

Bowman Orchards

Pick your own apples

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Some facts that have changed over the years.... We currently operate 98 acres on Sugar Hill RD and rent about 120 acres in which we use for hay production.

Since 1972 we have gone from 100% wholesale to 90% retail and 10% wholesale. Today we have approximately 50 acres in apple production, 1 acre in blueberries, 5 acres in strawberries, 4 acres in raspberries, 1 acre in blackberries, & 1 acre of asparagus, along with various acres of squash, tomatoes, gourds, & pumpkins . We have added many modern day inventions to aid in the successful running of our farm. One of these inventions; a weather station which is linked to the Cornell Cooperative Extensions IPM program. This allows us to have up to the minute information including air temperature, wind direction, humidity, dewpoint, pressure, insolation, precipitation, leaf wetness, & inside temperature. All this weather data is used by the disease and insect forecasting models in the production of various fruit and vegetable crops, with this information we can make decisions about crop protection application using scientific protocols.

The farm is home to horses, alpacas, pigs, sheep, & goats, all of which you will have the opportunity to see during your visit.

Because Dwarf fruit trees want to produce fruit, they don't have the energy to also produce the wood to support themselves, we supply the support in various trellis types which have been constructed over the years... We now use mostly the French vertical axis system or the super spindle system for our trees; this can allow the dwarf trees to reach heights well above the old maximum height of 6-7 ft. Both trellis systems still use 3 wires which the trees are loosely attached to in order to keep them standing upright without bending or falling over. These new trellis systems have allowed us to now plant about 800-1000 trees per acre.

Some things we have added over the years are.... Agri-tainment ; corn maze, play area, pedal karts, our Bakery which includes some delicious homemade ice cream, fudge, baked goods & more.

We added Solar panels in our cornfield and on our migrant workers housing, to help produce the power to run operations on our farm. The solar allows us to produce approx 65% of our electricity needs.

Since 1952 when the farm was first purchased we have gone from 4 employees to well over 70 during our peak seasons! Look for Big things to come in the near future with our new "ultimate" store/bakery which will be built with a café & sandwich shop!