

The Apple Blossom Report

Growing Over 34 Varieties of California's Best Apples!



Celebrating 112 Years! 1898-2010

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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

Here we go again! This apple season will make our 30th year of operating Snow-Line. Oh my gosh, I think back at how young we were that many years ago and how much vim and vigor we had back then. You will never hear me complain on getting old, I know it's a blessing to grow old as there are so many who never gets that privilege. The only thing I don't like about getting older is wrinkles. Now that's really being vain.

I can hardly wait for our September first opening so you can see all that we have been doing inside the shed. It looks so good, we have Scott and Linda to thank for that, they really worked hard and did such a good job. Let us know what you think. We purchased another donut machine so we will be making twice as many donuts and the wait should be a lot less. One of my friends came and she wanted to taste just one of those little gems, but I couldn't cut in front of the line, I would have been tarred and feathered or maybe even lynched. My friend spotted a little boy who just got his bag of donuts and went up to him and asked if he would sell just one of his donuts for a dollar, he said yes but when she went into her hand bag to get a dollar, she didn't have one, so she gave the little boy a five dollar bill. That was one happy little boy.

The apple crop looks so good as do the raspberries, the only thing that could ruin the crop now is a hail storm, so let's think positive. Last year right about opening time we had a threatening fire and all of Oak Glen had to be evacuated, we were gone for four nights and let me tell you that was a scary time. The thing that had me most worried was our old and beautiful chestnut tree, felt that everything else could be replaced but that tree is one of Oak Glen's landmarks and well over a hundred years old.

Thanks to all those brave firefighters, Cal Fire, US Forestry, and Conservation Camp and of course the 747 water bomber... Oak Glen didn't lose any homes, apple shed or any other business, no orchard was damaged not even one apple tree that I know of. Pretty amazing and we give all the credit to all those brave and wonderful firefighters, every single one of them. What a great bunch of people.

We will be so happy to see you all again, we know how hard you work for your money and we thank you for choosing Snow-Line for your apple needs. We appreciate each and every one of you. I now sip from the saucer as my cup runeth over. I'm so very blessed and I remain cancer free.

The Hudson Family

Mini Donuts Now Seven Days A Week (weekdays 10am - 3pm)

Opening September 1st. 9 am - 5 pm daily

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Snow-Line Cider

100% fruit –

100% natural

Featuring three varieties

Regular Apple

Cherry Apple

Raspberry Apple

A flavor for every taste so
take home extra to put in
the freezer.

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 are ripe and beautiful. We started picking raspberries the first of August, and there are more ripening every day. 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. Call to check on the crop (909) 797- 3415.

*Don't forget to VOTE
the power of the people is at
the ballot box...*

It's not the years in your life
that count, it's the life in
your years

1910 saw the first gasoline
tractor and 1954 was the first
year more tractors were used
on farms than horses and
mules

U-PICK RASPBERRIES

Snow-Line Orchard has been a working orchard for 112 years. Through the years there have been many changes. At first our apples were transported by wagon and sold in the valley below us. Then during World War I our apples were canned and shipped to the Doughboys in Europe. Years later, people came up for an outing and would buy bushels of apples for canning and freezing.

Our apple shed has gone from an open loading dock, to a partially enclosed shed, to an enclosed retail establishment with computers and on Facebook and Twitter! Wouldn't Snow-Line's founder, Isaac Ford be surprised? We hope he would be pleased to see it is still a working orchard and a fun place for families to come for an outing and to enjoy our cool fresh air and the wonderful apples, cider, raspberries and donuts!

Serendipity Ranch Bed and Breakfast

Congratulations to our neighbors and friends, the Foster's on the opening of their bed and breakfast! If you are a regular customer, you will remember them from their mini horses and llamas that they shared with us the past few years.

Enjoy a cozy country getaway in the heart of Oak Glen. Surrounded by an abundance of nature and animal life, the Serendipity Ranch Bed and Breakfast offers luxurious rooms and a relaxed and affordable getaway. This bed and breakfast is away from traffic and city life in the midst of a scenic valley. You can sit by the koi pond and relax in the park-like setting, or read a book under the wisteria-laden gazebo in the English garden. You also can visit nearby museums and gift shops, enjoy the mountain scenery, or visit just the ranch's farm animals. A relaxing night's stay with a full country-breakfast in the morning awaits you.

For more information, visit www.serendipityranch.net or call (909) 797-0253 and talk to Bill or Nina directly.

CHOOSE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE

Please support California Agriculture; not only are you helping the California farmer, but there are so many regulations imposed on us farmer by the state it makes the product raised and sold here safer for the consumer.

I know we would never sell anything but California apples and we stand behind every apple we sell. If we didn't think they were the best we wouldn't place them out on our sample table for you to taste. We grow 34 different varieties on eighty plus acres, and there have never been two seasons just alike. Sometimes we have more of a certain variety and short of another. I find this strange since we take care of the orchard the same year after year. If we have too many of one variety we sell them to other ranches, and if we are short of a certain kind we buy them from another ranch. I think this is what we are supposed to do, farmer helping farmer. This helps us balance out our season. Please rest assured the apples we grow and sell are the best we can offer you, our customers.

FARM FACTS: Insects and the diseases they transmit have killed more people than all the wars in history. There are over 10,000 types of insects, 8000 species of fungi and 250 species of viruses with one third of the world's crops being destroyed by pest each year. The cost in the U.S. alone is \$20 Billion.

Our Products in Your Pantry

We know you crave some of our products and would love to have them year round. For the donuts and Mert's Apple Bread, we have the mix available to take home. The cider freezes wonderfully and can be put in smaller containers or ice cube trays to use for hot cider later or to put in smoothies. Stock up on the apple butter, apple sauce or pie filling to use when the snow is falling and we are cozy in our warm homes. If you can't make the drive up to Snow-Line you could have apples or other products shipped to you. Unfortunately, we have been unable to ship the wonderful cider.

GREAT FAMILY FUN

CROP LOOKS GREAT!