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SUMMER PRODUCE

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Valley Ford Cheese

Valley Ford Cheese & Creamery was founded in 2008 and is located on **Mountain View Jersey Dairy**, off the rural coast of **Sonoma County**. The Bianchi family has owned and operated the 640 acre ranch since 1918, now occupied by the third, fourth, and fifth generations. We offer the following award winning Italian Farmstead Cheeses from Valley Ford Cheese and Creamery: **Highway 1**— an old style Fontina, unpasteurized and aged for at least 80 days. It's the perfect anytime cheese with a creamy texture and balanced fruity nutty flavor. 8#. **Estero Gold**— handmade in the style of Asiago, similar to a Montasio, and aged only six months. It is subtle and creamy with a buttery flavor and grassy, fruity overtones. It has a pliable texture, great for melting, with small holes, & straw-like coloring. 8#. **Estero Gold Reserve**— a mature Estero Gold aged 18 months, it develops a stronger flavor, harder and dryer texture, and becomes similar to a parmesan. Because it's a high protein, extra-aged cheese, it has little granular "crunchies". 8#.

LOCAL PRODUCE AVAILABILITY

Heavy rain in the Winter and Spring months lead to delayed planting of the Summer heavyweights- **Heirloom Tomatoes**, **Corn**, **Squash**, and **Beans**. Heat waves in the early summer stunned the growth of some plants causing availability gaps from our local farmers in recent weeks. We hope the availability issues are behind us but one can never tell, as predicting Mother Nature seems to be an impossible task. This week we offer the following items from our local farms: **Stonefruit**- Twin Peaks Orchard currently supplies us with Suncrest Yellow Peaches. White Peaches and both varieties of Nectarines are gapping from Twin Peaks. We are sourcing White Peaches, and Yellow and White Nectarines, Red and Black Plums, and Pluots from local grower J&J Ramos. **Corn and Beans**- Dwelley Farms continues to impress with several varieties of Beans- *Blue Lake*, *Yellow Wax*, *Romano*, *French*, and *Cranberry*. Ears of Yellow and White Corn are sweet with tightly packed kernels. Maciel Farm and Castaneda Bros. Produce provide us with several varieties of **Summer Squash**- *Zucchini*, *Gold Bar*, *Ronde Nice*, *Green Summer*, *Sunburst*, *Scallopini*. A 'Toy-Box' is also available. Organic Mixed Baby Squash and Teenage Squash available from Del Rio Botanical. **Heirloom Tomatoes**- Uncle Ray has been affected greatly by the heat wave and is currently harvesting limited quantities and varieties. **Potatoes**- Fresh Dug Potatoes- *Bintje*, *German Butterball*, and *Desiree* Potatoes available from Full Belly Farm. The Breba crop of local **Figs** is over, we now wait for the second crop to ripen from Windmill Farm. Brown Turkish Figs are available from Fresno area growers. **Melons**- Black Imagination Watermelons are coming from Vierra Farm. Local growers have yet to start harvesting varietal melons. **Peppers**- Padron and Gypsy peppers from Riverdog Farm are just starting. Enjoy the harvest!



FARM-TO-FORK CELEBRATIONS

Produce Express is hosting a 10 week **Farm to Fork** celebration. Beginning in mid July and ending the week of the **Farm to Fork Festival** and **Tower Bridge Dinner** in late September, we will host an event each week to celebrate our local farmers and the crops they grow as well as the chefs who support and prepare the ingredients grown at these farms. Everyone in the restaurant and hospitality industry is welcome to attend any and all the events listed below. We will continue to plan and announce events as they come. All the events are free of charge and includes transportation and lunch. We hope you take us up on this incredible offer to see where your food comes from and meet the people who work so hard to grow the food you prepare, serve, and eat:



- **Heirloom Tomato Tasting**– Thursday, July 20 at 11am at the Pig on the Corner next to Mulvaney's B&L featuring dozens of varieties grown in Yolo County by "Uncle" Ray Yeung.
- **Women's Day at Twin Peaks Orchard**– A Bakers Delight on Wednesday, July 26 at 9am featuring a panel of talented women bakers including Nena Rasul of Bacon & Butter, Laurel Sanders Melchor of Paragary Bakery, Misty Green of Hawks Restaurant, and Jodie Chavious of Canon.
- **Organic Yolo County Farm Trio**– Wednesday, August 2. A bus tour to three prominent Organic Yolo County Farms- Del Rio Botanical, Riverdog Farm, and Full Belly Farm.
- **Fork to Cork**– Wednesday, August 9. Appetizers featuring Dragon Gourmet Mushrooms at Rancho Murieta Country Club followed by a 3-course lunch with wine pairings prepared by Danny Origel at Meadowlands Restaurant.
- **Foothill Hops to Crops**- Monday, August 14. A bus tour to Twin Peaks Orchard, Newcastle Produce, and Twin Brooks Farm followed by lunch and beer tasting at Loomis Basin Smokehouse.
- **San Joaquin Tour**– Wednesday, August 23. A bus tour to San Joaquin County to visit Fiscalini Cheese Company, Sparrow Lane Vinegars, and Nicalou Cheese.
- **Sacramento Delta Farm Tour**– Date TBD. A bus tour to Ron Kelley U-Pick Farm, Stillwater Pear Orchard, and California Endive Farms.
- **More fun and educational tours will be added soon!**

Space is limited so please reserve your seat today by contacting inside sales at (916) 956-5536 or mmontoya@produceexp.com.

LOCAL FARMS

Visit our website for a full listing and items that require a pre-order

Dwellely Farms

- Cranberry Bean–15lb
- Blue Lake Bean–30lb case or lb.
- Romano Bean–10lb case or lb.
- Yellow Wax Bean–10lb case or lb.
- French Green Bean–10lb case or lb



Twin Peaks Orchard

- Yellow Peaches–18lb

J&J Ramos

- Yellow/White Nectarines–18lb
- Red Plums–25lb case or lb
- White Peaches–18lb
- Black Plums–25lb
- Puots–20lb



Castaneda Bros. Produce

- Lemon Cucumber–20lb
- Sunburst Squash–22lb
- Summer Squash–22lb
- Scallopini Squash–22lb
- Ronde Nice–22 lb case



Vierra Farms

- White Corn–48ct or ear
- Yellow Corn–48ct or ear

Maciel Farms

- Gold Bar Squash–20lb case or lb
- Italian Squash–25lb case or lb
- Yellow Squash–22lb case or lb
- Grey Squash–22lb
- Toy Box Case–20lb



Full Belly Farm

- Fresh Dug Potatoes-
- German Butterballs,
- Desiree, and Bintje–25lb
- Listada Eggplant–10lb
- Rosa Bianca Eggplant–10lb
- Mixed Eggplant–10lb

Del Rio Botanical

- Medley Cherry Tomatoes–12 pint
- Squash Blossoms–35 count
- Baby Mixed Squash–10lb
- Teenage Squash–20lb

County Line Harvest

- Baby Mixed Lettuce–24ct
- Lola Rosa–24ct



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