers, melons, watermelon, leeks, snap peas, winter squash and more, basil, strawberries, figs, rare fig trees, creamy sorbet, and pesto. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market; call for direct sales.

Lakeport, CA 95453

279-0859

Yerba Santa Dairy

Award-winning goat cheese hand made from fresh goat milk and without preservatives or additives using vegetarian rennet, high-quality cultures, and organic herbs. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and the Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market in San Francisco; 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

CCOF certified pears and other produce. 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 more detailed list of local farms and markets offering fresh Lake County products, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or to request a copy of the Lake County Farm Trails Discovery map.

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state's cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, headliner concerts, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.lakecounty.com

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