

# FOOD

## Tasty Local Produce Now Available

The long spring days and warm weather mean much activity on local farms where producers are working to provide us with fresh fruits, berries and vegetables. Produce from the southern Willamette valley is now appearing in the Eugene/Springfield area. Spinach, lettuce and strawberries usher in the cornucopia that floods area stores, the farmers market, farm u-pick and farm stands.

Saturdays feature the farmers market, adjacent to the Saturday market at 8th and Oak Streets. June 15 will be the first Saturday that farmers will set up their own displays of produce. Berries and vegetables will be featured by local growers. Farmers and backyard gardeners can also market produce through the consignment booth as an alternative to setting up their own booth. John Graham, the farmers market coordinator, expects the market to be much bigger and more exciting this year. Interested gardeners/farmers can contact him by calling 344-1799. The Market will be open 9 am to 5 pm Saturdays and will run through November 30. Early morning visits result in a better selection of produce.

Farm stands and u-pick can be found in a number of areas surrounding Eugene and Springfield. Following are some of them offering products for your canning, preserving, drying and eating needs.

by Joe Gabriel

### RIVER ROAD AREA

Riverbrook  
Organically grown produce—  
688-3176  
Non-organic cherries—688-0586  
1225 E. Beacon Dr.

Tom's Orchard—688-8976  
Sweet and pie cherries, apples and peaches.  
909 Beacon Dr.

Thompson's—688-0725  
Vegetables, peaches, apples, and nuts.  
3910 River Rd.

Thistledown  
Vegetables, berries, peaches and apples.  
1 mile north of Beacon Dr. on River Rd.

Harwood's—688-1846  
Vegetables.  
91984 River Rd.

### COBURG AREA

Johnson's—343-9594  
Vegetables, a full line of berries and fruit.  
89733 Armatage Rd.

Detering Orchard—995-6341  
Vegetables, apples, peaches and pears.  
30946 Wyatt Dr.

### WEST OF EUGENE

Berg's—688-3585  
Organically grown strawberries and tomatoes.  
Alvadore

Royal Blueberries—689-1836  
Organically grown blueberries.  
28718 Royal Ave.

### GOODPASTURE ISLAND AREA

Evonuks—344-0001  
Strawberries, vegetables and filberts.  
1/4 mile north of Valley River Center on Goodpasture Island Rd.

### SPRINGFIELD AREA

Grier's—726-6131  
Strawberries and raspberries u-pick and already picked.  
E. 66th St. (north of Main)

Cupp's  
Strawberries.  
Follow signs off S. 42nd.

(Farms not listed above can be by calling Joe Gabriel, 342-6296.)

Many stores and supermarkets also carry local produce. So, whenever shopping, look for fruits and vegetables labeled locally grown; and I will keep you updated in future columns of particular fruits and vegetables coming into season.



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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### ARABLE Loans to Valley Farmers

In March ARABLE completed its first loan cycle making three loans totalling \$13,000 to growers near Eugene. Market gardener Vidal Cruz and Tilth truck farmer John Sundquist each received \$3000 for purchases of equipment and fertilizer. Vidal Cruz grows vegetables on 6 acres in two locations in the Santa Clara-River Road area and John Sundquist grows vegetables and filberts on 24 acres at Rivers Turn Farm north of Coburg. Both farmers market the majority of their crops through Organically Grown Coop in Eugene.

Ehud Keartes received \$7000 to pay for shipment costs for 16 tons of imported lily bulbs from Holland. Keartes has started Lico Inc., a lily growing business marketing fresh cut lilies throughout the Northwest.

At the time the loans were made their total was 50% of the amount of ARABLE deposits. Since March, the amount on deposit has doubled, to nearly \$65,000. Deposits earn either 6% interest or no interest at the host financial institution for ARABLE, OUR Federal Credit Union. No interest deposits, comprising about 20% of the total on deposit, contribute their interest earnings to the non-profit administrative costs of the ARABLE Loan Program.

A second loan cycle will be announced in early June. If you would like further information on the ARABLE Loan Program, and on how to become either a member-depositor or member-borrower of ARABLE, write to P.O. Box 5230, Eugene, OR 97405, or call Thomas Forster, 345-1218.



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