

Introducing...

David and Candice Hatanaka David Hatanaka Farming

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David Hatanaka, a long-time grower in the Capay Valley region, has had farming in his family for over 65 years, but has been personally farming for 30 years. His farm currently produces a wide variety of delicious goods, including corn, melons and bell peppers.

Farm Name

David Hatanaka Farming

Owners

David and Candice Hatanaka

Education

BA in Agronomy from Chico State

Community Involvement

Ag Task Force

Number of Years Farming

30

Our Farm

David Hatanaka Farming produces a wide range of products including: alfalfa, hay, wheat, corn, melons, sunflower seeds, bell peppers and a variety of vegetables on 9,000 acres of land. They use conventional and sustainable production practices including IPM and No Till or Minimum Till.

Distribution of Product

The farm sells a majority of its products through the wholesale market. However, customers can find David Hatanaka Farming goods at farmers markets and at roadside stands. The Corn Patch roadside stand east of Capay is open through the summer months with produce picked fresh daily.

They are currently retailing Capay Valley Grown Hay locally and to Petaluma, Clear Lake, the Sierra Region, and Half Moon Bay. They also export internationally.

Joys of Farming

One of the greatest aspects of farming is having wonderful independence. I am free to grow anything I want, manage the farm the way I want, and live an independent lifestyle.

Challenges of Farming

As with most farms, I think we all face many of the same challenges. For me, I believe that my greatest challenge is just to stay profitable. Some years everything runs smoothly, while other years, things are somewhat rocky.

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