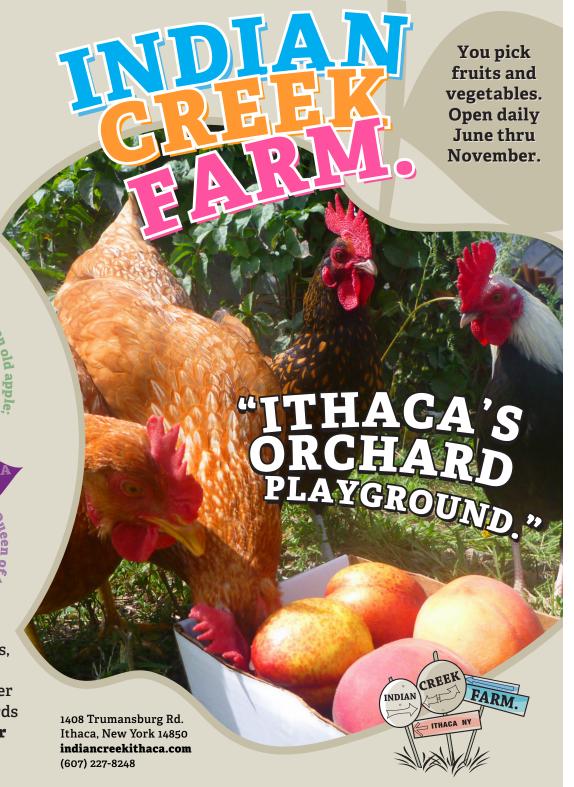
An arfy woof to you (+dog policy)

For years Indian Creek Farm has been home to a herd of heroic beasts. They are kind enough to let us live here and cater to their every whim. They might ramble up to you and bark, but they will not chase you away. Just ignore them if you are unsure. Please share any concerns.



We love dogs, but we do not encourage visitors to bring dogs, because there can be crowds of people and vehicles around; not everybody is comfortable with dogs; and, nobody (farmer or visitor) wants to step in waste as they wander the orchards and fields. If you must bring your dog, please (1) keep your dog on a leash and (2) clean up right away. Thank you.



When to pick.

WE GROW OVER 100 CROPS—75 varieties of apples, pears, and peaches, and tons of other goodies. They all ripen at different times from June to November. Some years are up, some down. How can you keep track? What's ripe now?



YOU CAN SIGN UP FREE FOR FRESH CROP ALERTS!

We'll email you when crops are ready. You won't miss your favorite local foods.



Sure, see our web site. But, remember: If you want to make Mother Nature laugh, tell her your plans.



BETTER TO STAY HUMBLE. GET FRESH CROP ALERTS.

They're free. They're fun. And they are the best way to keep up with reality.

CROPS EBB AND FLOW.

That's life on a small farm. The season is short and the

weather is weird. And that's why a whole mess of local food lovers have already subscribed to Fresh Crop Alerts.

Sign up at the farm stand or the web site—it's free.

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How to pick.

DO ask the stand worker which crops are ready to pick.

There is variation even among varieties of the same fruits and vegetables. For example, yellow peaches versus white peaches, beefsteak tomatoes versus heirloom tomatoes.

DO NOT bite a piece of fruit then toss it on the ground.

If you've picked before it is ripe, don't panic. A peach will be ripe in a few days and an apple will continue to sweeten. Take it home and eat it... or give it to your neighbor!

DO ask for picking tools and return them when done.

Some items are best picked with clippers (eggplant), big loppers (sprouts), or those cool picking sticks (apples).

DO look for these ribbons in the Vintage Orchard:

ORANGE = McIntosh
YELLOW = Cortland
BLUE = Rome/Red Delicious

RED = Northern Spy

DO pick with 2 hands.

Before you pick an apple, steady the branch and the nearby apples with one hand, then gently twist with your picking hand. If you just grab and yank, other apples will

fall and cause a chain reaction below. Imagine 500 people knocking a few apples off each time. Heartbreaking waste.



Sweet 16

19 Mixed Pears

Snowsweet

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f apples

They ripen at different times, so please ask at the farm stand which varieties are ready. We will circle them on your map.

Pick an apple, take it home.

Each one is precious. It took a long time to grow. Do not take a bite then throw it on the ground! Too mean! How would you like to be bitten and thrown away?

It's especially tricky to tell when the various pears are ready.

Ask which pears are ready to pick. You can't tell by just looking or squeezing. Don't squeeze!

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