

# Introducing...

Sam & Caroline Bledsoe

## Winter Creek Ranch

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*Sam and Carolins Bledsoe, growers in the Capay Valley region, have operated Winter Creek Ranch for fourteen years. A variety of delicious products are grown at the ranch in Brooks, CA.*

### Farm Name

Winter Creek Ranch

### Owner

Sam and Caroline Bledsoe

### Education

PhD-Systems Ecology, Colorado State University  
PhD-Plant Physiology, CSU

### Community Involvement

Sam: Chair-Capay Valley General Plan Advisory Committee; BOD, Friends of Esparto Regional Library  
Caroline: Professor of Soil Ecology, Dept. of Land, Air & Water Resources, UC Davis (teaches "Culinary & Medicinal Herbs" and "Forest Ecology")

### Number of Years Farming

14

### Our Farm

Using certified organic production practices, Winter Creek Ranch has two seasonal employees.

At Winter Creek Ranch, you will find organic walnuts, herbs, vegetables, tomatoes, olives, eggs, bread, pies and more products on nearly ten acres of land.

### Distribution of Product

Capay Canyon Ranch distributes one hundred percent of its products through wholesalers such as Veritable Vegetable. Consumers can also find raisins from Capay Canyon Ranch at local farmers' markets.

Approximately ten percent of Capay Canyon Ranch's products are sold in Yolo County.

### Joys of Farming

One of the most wonderful aspects of farming is the beauty of spring time. The beginning of the growth season is one of the most beautiful times of the year.

### Challenges of Farming

One of the most difficult challenges we face is trying to get everything done correctly throughout the growing season. There is so much going on that has to get done that it can become overwhelming. But in the end, it's always worth it!

