

The Apple Blossom Report

Growing Over 34 Varieties of California's Best Apples!



**Celebrating
111 Years!
1898-2009**

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Ripe and Ready Report

This is an **approximate** schedule of when our apples will be ready. Please call to confirm the availability of your favorite apple (909) 797-3415.

SEPTEMBER

Gala
Lura Red
Gravenstein*
Ozark Gold
Jonagold
McIntosh
Golden Delicious
King David*
Courtland**
Empire*
Jonathan
Sonata**
Spartan**
Ida Red**
Red Delicious
Valstar**

OCTOBER

Ambrosia**
Rome Beauty
Cameo
Blushing Gold
Northern Spy**
Winter Banana*
Pippin
Honey Crisp
Sekaiichii
Winesap
Red Staymen**
Braeburn
Fuji
Standard Rome
Granny Smith
Mutsu
Pink Lady
Arkansas Black

* Limited amounts available

** No crop this year

SNOW-LINE ORCHARD

Seems that I just finished last year's newsletter and now it's time to start another one for this coming apple season. Where does the time go?

This season will be our thirtieth year of raising and selling apples along with pressing our delicious apple cider. Wow! Time really flies when you're having so much fun.

Looks like we're going to have a pretty good crop in spite of the crazy weather we had this year. We had more snow than I think we have ever had and the spring brought about some pretty cold weather, we had a lot of bee activity and that's a good thing. Mother Nature seems to have worked it out and is giving us a pretty good crop on most of our varieties. Check our Web Page to see what varieties will be available and when.

These past years have had their ups and downs, its good and bad, lots of joys and some sadness, but if we had to do it all over again there is very little we would change. We have met so many wonderful people that we now consider them our friends. Our family has increased in size with two little GREAT grandchildren who have given us an abundant amount of joy. Dad and I will celebrate fifty-six years of marriage this November. Pretty Good Huh! And don't you think it's about time we retire? At least semi-retire. I believe the kids are going to take over full time; they have been doing most of the work these past few years and doing a good job.

Many of Mert's cousins (24) met this past June in northern California, first time we have all gotten together except for weddings or funerals. It was delightful and everyone had such a good time. May I suggest that you get your family together and enjoy each other while you are still capable. The only thing that really matters in life is each other and the memories we give. Life is good, sometimes not long enough so please enjoy it.

We would like to thank each of you who faithfully come to Snow-Line year after year, we know you have a choice and we give our full hearted THANKS that you choose us.

We know how hard you work for your money and we give you our gratitude and appreciation to you for choosing Snow-Line. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you this apple season.

The Hudson Family

Just In Case You Would Like To Know

I remain cancer free and all the tumors are now gone.
I recognize this as a miracle and know that I have been blessed.

MINI DONUTS NOW SEVEN DAYS A WEEK (WEEKDAYS 10 - 3)

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How to Find Us!

We find these directions easier than coming through Yucaipa. From the west pass the Yucaipa exit and go four more exits to Cherry Valley Blvd., go left 3 miles to the stop light, turn left at Beaumont Ave. and continue up the hill, about 5 miles.

Those coming from the east, exit Beaumont Ave., go north approximately 7 miles. Cross streets are Oak Glen Rd. & Raspberry Ln. then follow the signs.

U-Pick Raspberries

The raspberries should be ripening by Aug. 15th, so if berry picking is your favorite thing to do, come in August. Still, the best raspberry picking is EARLY – in the morning and in the season. Don't forget, the first hard frost means the end of the berry picking, so get them while you can.

If you want to pick raspberries in August, give us a call and we will try to accommodate you.
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Never regret turning old, so many never get that privilege.

Our friends, the Fosters will be here every weekend with their mini horses and llamas, weather permitting.

While earning your daily bread, be sure to share a slice with those less fortunate.

Congratulations Scott

This past April our son Scott retired from the Hemet Fire Department, gee it seems like just yesterday he was down on his knees playing with all his toy fire trucks and pretending he was a fireman. Now here he is retired, not many of us gets to live out their childhood dreams. He has always been a humanitarian, helping anyone in need. He has received numerous awards and accomplishments, even President Bush shook his hand. Throughout the years he has served as Hemet's Safety Officer, on the FEMA Search and Rescue Team which took him to the World Trade Center after the 9-11 attack and to Louisiana for Katrina, and as Terrorism Officer. In his 36 years, he has fought fires both locally and all over the state. We're so proud of him.

Mailing List - Please Read

For twenty three years we have been mailing out our newsletter and have been happy to do so. Over these years our mailing list has become enormous and with the ever increasing cost of printing and the high cost of postage it has become almost impossible for us to continue. So this year we are asking you to PLEASE give us your E-Mail address. Almost everyone has E-Mail and this will sure help with cost and will enable us to continue our yearly newsletter. If you do not have E-Mail we will need your mailing address to bring our mailing list up to date. We will need one or the other from you or this will be your last newsletter. You can always get it off our Web page www.Snow-line.

CHOOSE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE

Supporting our California Farmers is more important now than ever with our economy in the mess that it's in. This economy is hurting many people but none more than the farmers of this great nation and especially California. Snow-Line falls within this group but on a small scale. We know what a farmer has to do in order to just stay in the farming business. I thought you might like to know what we farmers are up against. Other states I'm sure have their own restrictions and regulations for agriculture but I'm sure none as great as California. The state requires us to take a test every three years just so they know that we still know how to care for our trees and now to treat any little pest that might attack the trees its fruit the weeds and the gophers and all other little critters. We have to obtain a permit every time we put anything on the trees or on the ground. We have to make a report every time we do anything telling them when where and how. This is all for your safety so I guess that's a good thing. We also have to report to the state how much water we are using. Still don't know why they need to know that.

Every year we have to get a permit in order to burn all the tree trimmings, now the EPA has gotten involved so it wont be long until they put a stop to all burning same with the exhaust that comes from our tractors and our well.

In order to sell all these apples requires even more permits. Weights and measures, a packer permit, sellers permit both for the shed and another for what little fruit and cider we might sell wholesale. Need I say that all these permits are very costly and each year they seem to become more costly.

When you hear the Federal Government subsidizing the farmers, well let me tell you that it's not the fruit growers, they get nothing.

We're proud of the apples we grow and we never have nor never will sell anything but California fruit. Hope that you will join us in supporting California Agriculture. At least ask your produce man where their produce comes from. If you can't buy California at least buy American.

I don't know why we can't just plant a tree, pick the apples and sell them. Maybe that would make life too simple.

U-PICK RASPBERRIES GREAT FAMILY FUN CROP LOOKS GREAT!