

CAPAY VALLEY HARVEST



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A newsletter from farms & ranches around the Capay Valley Region

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REGIONAL AGRICULTURE CALENDAR

- **June 2:** Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market, 5-8 p.m., Esparto Park, www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com.
- **June 7:** CVV Ag. Task Force, 7-9 p.m., Esparto Library.
- **June 10:** Cache Creek Lavender Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Cache Creek Lavender, Rumsey, www.cachecreeklavender.com.
- **June 19:** Processed Products Workshop, 3-8 p.m., (530) 787-3353.
- **June 21:** CVR Farmers' Market Board Meeting, 7-9 p.m., FreeHeart Farm.
- **July 7:** Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market, 5-8 p.m., Esparto Park, www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com.
- **July 12:** CVV Ag. Task Force, 7-9 p.m., Esparto Library.
- **July 19:** CVR Farmers' Market Board Meeting, 7-9 p.m., FreeHeart Farm.
- **August 2:** CVV Ag. Task Force, 7-9 p.m., Esparto Library.
- **August 4:** Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market, 5-8 p.m., Esparto Park, www.capayvalleyfarmersmarket.com.
- **August 15-19:** Yolo County Fair, Woodland, www.yolocountyfair.net.
- **August 16:** CVR Farmers' Market Board Meeting, 7-9 p.m., FreeHeart Farm.
- **SAVE THE DATE**
- **October 6:** Hoes Down Harvest Festival, Full Belly Farm, Guinda, www.hoesdown.org.
- **October 21:** Taste of Capay, Taber Ranch Event Center, (530) 787-3353.

Changing Perspectives on Agriculture

by Harmon Taber of Taber Ranch

Capay Valley Grown is an emblem of the bountiful and diverse agriculture of a special place. As Cache Creek flows out of its canyon, through our valley and on toward the Sacramento River, it passes through a watershed full of wild animals, birds, native trees, shrubs, vines, and wildflowers. It also runs by and helps support a dazzling array of livestock, poultry, fields of vegetables and flowers, grain crops, orchards and vineyards. And a few weeds and pests, too.

This rich kaleidoscope of Nature's gifts and human endeavor is tended by a diverse bunch of people who care strongly about the land on which they live and the quality of the products they offer to those who eat the food, drink the wine, use the fibers, and enjoy the flowers.

One reason to speak of a kaleidoscope is to evoke the many elements that make up a view of the Capay Valley — seeing all the varied plants, animals, soils, waterways, and workers produces a complex and compelling pattern.

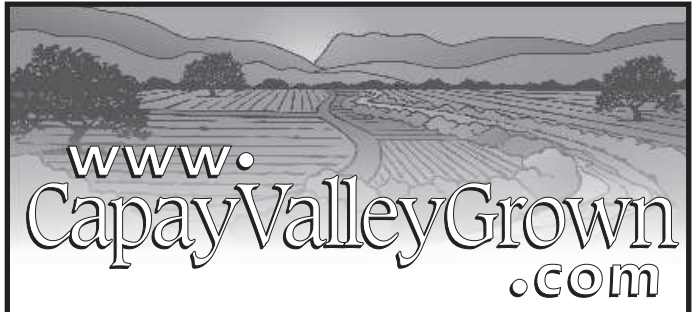
Another reason for the kaleidoscope metaphor is what it shows about change. A twist of the wrist and the pattern inside the kaleidoscope is profoundly different. Yet that new pattern is made up from the very same elements as the old one, we just see them from a new perspective. In a similar way, although the image of the Capay Valley has changed through the last 150 years, the patterns have been made out of (mostly) continuing elements.

More than one hundred years ago, there were many acres of fruit trees at Tancred. Those trees are long gone (well, Tancred is too,) but there are still fruit trees in the Valley, and acres of young trees planted near Esparto. The Almond Festival was started in 1915, a time when hundreds of acres of almond trees filled the Capay Valley and the seeming overflow almost surrounded Esparto. Over time, most of those trees have been pulled out, but some remain and there have been new almond plantings in recent years. Black walnuts are a native tree, but the many "English" walnuts are newer elements in the picture.

Cattle have been here a long time, coming with the Europeans, but their look has changed over time. One hundred and fifty years ago there were not many sheep in the area, eighty years ago there were a lot, and today there are still some around (and a few alpacas.) Years ago, every homestead had a chicken coop; now the chickens are located more strategically.

There used to be a winery between Capay and Brooks because there were lots of grapes nearby. Pests and Prohibition took them away, but now wine grapes are again planted in several vineyards. It may be hard to believe after the freezing temperatures of this past January, but there are several spots (at the ends of the Valley) where wonderful Navel oranges have consistently thrived.

On the back page of this flyer is a list of Capay Valley Grown partners that gives this moment's kaleidoscopic view of the great variety of products available from these orchards, vineyards, ranches and organic farms. The passage of time will undoubtedly change that view, but change and new perspectives are nothing new in the Beautiful Capay Valley.



Capay Valley Grown is a project of Capay Valley Vision, a local, nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.CapayValleyVision.org or call (530) 787-3353.

CAPAY VALLEY

A New

Capay Valley Farm Shop Opens at the Nut Tree, June 2007



Experiential Product & Services



Capay Valley Farm Shop is a farm-direct food market, featuring an outdoor market and grill. It provides a

hand-picked selection of fresh, prepared, and preserved foods made from locally grown, seasonally available, natural and organic ingredients, all at a fair price to traveling and local customers. At in-store tasting counters and the grill, our customers will sample and purchase ripe fruits and vegetables, fine wines, award-winning olive oils, cooked natural meats, fresh salads, packaged nuts, and many other food and gift items.

Mission

The proposed mission of the *Capay Valley Farm Shop* is to:

Sow authentic relationships between those who produce and those who enjoy good, creatively prepared mindfully grown foods.

Nurture local food communities focused on farm stewardship, ecological responsibility, and direct links between local farms and you, our customer.

Cultivate a sustainable future by sharing wholesome foods that are locally grown, picked at their flavor peak, and exceptional quality.

Enliven your food experience through taste, direct experience, and by joining hands with those who bring the food to your table.

Harvest trust, confidence, health, and enjoyment of safe wholesome food by you and your family, while building a new generation of viable, vibrant farms.

Organization

Capay Valley Farm Shop grows out of the Capay Valley Grown initiative of forty farmers and ranchers to brand products from the unique, agriculture region using a place-based label. An S Corporation was formed to launch the store at Nut Tree. It serves the purpose of creating a producer-owned market for Capay Valley agricultural products. The Capay Valley region occupies western Yolo County north of Vacaville between Winters and Clear Lake. Products from the region's farms are routinely featured by celebrated Bay Area restaurants including Chez Panisse, Oliveto, and Zuni.

FARM SHOP: *Opportunity*

The Nut Tree

Conveniently located at the junction of Interstates 80 and 505 along the San Francisco-to-Lake Tahoe corridor, Vacaville's new Nut Tree (www.nuttreeusa.com) is an integrated 80-acre mixed-use project composed of retail, an eight-ride amusement park, two parks for public use, 180 housing units, first class office space, 320 hotel rooms, and a convention center.

Featured in the new Nut Tree Village is a 30-acre mixed residential, shopping, and business project featuring high quality lifestyle retail with six national anchor tenants (including Peet's Coffee & Tea), four upscale restaurants, four quick casual cafes, first class office space, and the **Market Pavilion**. Located within the Market Pavilion is a cluster of regional "artisan" food related shops at the entrance to a family park with ample parking.

The Market Pavilion is the centerpiece of Nut Tree Village and is designed to recreate the historic Nut Tree experience by featuring a combination of unique market place stalls featuring two large pavilion building with central nave skylights and 28-foot open ceilings. The two buildings share a central access corridor to the

Nut Tree **Family Park** to the north, covered to allow customers to comfortably shop during summer and winter days. These main pavilion buildings are connected by two smaller wings on each side that houses the larger Market Pavilion tenants (currently Fenton's Creamery in the east wing and Capay Valley Growers and Villa Corona in the west). The two-acre **Bocce Grove** of historic Hackberry Tree lies immediately to the south.

Sampling of the Nut Tree Market Pavilion Tenants

Capay Valley Farm Shop (Capay Valley)
Villa Corona Mexican Food (Napa)
Potter Family Farms (Wilton)
The Fruit Tree (Winters)
Made in California (Folsom)
Fentons Creamery & Restaurant (Oakland)
Jelly Belly (Fairfield)
Mariani Dried Fruit and Nuts (Vacaville)
Stonehouse California Olive Oil Company (Oroville)
And a bakery, chocolate maker, and Italian deli are also being recruited as tenants.

Value Added Processed Products Workshop

Do you have a delicious jam recipe you would like to produce and sell? This workshop will explain the regulation of processing a product for retail and direct sale. Topics will include food safety, labeling, certified facilities, and more.

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

3 - 8 pm

Western Yolo Grange, Guinda

Contact Capay Valley Vision to register:
(530) 787-3353.

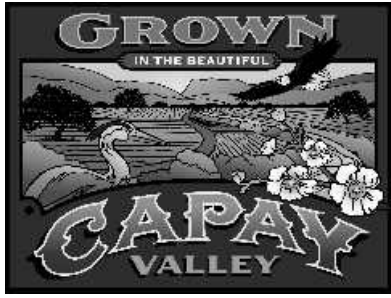


Yolo County Fair: August 15-19, 2007 Planting Memories



Come to the Capay
Valley Vision booth
in the AG Building
to taste *Capay Valley*
Grown products!

Buy Capay Valley Grown



Capay Valley Grown, a producer partnership, is committed to preserving the land of the Capay Valley as a part of rural America and maintaining its renewable resources into the future. They are also supported by the Capay Valley Grown Business Partners. You can support the preservation of the rural Capay

Valley region by purchasing Capay Valley Grown products. Listed below are the current partners, many of which do direct sales through farm stands, internet sales, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA, weekly produce box delivery), and home delivery. For more information about our partners or to become a partner go to: www.capayvalleygrown.com or call 530-787-3353.

Where to Find Capay Valley Grown Products in Yolo County

Stores

- Cache Creek Mini-Mart, Brooks
- Capay Valley Farm Shop, Nut Tree, Vacaville
- The Corner Store, Guinda
- Davis Food Co-op
- Hayes Feed, Woodland
- Nugget Market, Woodland and Davis
- Town & County Market, Winters

Farmers' Markets

- Capay Valley Regional Farmers' Market, Esparto
- Davis Farmers' Market
- Woodland Farmers' Market

Home Delivery

- Live Oak Farm

Farm Stands

- Capay Valley Vineyards (by appt.)
- The Corn Patch, Capay
- Full Belly Farm Stand, Guinda
- Hatanaka Hay Barn
- Manas Ranch Store, Esparto
- West Valley Alpacas Store (by appt.)

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

- Full Belly Farm
- Good Humus Produce
- Riverdog Farm

Contact our partners to find out more about getting their products.

CAPAY VALLEY GROWN FARM & RANCH PARTNERS

B-Z Bee Pollination, Inc.

Pollinating Bees & Honey (530) 787-3044; www.BZ-Bee.com

Bloom Ranch

Almonds, Walnuts, Pistachios, Mandarins, & Peaches (530) 796-3357; www.bloomranch.com

Blue Heron Farm/Dream Gourds

Organic Oranges, Walnuts, Tomatoes, Figs, & Decorative Gourds (530) 796-3799

Cache Creek Lavender

Fresh Cut Lavender & Lavender Products (530) 796-2239; www.cachecreeklavender.com

Cache Creek Nursery & Farm

Organic Vegetable Starts, California Natives, Perennial Shrubs, & Herbs (530) 796-2511; www.cachecreeknursery.com

Capay Canyon Ranch

Organic Red Flame Grapes, Raisins, & Almonds (530) 662-2372

Capay Oaks Farms

Olive Oil (530) 796-2180; ron@lutskoassocites.com or sandilutsko@comcast.net

Capay Valley Vineyards

Wine (530) 796-4110; www.capayvalleyvineyards.com

David Hatanaka Farming

Fresh Produce, Straw, and Hay (530) 510-7548

Dos Brujas Herbal Products

Lotions, Soaps, Salves, & Balms (530) 796-2124; dosbrujas@aol.com

Double "K" Ranch

Almonds & Candy (530) 666-3320

Double Bar O Angus Ranch

Grain-fed Beef & Bulls for Seed Stock (530) 787-3228; www.doublebaroangus.com

FreeHeart Farm

Almonds, Candied Almonds, & Eggs (530) 787-4444; www.freeheartfarm.com

Full Belly Farm

Mixed Organic Produce, Natural Wool, & CSA (530) 796-2214; www.fullbellyfarm.com

Gold Oak Ranch

Mandarins & Walnuts

Good Humus Produce

Mixed Organic Produce, Dried Fruit, Jams, Jellies, & CSA (530) 787-3187; www.goodhumus.com

Haag Farm

Walnuts (530) 787-3603; www.walnuts.us

Harlan Feed/Harlan & Dumars, Inc.

Alfalfa Hay, Oat & Alfalfa Cubes, and Hay Products (530) 662-8994; www.harlanfeed.com

III Does Almond Ranch

Almonds (530) 796-4141

Keithly Ranch

Almonds & Candy (530) 666-3320

Lamb Valley Farm

Citrus

Live Oak Farm

Olive Oil, Mixed Organic Produce, CSA & Home Delivery in Esparto & the Capay Valley. (530) 796-4084

Manas Ranch

Peaches, Cherries & Apricots (530) 787-3228; www.manasranch.com

McDonald Orchards

Almonds, Walnuts, & Honey (530) 796-3821

Murphy Ranch

Cowsters

Oldani Family Farm

Oranges, Pistachios, Apricots, Plums, Figs, & Persimmons (530) 796-4143; coldani@yolo.com

Range Brothers

Raw & Cooked Pork Products (707) 399-8356; www.rangebrothers.com

Riverdog Farm

Mixed Organic Produce & CSA (530) 796-4100; www.riverdogfarm.com

Rumsey Farms

Olive Oil, Navel Oranges, & Oat Hay (530) 796-2124; filly6@aol.com

Second Summer Wreaths

Dried Flower Wreaths (530) 796-3433

Smith Ranch

Walnuts (530) 681-2012

Taber Ranch

Almonds & Olive Oil (530) 908-2083; www.taberranch.com

Taber Ranch Event Center

Event Center for Weddings, Reunions, or Gatherings (530) 908-2359; www.taberranch.com

Triple Creek Farm

Walnuts, Wheat, Oat Hay, Tomatoes, Alfalfa, & Sunflowers (925) 251-7200

TS Ranch

Beef Cattle (530) 796-3755

Vitis and Ovis Vineyard

Wine Grapes (530) 796-3500

West Valley Alpacas

Alpacas & Alpacas Fiber, Oranges (530) 662-8630; www.westvalleyalpacas.com

Wind Dancer Ranch

Almonds, Walnuts, Lamb, Eggs, Pork, Turkey, Chicken, Breeding Stock, & Fibers (530) 796-2396; www.winddancerranch.com

Winter Creek Ranch

Organic Walnuts (530) 796-3723; www.wintercreekranch.com

BUSINESS PARTNERS

AgriForm

Chemical Products and Farm Equipment Rental (530) 662-5442

Bank of the West

Banking Services www.bankofthewest.com

Cache Creek Casino & Resort and the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians

(888) 772-2243; www.cachecreek.com or www.rumseyrancheria.org

Castle Companies

Home Builder & Developer (925) 328-1000; www.castlecompanies.com

Chamberlain Farms

Hay, Straw, & Holstein Heifers for Dairies (530) 666-8627

Community Medical Centers, Inc., Esparto Family Practice

Health & Medical Services for Capay Valley (530) 787-3454

Culinary Specialists

Catering (916) 441-1771; www.culinaryspecialists.com

Heidrick AG History Center

Agricultural Museum and Event Center (530) 666-9700; www.aghstory.org

John Deterding Company

Builder & Developer (916) 483-7386; www.johndeterding.org

NAU Country Insurance-California Crop Insurance Services

Crop Insurance Service Support for Yolo Country Insurance Agents (800)575-8797; www.naucountry.com/ca.asp

RE/MAX Woodland

Realtor (530) 661-7777; www.remaxwoodland.com

Road Trip Bar & Grill

Coming Soon to Capay

Valley Hydraulics & Machine, Inc.

Equipment Repairs (530) 666-3646

Viking Propane Inc.

Propane Company (530) 666-6996; www.vikingpropane.com

Wilkinson International, Inc.

Tractors & Farm Equipment (530) 662-7373