



COUNTY OF LAKE

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PURCHASE FARM-FRESH PRODUCE CONTINUES; TAPAS THURSDAY FEATURES LOCAL INGREDIENTS AND WINES

Lake County, CA – As summer turns into autumn, the opportunity to enjoy locally grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, eggs, and more continue as most farm stands and the Kelseyville Farmers' Market are still open and offering fresh-from-the-farm products, as well as new opportunities to enjoy and learn about two of Lake County's favorite agricultural products: pears and wine.

On October 10, Chic Le Chef in Hidden Valley Lake will offer the second in the "Lake County Bounty" series with "Pear Celebration: Perfect Matches." Culinary Instructor Esther Oertel will share the secrets of pairing cheese with different pear varieties grown in Lake County, and participants will get to sample. Wine pairing tips will be offered, and dishes from hors d'oeuvres to dessert that are designed to celebrate the signature qualities of Lake County pears will be demonstrated and tasted.

Throughout the month of October, Teo's Lakeside Bistro in Nice is offering a food and wine pairing where guests will meet the winemaker. Tapas Thursdays, held each Thursday in October from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., will host High Valley Vineyards, Tulip Hill Winery, Snow's Lake Vineyards, and ends the series with Six Sigma Ranch and Winery.

Guests are seated and served three courses of "tapas" or small plates, each paired with a varietal from the featured winery. Shannon Baker of Cache Creek Catering sets the menu, and is on-hand to assist Chef Ted Herrera, owner of Teo's, in preparing the dishes. Locally grown products are incorporated and highlighted in the dishes. Reservations are required. Call (707) 263-1109.

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Herrera also will be on hand offering vegetable chopping demonstrations at the Lake County Farmers' Finest Tuesday evening market, which is held at the new Kelseyville Lumber, 3555 N. Main Street, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and runs through October 27, 2009.

The Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market continues on Saturdays at Steele Wines, 8:30 a.m. to noon, through October 31, 2009.

FARMERS' MARKETS AND FARM STANDS OPEN IN TO THE FALL

Farmers' Markets

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., beginning August 18 through last Tuesday in October

At Kelseyville Lumber, 3555 N. Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – noon, first Saturday in May through last Saturday in October

At Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451

www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Coyote Valley Farmers' Market

Coyote Valley Community Plaza, Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467

Through October 29, 5:00 p.m. – dusk

(707) 694-8584

Farm Stands

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 – October, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., also at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Friday Night Farmers' Market, Coyote Valley Farmers' Market, the Lake County Community Co-op's CSA boxes, Nature's Food Center in Lakeport, and is utilized by the Saw Shop Gallery Bistro in Kelseyville.

4680 Clark Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451, (707) 349-2518

Dancing Tree People Organic Orchard & Garden

Organic walnuts; Market Garden with organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs assisted by pygmy goats and chickens. 1445 Pitney Lane, Upper Lake, CA 95485. Available at the farm by appointment or online sales of walnuts.

(707) 275-8892, www.dancingtreepeople.com

F&G Farms

Fresh, hard-to-find greens, seasonal produce, and berries. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and at the farm by appointment.

4690 Skylar Lane, Kelseyville, CA 95461, (707) 279-6020

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, (707) 245-5779

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G Bar G Ranch

Lake County Mountain Pears, Bartlett and bosc, gourmet packs and condiments. Call for direct sales or order online.

P.O. Box 317, Finley, CA 95435, (707) 279.0950 or (707) 279.1910, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org/pears.htm

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, (707) 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, (707) 994-2317

Leonardis Organics

CCOF certified organic fruits, vegetables, and walnuts; call for direct sales year round, including fall and winter crops. Jim will pick to order to ensure you the freshest produce. Available at Nature's Food Center in Lakeport, Lake County Community Co-op's CSA boxes, Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op, Mariposa Market in Willits, Santa Rosa Community Market, and is utilized by Zino's Ristorante in Soda Bay, Nature's Bounty in Lakeport, Kelseyville School District, and Konocti School District.

1010 Argonaut Road, Lakeport, CA 95451, (707) 263-4245

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, (707) 279-4409

Scotts Valley Farm

Fresh, free-range eggs. Available also at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market. Available year round, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

3489 Scotts Valley Road, Lakeport, CA 95453, (707) 263-4122

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. Part of the Farm-to-School program, produce is utilized by the Kelseyville Unified School District. Open Memorial Day Weekend – Thanksgiving, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily.

80 E Hwy 20, Upper Lake, CA 95485, (707) 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, the Mendocino County Farmers' Market in Ft. Bragg, Ukiah, and Willits, and at Harvest Market in Ft. Bragg; call for direct sales. Lakeport, CA 95453, (707) 279-0859

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The Clark Family

Seasonal produce including corn, cucumbers, peas, beans, tomatoes, summer and winter squash, and other vegetables. Picked fresh for you. Open daily May through beginning of November; call for exact dates.
9650 Kelsey Creek Drive, Kelseyville, CA 95451, (707) 279-4343

Bodega & Yerba Santa Goat Cheese

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, the Mendocino County Farmers' Market in Ft. Bragg, Mendocino, and Willits, and the Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market in San Francisco; call for direct sales.
PO Box 1048, Lakeport, CA 95453, (707) 263-8131, www.cuesa.org/markets/farmers/farm_10.php

Yoxagoi Orchards/The Purple Pear

CCOF certified organic pears and other produce. Available at the Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market and the Lake County Community Co-op's CSA boxes. Call for farm stand hours of operation; available for shipping.
3545 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, CA 95453, PO Box 838, Kelseyville, CA 95451, (707) 279-4949

For more information on Tapas Thursdays, call (707) 263-1109 or visit <http://tapasthursdays.vpweb.com>

For more information on Chic Le Chef or the Lake County Bounty series, call (707) 987-9664 or www.chiclechef.com

For more information on Teo's Lakeside Bistro, contact Ted Herrera at (707) 350-3907.

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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