

Introducing...

David Scheuring Gold Oak Ranch

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David Scheuring, a long time grower in the Esparto-Capay Valley region, has operated Gold Oak Ranch near Rumsey, CA since 1993. Scheuring came originally from northern Illinois, where farming was in his family for over four generations.

Farm Name

Gold Oak Ranch

Owner

David and Ann Scheuring

Education

UC Berkeley - Soil Chemistry, PhD

Family

3 great children and 5 beautiful grandchildren

Community Involvement

Director for Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, founding President of Capay Valley Vision, Board member for Yolo Community Foundation, and Chair of Yolo County Water Resources Association

Number of Years Farming

Entire lifetime

Our Farm

Gold Oak Ranch, managed entirely by David Scheuring, comprises several hundred acres in three units. Our main crops are walnuts, Satsuma mandarin oranges, and asparagus. We use both certified organic and conventional production practices, and are transitioning where we can to more organic production. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our operations and make

them more sustainable. In the Capay Valley we like being part of the riparian environment along Cache Creek and find that our farm is very popular with birds and wildlife!

Distribution of Product

Gold Oak Ranch distributes its mandarin oranges and asparagus through organic wholesalers, while its walnuts go to California's leading walnut cooperative marketing association. Consumers can find the ranch's products through Organic Harvest Network and Full Belly Farms.

Joys of Farming

We enjoy almost everything about farming, from its scientific challenges to the beauty of the environment. Its physical activities in the outdoors contribute to good health, and, no questions about it, farming is a real down-to-earth occupation.

Challenges of Farming

Farmers are constantly trying to juggle production with marketing and distribution, and with so many variables farming is not always a particularly profitable endeavor. In our area we also have to face land conversion and development pressures, while trying to conserve and improve our sense of community.

