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Follow the Harvest Trail

The beautiful Suisun Valley is more than just wine. The valley also offers a bounty of fresh, locally grown fruits, nuts and vegetables at produce stands, orchards, gardens, and u-pick farms.

Available seasonally and year round are cherries, peaches, apricots, nectarines, strawberries, heirloom tomatoes, corn, squash, organic kiwi, hot chili peppers, almonds, not to mention, dahlias, dried fruit, honey, and jams and preserves. Is your mouth watering yet?

Open year-round is Cal Yee Farms, tucked away on the quiet Clayton Road. Blink and you may miss this local treasure, which has been offering high quality, locally grown dried fruits and nuts for over 50 years. Cal Yee's specialty products include dried apricots, date rolls, trail mixes, over 10 flavors of covered almonds and hand dipped chocolate fruit.

Meanwhile, these farm stands are open seasonally, most from June to November or December:

Larry's Produce is a mega source for fresh fruits and vegetables in Suisun Valley. Owners Larry and Lisa Balestra's goal has always been simple - "To sell what people need, the basics." People travel from miles around to visit and fill wheelbarrows with quality produce at affordable prices. While here, visitors can also enjoy a lunch in our gorgeous valley. Food trucks provide everything from delicious Mexican treats to ice cream and sno-cones for the kids. In the fall and winter months, Larry's is a favorite destination for pumpkins and Christmas trees.

Erickson Ranch Produce Stand and Dahlia Garden's Suisun Valley roots date back to the early 1900s and today, two generations of the family live and work on the property. The family encourages and invites guests to get in touch with farm life. Erickson Ranch includes U-pick fields of bell peppers, chilies (you can roast them there too!), carrots, beets, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, herbs and flowers. The farm stand also offers watermelon, squash, apples, gourds and pumpkins. Everything that is sold at Erickson is grown there, available fresh from their garden to your table.

Shooting Star CSA is a 10-acre, certified organic farm located in Suisun Valley and owned by Lily Schneider and Matthew (Matt) Mccue, The two operate a seasonal weekly vegetable box program, known as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), from May to November.

Shooting Star CSA is a favorite with the locals and they have three open houses throughout the season to introduce the public to their farm.

Castaneda Brothers Produce grows over 90 percent of the items offered in their store in Suisun Valley. This includes over a dozen varieties of peppers, cucumbers, squash, corn, eggplant, watermelon, cantaloupe and more. They are open seasonally, July to November.

For more information on Fairfield's farm stands, visit www.VisitFairfieldCA.com