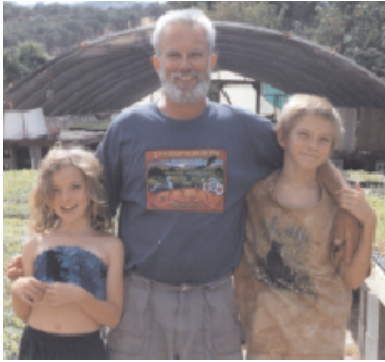


Introducing...

Jim Eldon & Julie Rose Fiddlers Green Farm

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Jim Eldon and Julie Rose, owners of Fiddlers Green Farm, have been farming on over 30 acres of land for the past 17 years. Their farm, in the heart of the Capay Valley region, is home to a plentitude of savory vegetables.

Farm Name

Fiddlers Green Farm

Owners

Jim Eldon and Julie Rose

Education

BA in Philosophy from UC Davis

Family

Wife and 2 children
(Miles-11 and Ella-8)

Community Involvement

Capay Valley Vision, Davis Farmers Market Association and Community Alliance for Family Farms board member

Number of Years Farming

17

Our Farm

Using certified organic production practices, Fiddlers Green Farm employs two permanent and numerous seasonal employees to cultivate the farm's goods.

Fiddlers Green Farm currently produces a variety of delicious certified organic vegetables that would make anyone's mouth water!

Distribution of Product

The farm sells a majority of its products through farmers markets. However, ten percent of goods are sold on the wholesale market, and ten percent are sold to restaurants.

Customers can find Fiddlers Green Farm products locally at the Davis Food Coop and the Sacramento Coop.

To enjoy some of the fresh vegetables at fine restaurants, visit Waterboy and Lark Creek Inn to taste a sample of what the farm grows.

Joys of Farming

The joys of farming are many: From simple things like watching the sprinklers going at the end of a busy day of planting, to learning over the course of years which crops really thrive on the farm's soil; from sampling out peak-season melons at market to sharing ideas and equipment with other farmers; and definitely, always having an abundance of fresh home-grown food around.

Challenges of Farming

Aside from dealing with the vagaries of nature, the biggest challenge is to balance the time demands of the farming business with family needs and one's other personal interests; farming can easily take over one's life with endless 70 to 80 hour weeks. Another major challenge is to maintain one's moral focus in the face of the economic pathology of capitalism. Being a small independent operator in a system that tends to grant the greatest rewards to those who already have the greatest wealth, resources and power would be sheer masochism if one didn't remain mindful of the constant harvest of joys such as those mentioned above.

