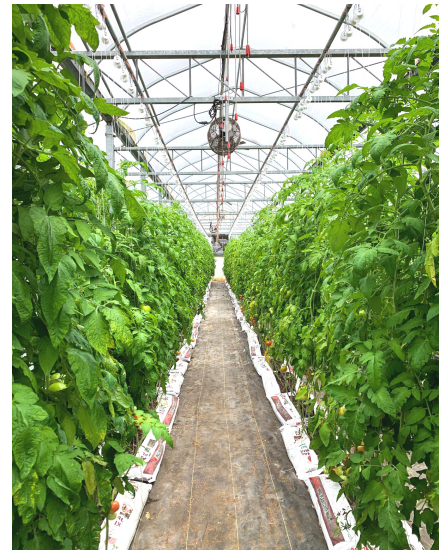


Diemer's Farm & Greenhouse

Diemer's Farm & Greenhouse has some amazing things happening at their Farm! Their Farm is located in Holland with 40 acres of outdoor vegetables and 28,000 sq feet of greenhouse space! They grow every Michigan produce you can imagine and beautiful plants/flowers as well. During our Farm Visit, they explained to us the process in growing different produce and the excitement of their next project they have on the way -- expanding their storage shed to help store more fresh produce!

Diemer's Farm & Greenhouse attends the Grand Haven Farmers Market, so make sure you stop by their stall!

Thank you for having us Jodi and Shawn and thank you for all your hard work!.



Countrywinds Farm



We had another amazing farm visit this week. We traveled to Country Winds Farm, Goat Share, and Creamery in Zeeland. They are a farmstead Grade A goat dairy operation, and are family owned. Their creamery sits on 16 acres and is home to over 100 goats, and various animals. They started processing goat milk in 1997, and in 2012 they began producing goat cheese. They have a true passion for what they do and an incredible story!

Country Winds Creamery attends the Grand Haven Farmers Market, so make sure you stop by their stall for some delicious goat cheese products.

Thank you Mary for taking the time to walk of us though the process, and allowing us to meet your friendly and affectionate goats!



Dahlia Acres

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We spent some time with Marcy Krause, owner of Dahlia Acres in Hudsonville. Marcy grew up on a family farm in Michigan but found her love for growing Dahlia's a couple of years ago. Come mid-july you will see her labor of love go from tubers into a variety of Dahlia's. Outside of growing Dahlia's Marcy also offers a mix of different classes, from designing your own wedding creations, to holiday flower design. Please check out her facebook page for all upcoming events hosted by Dahlia acres farm !

Stop by Dahlia Acres on Saturday's where you will currently find a wide range of succulents.

Thank you Marcy for taking the time to give us a tour of your lovely farm!



Zysk Farm

We stopped by to visit John Zysk at Zysk's Farm in Allendale. He was out in the field picking snap peas where he had been since 5am. John is one of few that started with the Grand Haven Farmers Market when it was in the parking lot of Tip a Few Tavern one of Grand Haven's local landmark sports bar. He has 20 acres of snap peas, pickles, zucchini, lettuce, broccoli, and tomatoes. He has an additional sunflower field where he has planted 125,000 sunflowers, and picks 7,500 weekly, which are sold to local florist, and retailers. Stop by John's table on Wednesday and Saturday and take home some of his sunflowers & produce.

John, thank you for letting us spend some time with you on your farm!



Visser Farms



We visited Visser Farms last Tuesday, which is a local, family owned and operated farm in Zeeland. Jake and Shelby Visser are fifth generation farmers. Today their 300 plus acres offers one of the finest harvest, and your own produce picking experience. During the season you can also stop by The Berry Shack and pick your own strawberries. They sell the majority of their produce at local farmers markets, and supply many restaurants in West Michigan. If you get the opportunity you should plan a trip to their farm, or you can visit them at the Grand Haven Farmers Market on Wednesday and Saturday.

Thank you Jake and Shelby for hosting us and giving us a tour of your farm.



Lakeside Orchards

A couple weeks ago we visited with Duane and Amy Rasch at Lakeside Orchards. Lakeside Orchards is a multi-generational farm in Conklin.

Chances are you've already had some of their produce since the Rasch family has been at the Grand Haven Farmer's Market for over 30 years when Duane's parents ran the farm!! Duane and Amy took over the farm in 2007 and have been full-time farmers ever since. They have 3 children, Madison, Shelby and Hunter who have grown up on the farm and help when they can in between school and work. What's so amazing about farm visits is that you get to see up close what happens "behind the scenes" and all the work that goes into farming. The 100-acre farm consists of 36 acres of apples with 14 different varieties. Honeycrisp alone takes up about 15 acres of the farm. Have you tried "Grandma's Pie Blend"? Their kids say Grandma's applesauce is the best! She says "a mix of apples makes the best pies and sauce because of the different flavors and textures". They also bring some amazing tasting cider to the market in the fall!

In addition to apples, they have just over 3 acres of peaches, along with nectarines, plums and much more! You can find Lakeside Orchards at the Grand Haven Farmers Market on Wednesday and Saturday and at the Spring Lake Farmers Market on Thursday.



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