



LOCATION: Belding, MI

FOUNDED: 1957

PRODUCT: Apples: Fuji, Gala, Michigan Gold, Topaz, EverCrisp®, Smitten®, & More

MEET THE GROWERS

BELLEHARVEST



"As a business built on generations strive to maximize value for our retail

partners, growers, and consumers. Every apple receives special care and attention from the field all the way to the shelf, to ensure delivery of the highest quality products our partners have come to expect and flavors our consumers crave. Every team member, an integral part of the BelleHarvest family, is equally passionate about quality, consistency, and the overall love for apples. We are proud to be helping feed the world one of Mother Nature's healthiest snacks.

At BelleHarvest, we are committed to delivering consistent, high-quality, flavorful apples - season after season. With more than 50 years of produce experience, our sales staff is here to provide unparalleled service to both customers and growers. We believe in apples and the future of the industry. We're proud of each apple that



passes through BelleHarvest and that pride is realized in every delicious bite."

~ belleharvest.com

Their headquarters and storage facility is one of the largest storage facilities in the eastern United States with a storage capacity of over one-half million bushels.





LOCATION: Rosholt, WI

FOUNDED: 1909

PRODUCT: Potato, Onion,

and Watermelon

MEET THE GROWERS

BUSHMANS', INC.

Bushmans', Inc. began in 1909 when Joseph L. Bushman decided to pursue the American dream. Bushman was the son of Polish immigrants who was not afraid of hard work. He was inspired by the dark soils of Wisconsin and what they could provide. Bushman established what is now the longest continuing potato-growing operation in Wisconsin.

Bushman was inspired by technologies that would improve his soil and potatoes. His legacy and inspiration continue today through new generations of the Bushman family. Four generations have tilled and replenished the soils and weathered both

markets and nature for Bushmans', Inc. to become a leading grower, packer, and marketer of potatoes nationwide.

Bushmans' Inc. was created in 1960 when Joseph's son, Jerry, saw the demand for potatoes year round.

Today, Bushmans' Inc. improves upon family traditions with advanced technologies and value-added lines of onions, tomatoes, and watermelon.







LOCATION: Atwood, IN

FOUNDED: 1968

OWNER: Vernon Stuckwish

PRODUCT: Eggs

MEET THE GROWERS

CRYSTAL LAKE

Crystal Lake has been serving the food service and food manufacturing industries with the highest-quality egg products since 1968. They pride themselves with their unwavering attention to the best care for hens, on being responsible stewards of the land, and by always providing superior standards for product quality and food safety.

Crystal Lake believes that a healthy, well-cared-for flock is of utmost importance in selecting the best eggs for product preparation. The majority of the eggs processed are from United Egg Producer Certified flocks and used in the products by customer request.

Crystal Lake produces top-quality egg products for food service and food manufacturing industries. They provide frozen, liquid, and hard-cooked eggs, as well as dried products and specialty precooked items.

Their product line also includes whole eggs, egg whites, egg yolks, egg mixes and blends. All of this comes ready to use with no mess.







LOCATION: LaPorte, IN

FOUNDED: 1831

PRODUCT: Apples, Peaches, Strawberries, Pumpkins, Sweet Corn, Peppers and

More

MEET THE GROWERS

GARWOOD ORCHARDS

The Garwoods have been farming 350 acres of land in LaPorte, IN since 1831. The longevity of the family business is not something they take lightly.

John Garwood was a founding father of the LaPorte area and built a school house for neighboring children in the Scipio township area.

Approximately 200 acres of the Garwood's land are dedicated to apples with the remaining 150 acres growing multiple fruits and vegetables every season.

Sixth generation Garwoods operate the

business today. Tom, Brian, and Mike Garwood have taken over for their fathers, Carl and Jim, who continue to help on the farm on a regular basis.

Carl A. Garwood was the originator of the Garwood Farm Market in the 1950's. At which time he began selling apples and cider out of a garage on the same property where today's market is located.

Things have changed quite a bit since then, but the same standards of quality and care are practiced. You can count on fresh, safe, quality produce from Garwood Orchards.







LOCATION: Harlan, IN FOUNDED: 1959

OWNER: Vernon Stuckwish **PRODUCT:** Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Sweet Corn, Peppers, Tomatoes, and More

MEET THE GROWERS

GRABER FARMS

Graber Farms is your local connection to certified organic produce. Their goal is to support the health and environment of the community.

Graber offers a Community Supported Agriculture or CSA Program that allows anyone to make a connection with the farm and receive a weekly box of fresh organic produce. Through this program, farmers are able to purchase supplies such as seeds, water, equipment, and helps pay for labor costs.

Graber Farms produce is available at several local farm markets and health food stores.

Why Choose Organic?

- More nutrients and antioxidants than conventional
- No artificial colors or flavors
- No artificial preservatives
- No irradiated ingredients
- No GMO ingredients



Organic farms have 30% less greenhouse gas emission than conventional farms









LOCATION: Oaktown, IN **OWNER:** The Horrall Family

FOUNDED: 1976

ACRAGE: Approx. 3,000 PRODUCT: Asparagus, Cucumbers, Cantaloupe, Watermelon, Sweet Corn, and More

MEET THE GROWERS

MELON ACRES, INC



1976, Melon Acres is built on a family tradition of food safety, innovation. quality. The

Established in

farm is a leader in the produce industry by providing high-quality value-added produce to its customers.

Melon Acres remains family-owned and operated by Mike and Vicki Horrall, along with their three children, Autumn, Jacob, and Whitney, who carry on the mission of passing on trusted, quality fruits, and vegetables.

Their mission statement is in their logo;

Trusted for their commitment to food safety and the level of quality in their product; Family Quality embodies the concept of being proud to feed families with their quality of product; Pass It On refers to the longevity of the farm within the family and the development of a reputation for providing customers with the best produce available so that they will want to share with others.

The farm has grown to include over 3,000 acres of cantaloupe, watermelon, sweet corn, cucumber and asparagus, as well as a community-supported agriculture program. Melon Acres' produce is hand-picked and handled as if it came from the consumer's own garden. As Mike is proud to say, "Nothing less than farm fresh!"





LOCATION: Urbana, OH

FOUNDED: 1958 ACREAGE: 2,500 PRODUCT: Cabbage, Green Beans, Sweet Corn, Potatoes and Snap Peas

MEET THE GROWERS

MICHAEL FARMS, INC.

Family Traditions combined with the newest farming technologies enable Michael Farms to supply the region's top retail stores and restaurants with the finest snap beans, potatoes, sweet corn, and cabbage. Growing all their own vegetables on 2,500 acres of naturally rich mineral soil in the Ohio valley allows them to consistently supply the highest quality vegetables throughout the season.

The original 300 acre farm in Champaign County was purchased in 1958, in which ten acres of potatoes were grown with the rest of the farm producing feed for the dairy operation. In the mid 1960's, Doug

and Phyllis Michael sold the dairy cows and expanded the potato acreage.

Their three sons started growing other vegetables while still in high school, marketing primarily to local retailers and through their own farm market. In 1980, Doug and Phyllis, along with their children, formed Michael Farms, Inc.

The farm is located in the center of the prairie composed of mineral soil left from glaciers. This provides a unique, well-drained soil rich in nutrients and perfect for vegetable production.







LOCATION: Hudsonville, MI

FOUNDED: 1971 ACRAGE: 2,500 PRODUCT: Radishes, Turnips, Parsnips, Celery, Romaine, and More

MEET THE GROWERS

MIEDEMA PRODUCE

Miedema Produce started in 1971 when brothers Gerald and Ron Miedema raised their first crops in Jenison, Ml. The brothers learned from their father, Ted, who had farmed in the Netherlands and immigrated to the United States. He used his vegetable growing expertise to make a start in America.

Miedema began with red radishes - the hallmark product grown and produced today. Buyers knew he grew the best crop, so Miedema Produce has become one of the largest growers and shippers of radishes in the world.

In 1973, the company moved operations in flavor and to its current location in **Niedema**

Hudsonville, MI and added celery, parsnips, and turnips to meet the demands of their customers.

As the business continued to grow, the company added vegetables such as onions, cucumbers, peppers, summer squash, and lettuce to the product line.

Today, they ship more than a hundred different products to customers all over the United States and Canada.

Thanks to Miedema, customers can enjoy their produce year-round with their Nhytemp® processing technology that locks in flavor and texture.

Produce, Inc.





LOCATION: Demotte, IN

FOUNDED: 1917

PRODUCT: Conventional and Organic Blueberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, Cranberries,

and Avocados

MEET THE GROWERS

NATURIPE®

Naturipe Farms is a grower-owned producer of wholesome, good-for-you, fresh berries grown by working family farmers. Whether they oversee a small family homestead or a large estate, their farmers define themselves less by commercial success and more by their close harmony with nature. Together, under the Naturipe® label, this group of passionate farmers was born out of the desire to unite their efforts.

Unique to the produce industry, Naturipe Farms is a partnership between four highlyesteemed fresh berry growers, whose fields are spread across the globe. As a group, their growers are able to provide consistent and diverse seasonal crops. To ensure year-round availability with a commitment to seasonal produce, fresh berries are farmed in the most optimal growing regions throughout North and South America.

"By sharing resources, skills, labor and knowledge, we are better farmers and in turn strengthen the farm community."







LOCATION: Traverse City, MI

FOUNDED: 1991

PRODUCT: Blueberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, Figs, Mangos, Pomegranates, Citrus, Lemons, and More

MEET THE GROWERS

NORTH BAY PRODUCE



North Bay Produce is an international, grower-owned, year-round, fresh produce marketing and distribution cooperative, headquartered in Traverse City, Michigan. The

company's 29 stockholders are located in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, and the United States.

Wilderness Fresh Produce was established in 1984 as a division of Cherry Central Cooperative to market fresh Michigan apples, asparagus, and prune plums for several of its members. In order to meet growing retail demand for year-round fresh produce, the company began importing

product from Latin America in the late 1980s to expand its existing supply base. Due to the success of these programs, Wilderness Fresh and its Latin American partners formed North Bay Produce, Inc. in 1991. Since that time, North Bay Produce has grown considerably to become one of the market leaders in each of our core commodities.



North Bay Produce blueberries are available in the MIdwest between June and October.





LOCATION: Indianapolis, IN **OWNER:** Peaper Family **PRODUCT:** Turnips, Peppers,

Kale, Squash

MEET THE GROWERS

PEAPER BROTHERS, INC.

The proud history of Peaper Brothers, Inc. began over 130 years ago when William Peaper and Henrietta Wegherst traveled from their homes in Germany to begin new lives in the United States. Shortly thereafter, William established a garden business that produced vegetables in hotbeds on five or six acres on what is now known as Pleasant Run Boulevard. In 1909, William and Henrietta purchased 26 acres on Bluff Road and relocated the business to that location where it operates today.

Their sons, Fred and Chris Peaper, formed Peaper Brothers, constructed glass greenhouses, and expanded their crops to include tomatoes and lettuce. The outcome of their hard work and innovative ideas such as row cropping and the use of root cellars was an increased demand for Peaper Brothers produce.

After many years, a fourth generation partnership of Peaper family members has allowed Peaper Brothers to continue to flourish. Peaper Brothers was incorporated in 1987 and over the past 20 years, they expanded their market beyond turnips to produce crops to meet the ever-changing needs of the consumer such as a variety of peppers, kale, and squash.

Known for the quality of their turnips, a Peaper Brothers turnip's top and root is kept intact to keep moisture content higher in order to maintain the crisp, fresh taste. All turnips are hand-harvested to reduce bruising and scarring.





LOCATION: Carleton, MI

FOUNDED: 1970

OWNERS: David & Roseanne

Ruhlig

ACREAGE: 1,000

PRODUCT: Corn, Greens, Peppers, Squash, Pumpkins

MEET THE GROWERS

RUHLIG FARMS, LLC

David and Rosanne Ruhlig founded Ruhlig Farms in 1970 with intentions of keeping it a family farm. All four of their children are involved in the farm's operations.

Since David and Rose started the business, Ruhlig Farms has grown from 40 acres to over 1,000 acres of land, distributing fresh market produce to stores all over Michigan.

Ruhlig Farms takes pride in growing a diverse amount of home grown produce, offering everything from squash, cucumber, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower to muskmelon, watermelon, and green bell pepper. They also grow different varieties of specialty pepper, tomato, and eggplant.

Everything is hand-packed fresh daily and cooled to maintain peak freshness. The Ruhlig family plans to continue to grow their business in an effort to supply Michigan with homegrown produce for many years to come.



David and Rose Ruhlig, center, surrounded by their children, founded Ruhlig Farms, LLC in 1970.





LOCATION: Vincennes, IN

FOUNDED: 1960

OWNERS: The Wonning

Family

PRODUCT: Cantaloupe and

Watermelon

MEET THE GROWERS

WONNING MELON FARMS

The Wonning Melon Farm is located in the rich agricultural area of southern Indiana, an area known for its abundantly fertile and sandy soil. The soil provides the perfect growing conditions that make the Vincennes area famous for melon production and no one grows better watermelon and cantaloupe in the area than Wonning Melon Farms.

The farm's rich history started in the early sixties when Robert Wonning established the farm. Over 50 years later, the Wonning Melon Farm celebrates three generations of family leadership.

Brad, Diane, Jeff, and Alan Wonning all carry on the tradition of producing the best produce available.

Their melon production season runs from mid-June to the end of September, with a large push for watermelon production during and immediately after Independence Day.

A strong sense of pride and passion is apparent when talking to any member of the family. Hard work and passion goes into every planting, every harvest, and every smile from every loyal customer.





LOCATION: Belleville, IL **FOUNDED:** 1837

PRODUCT: Peaches,

Strawberries, Blackberries,

Apples, and More

MEET THE GROWERS

ECKERT'S ORCHARDS

For over 175 years, the Eckert family has been proud of their farming heritage and have been stewards of the land. They have cultivated and preserved their orchard business for seven generations.

The orchards took root in 1837 when Johann Peter Eckert immigrated to Pennsylvania from Germany and began farming. Johann's son Michael followed in his father's footsteps and settled on a farm in Illinois. Michael planted fruit trees and his son, Henry, did the same on another farm in Belleville, IL called Turkey Hill. Henry's farm is now headquarters to the family business where the family's largest orchard is located. They produce multiple fruits and vegetables.

The Turkey Hill Farm in Belleville has transformed into a state-of-the-

art facility where the sixth and seventh generations run the daily operations.

Eckert's Orchards seeks to find the best answers to one simple question, "How can we provide the most nutritious, delicious food for ourselves and ensure the same for future generations?" While the answer has evolved over the years, their commitment to finding the best farming methods has not.

Eckert's has been committed to sustainable agriculture since 1837. This commitment was made long before the term "sustainable" was ever coined. Eckert's uses sustainable farming methods to grow the

highest quality food possible for their family and customers to enjoy every day.

Eckert's





LOCATION: Cobden, IL ACREAGE: 2,000

PRODUCT: Apples, Peaches, Yellow Squash and Zucchini

MEET THE GROWERS

FLAMM ORCHARDS



Owned and operated out of Cobden, IL, Ed and Bill Flamm are the forth generation represented in day-today farming operations

and management at Flamm Orchards. The fifth generation, Larry, Allen, Jeff, Mike, and Karen oversee operational aspects of the farm, product sales, and distribution.

Flamm Orchards covers over 2,000 acres of Illinois countryside and produces apples, peaches, yellow squash, and zucchini. The farm also yields ciders, jams, jellies, and other

fruits and vegetables.

The family farm is proud of their farming heritage; with so many family members involved in a 120-year old family business, they are able to closely manage all production and sales to offer the retailer the best locally grown selections.



The fourth and fifthgeneration Flamms currently run the orchard.





LOCATION: Wooster, OH

FOUNDED: 2003 ACREAGE: 720

PRODUCT: Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Red Beets, Cabbage,

Eggplant and More

MEET THE GROWERS

GREEN FIELD FARMS



Green Field Farms was founded in 2003 to preserve the plain community's farmers. In order to produce for Green Field Farms, a farmer

must be a member of the co-op and each member must use a horse and buggy as their main source of transportation.

There are currently 95 different producers with a combined total of 720 acres in production at GFF. They follow strict guidelines and common principles that reach beyond FDA regulations.

Their vision is to preserve the agrarian lifestyle of plain communities by enabling

GFF to support their small family farms. They aim to inspire people and communities to practice faithful land stewardship.

The Green Field Farms mission is to build a brand and an organization that reflects their faith, values, and their way of life; to develop profitable niche markets for agricultural products produced by plain communities; and to create a local economy to support the plain community and enable it to thrive.

Green Field Farms believes in continuing their old-world tradition of providing healthy, nourishing food for their family and yours.





LOCATION: Collinsville, IL

FOUNDED: 1933

PRODUCE: Horseradish **FUN FACT:** Nicknamed the

Horseradish House

MEET THE GROWERS

J. R. KELLY COMPANY

J.R. Kelly Company is located in the heart of horseradish country in Collinsville, Illinois, just 15 miles from St. Louis, Missouri. The site has 10 acres of property with 10,000 square feet of cooler space and 6,000 square feet of warehouse space. The fertile soil here creates the ideal environment for the production of high quality horseradish.

"We market ten to twelve million pounds of horseradish a year, making us the largest supplier of horseradish in the United States. Not only do we supply horseradish domestically but internationally as well, shipping tons of horseradish to all corners of the globe.

J.R. Kelly offers five different grades of horseradish roots: from fresh

produce grades to other grades perfect for all types of horseradish processing including medical use. Our state-of-theart cooler warehouses allow us to store and ship all our fresh horseradish all year round."

~ jrkelly.com







LOCATION: Capac, MI

OWNER: Henry DeBlouw, IV

FOUNDED: 1951 **ACREAGE:** 11,300

PRODUCT: Cabbage, Green Beans, Cucumber, Rhubarb, Variety Peppers, Pumpkin,

Squash, and Gourds

MEET THE GROWERS

MIKE PIRRONE PRODUCE



Mike Pirrone Produce began as a mushroom farm in southwest Michigan in 1951, focusing primarily on providing quality mushrooms and later adding hothouse

rhubarb. Today, they have expanded not only acreage, but also product supply, distributions, and packaging capabilities - farming 3,000 acres of land and marketing approximately 11,000 acres of products.

The company has stayed close to its roots by remaining active in the rhubarb business, but has added green beans, cucumbers, cabbage, pumpkins, and peppers, to name a few.

Owners Henry "Butch" DeBlouw and son, Henry DeBlouw carry on the value and integrity of the Pirrone name while placing a renewed emphasis on innovation in food safety, production, packing, and shipping.

Mike Pirrone Produce's mission is to lead the northeast vegetable growing season in the growing and distribution of the highest quality products while maintaining ethical business boundaries and optimizing grower and customer satisfaction.

Through technology and teamwork, they work toward their mission by providing open communication with their growers, employees, and customers.

Their business is based on leadership, teamwork, honesty, respect, and openness.





LOCATION: LaFarge, WI

FOUNDED: 1988 PRODUCT: Cabbage,

Cucumbers, Yellow Squash,

and More

MEET THE GROWERS

ORGANIC VALLEY CO-OP



The Organic Valley ORGANIC Cooperative was established when local farmers banded together with local farmer George Siemon in order to provide

a sustainable way to farm that protected the land, animals, economy, and people's health.

They were on a mission to change the way people think about food. They set high organic standards for themselves, which later served as the framework for the USDA's organic regulations.

Quickly, the co-op had family farms joining the coalition from all over the nation and soon emerged as the nation's leading

producer of organic dairy. After 30 years of business, Organic Vally still produces some of the highest quality organic dairy, vegetables, soy, and eggs.

Currently, there are 420 third-generation farms and 190 fourth-generation farms in the co-op.

Over 2,000 members own and run Organic Valley. Organic Valley believes in five "crazy" ideas to produce high-quality products:

- 1. Make the farmers the boss
- 2. Use crazy simple ingredients
- 3. Let cows do cow stuff
- 4. Think small, really small
- 5. Hire a farmer as your CEO





LOCATION: Ionia, MI
OWNER: The Sherwood

Family

PRODUCT: Gala, Honeycrisp, Rome Beauty, Cortland, Fuji and other apple varieties

MEET THE GROWERS

SHERWOOD ORCHARDS

Sherwood Orchards is new in name only. The land has been owned and farmed by the same extended family for decades. Fruit trees were initially planted by John Petersen during the 1960s. Tom Baylis married John's daughter, Judy, and took over the orchards during the 1970s. Tom's nephew, Don Sherwood, helped manage the orchards in the 80s. Tom continued to manage the orchards until selling the land to Don in 2012.

"Sherwood Orchards is proud to carry on the traditions established by John Petersen and Tom Baylis. In addition, using new arboriculture techniques, Sherwood Orchards will progress into the future producing an excellent product for our customers."

Along with managing their farm, the Sherwood family also runs a farmer's market that sells apples, cider, baked goods, and vegetables from July to November. Sherwood Orchards has a family friendly environment, hosting craft events for kids and hay rides.







LOCATION: Paw Paw, MI **PRODUCT:** Red and Geen Grapes, Blueberries, and Asparagus

MEET THE GROWERS

SPIECH FARMS

Spiech Farms has been growing quality fresh produce for four generations. They combine the knowledge of what those before them have taught them with new technologies that develop every day to become a top nationwide supplier of produce.

The Spiech Farms goal is to always be improving the business to best meet their customers' needs.

Spiech Farms maintains annual inspections on each commodity in each state they grow in to ensure that they are meeting all of the current requirements and are producing a safe and high quality experience. Spiech Farms grows, packs, and ships products from Brooksville, FL to Hart, MI with the heart of their acreage in Southwest Michigan where they grow blueberries and grapes.

Growing is at the core of the Spiech business to ensure quality to the end user. Spiech Farms takes great pride in their continually growing farmland footprint.







LOCATION: Vallonia, IN

FOUNDED: 1959

OWNERS: Vernon Stuckwish **PRODUCT:** Roma Tomatoes, Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Sweet Corn, Canataloupe and More

MEET THE GROWERS

STUCKWISH FAMILY FARMS



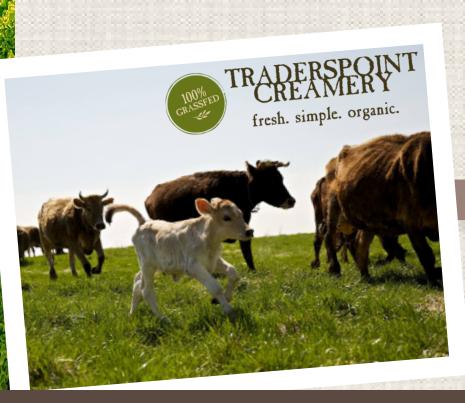
Stuckwish
Family Farms
is a fourthgeneration
owned farm
currently
operated by

Vernon Stuckwish. The farm has been in the same location in Jackson County, Indiana since 1959. Over the years Stuckwish Farms has expanded in order to grow a wider variety of vegetables and they are proud to grow watermelons, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, pumpkins, winter squash, and gourds during harvest season. Stuckwish Farm grows thousands of Romas, yellow slicers, and red slicers. Big, beautifully colored, and always grown

to perfection, these tomatoes will be ripe and ready for all your needs.

Stuckwish Farms is proud to be active within a community of wholesale growers. Vernon Stuckwish is a member of both the Indiana Vegetable Growers Association and the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.

They are committed to bringing you and your customers the safest produce possible. For the last five years, their farm has voluntarily participated in food safety programs and have proudly earned the USDA GAP and GMP food safety certifications.





LOCATION: Zionsville, IN **OWNER:** The Kunz Family

FOUNDED: 2003

PRODUCT: 100% Grassfed Organic Milk, Yogurt, and Cheese. *Yogurts:* Raspberry, Banana Mango, Wildberry, Lowfat Vanilla and More

MEET THE GROWERS

TRADERS POINT CREAMERY

Traders Point Creamery is an organic, 100% grassfed dairy farm and artisan creamery in Zionsville, Indiana, owned by the Kunz family, Dr. Fritz Kunz and Jane Elder Kunz.

"As the first USDA-certified organic dairy farm in Indiana, we believe in 'nourishing the land that nourishes us all.' Since 2003, we have blended tradition and innovation to craft the purest and most wholesome artisan dairy products by working in harmony with nature's design. We are committed to to working with farmers, consumers, and distributors for a flourishing community of sustainable food production to bring you the best in nourishing, 100% grassfed dairy. From our early days creating a pasture-based dairy operation on our grandparents' land, we have grown to include a farmstead

restaurant, dairy bar, farm tours, exclusive event spaces, relationships with partner farms, and national product distribution. It is our honor and our joy to raise, craft, and serve food in harmony with the land to nourish all who share it."

~ traderspointcreamery.com



Certified organic, 100% grassfed, non-homogenized, and in glass containers. No chemicals, antibiotics, growth hormones, or articficial ingredients are in these products.





LOCATION: Hamburg, AR

ACREAGE: 250

PRODUCT: Tomato, Variety Pepper, Melon, and Cucumber

MEET THE GROWERS

TRIPLE M FARMS



Milo, Arkansas

The owners of Triple M Farms, James Meeks and Wendell Moffatt are third and fourth generation tomato growers. They are also life-long friends who

grew up in the small community of Old Milo, Arkansas. Presently, three generations of family members manage the day-to-day farming and packing operations at Triple M.

"Farming is a risky and challenging occupation. Succeeding in this industry requires a level of commitment that consumers outside of the farming community may not recognize. We have always been committed to quality, food

safety, labor relations, and environmental responsibility and we believe that these are the key principals that have allowed us to succeed."



Wendell Moffatt and James Meeks, partners in Triple M Farms, in one of their tomato fields





LOCATION: Harvard, IL FOUNDED: 1954

PRODUCT: Sweet Corn and

Other Vegetables

MEET THE GROWERS

TWIN GARDENS INC.

George and Ruth Ahrens founded Twin Gardens in Harvard, Illinois in 1954. The farm is currently managed by third and fourth-generation family members. Their focus remains as it did on day one: quality and consistency.

Twin Gardens was given its name in the early 1950s after George and Ruth moved from Des Plaines, IL to Harvard and bought 200 acres of land. A couple of years passed and they purchased the adjacent 200 acres.

Twin Gardens prides itself on being on the cutting edge. They were one of the first sweet corn growers to grow SH2 sweet corn. They

were also the first sweet corn farm in the Midwest to package sweet corn in a corrugated box with ice on it.

From there, they developed the most flavorful corn in the world: Mirai® (pronounced ME-rye). Mirai® is not genetically modified and was bred naturally by cross pollinating different sweet corn genes. Mirai® is still picked by hand in Harvard today because Mirai® is so tender that machinery would smash kernels and ears. Handpicking is much slower than if they used machinery, but it ensures their goal of high quality produce.





LOCATION: Imlay City, MI

FOUNDED: 1958 ACREAGE: 600

PRODUCT: Romaine, Red Leaf, Green Leaf and Head

Lettuce

MEET THE GROWERS

VANDYK FARMS



John VanDyk started farming on his own on the muck soil around Imlay City in 1958.

With the help of his wife, Wilma, he grew lettuce and potatoes from the start. The last potatoes were grown by the farm in 1998, and they have since began focusing and growing their leafy green operation.

VanDyk Farms is a major supplier of iceberg and romaine lettuce to fresh and processed markets in Michigan and other states along the East Coast.

About four different types of lettuce are grown on over 600 acres of land. The farm

limits its carbon footprint by limiting its soil tillage and adapting other healthy growing practices.

VanDyk Farms maintains global food and safety regulations by performing third-party verification of its farming methods. The methods to provide top-of-the-line produce ensures the consumers' products are not only fresh but completely safe from field to fork

Doug and Beth VanDyk, their children, Dennis and Carol and their children team up with two harvesting crews, a weeding crew, and a transplanting crew to service area restaurants and markets with all their leafy green needs.





LOCATION: Madison, WI

FOUNDED: 2012

PRODUCE: Watermelon, Strawberries, Sweet Corn, Peppers, Tomatoes, and Much

More

MEET THE GROWERS

WISCONSIN FOOD HUB CO-OP



The Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative (WFHC) is a farmer-led cooperative owned by the producers and the Wisconsin Farmers Union. The co-op is a result of a unique private-public partnership with Dane County, Wisconsin, officially

incorporated in October 2012.

They are committed to building a socially and ecomonically vibrant food system with respect to its land and communities. The farmers in the co-op are experienced in providing igh-quality goods for the market.

The farmer members of the co-op are

experienced in growing high-quality produce and making processed goods for the market. Here's a list of Wisconsin Food Hub producers:

- Adamanski's Sugar Bush
- Agrecol Farms
- Alsum Farms
- Blaser's Acres
- Coloma Farm
- Don's Produce
- Double S BBQ
- Driftless Organics
- Drumlin
 Community Farm
- Emerald

- Meadows Farms
- Fazenda Farms
- Flyte Farms
- Four Elements
- Geneva Produce
- Heath Farms
- Hoesktra Farms
- Olden Produce
- Pleasant Valley Acres
- Renaissance Farm
- Turner Farm