



Fall 2011



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Greetings from Wasem Fruit Farm!

It has been difficult to decide when to open. Because our fruit trees bloomed late in the spring, apples are ripening later this year. With a late bloom it also meant we escaped the frost that killed a lot of our apple bloom last year. We spent a month this summer pulling off apples so the rest of them would be larger, but the trees are still loaded. We do not expect to run out of apples early like we did last year. We had a drought this summer and then 9 inches of rain between July 27 & Aug. 2nd. We lost some young cherry trees, raspberries that we planted last year and some pumpkins. **Our Apple Season will begin Fri. September 9th this year.** This is the same time as last year but because the apples will not be as ripe, we do not expect to have cider the first week we are open. **Please note our hours.** Sept. 9th through Oct 31st- open every day from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. We will be open the first two weeks **in November** through the 13th but only on Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun from 9 to 5 . **We will be open EVERY Friday in November, December, January and possibly February.**

Please Note!! Not all of our apple varieties are u-pick! We do have a minimum of ½ bushel for U-Pick.

You may want to bring your own step ladder and mosquito spray. Also, remember we do charge for our containers, so you are welcome to bring your own MEASURED CONTAINERS (bushel basket, ½ bushel basket or apple bag).

The following varieties are U-PICK:

<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>BEGIN PICKING</u>	<u>SIZE OF CROP</u>
Gala	September 9	Very Good (come early, they tend to crack)
McIntosh	September 9	Very Good
Prime Gold	September 9	Very Good
Cortland	September 16	Very Good
Empire	September 16	Good (limited number of trees)
Jonathan	September 16	Very Good
Red Delicious	September 23	Very Good
Golden Delicious	September 23	Very Good
Rome Beauty	September 30	Fair (limited number of trees)
Ida Red	September 30	Very Good
Northern Spy	Not sure	
Mutsu	Not sure	
Granny Smith	October 14	Good

We have been picking peaches and will have some of them for sale the first part of September. We are open every Friday now. We will have Pears shortly after we open. Our Plums did not do as well this year. We have no Vision Plums but will have Stanley's later in Sept. We make delicious donuts in our kitchen on a daily basis during most of the season. If you expect to come late in the day you may want to place an order for your donuts the day before, so you won't be disappointed. During October we will have U-pick pumpkins. Check out our caramel apples, no sugar apple butter, jam, popcorn, non-pasteurized cider, winter squash, already picked pumpkins & gourds, Indian corn, straw & corn stalks. If you are interested in picking tart cherries, red & black currants and gooseberries which normally ripen around the 4th of July, sign up on our mailing list by the front door or go to our web site and sign up. You can always stay up to date on what's happening at the farm by "liking" us on Facebook.

Directly to the west of us is a 25 acre **CORN MAZE** with 10 miles of winding paths in the maze opening Fri. Sept 16. Bring the entire family to our fruit farm, then make a stop at the corn maze and see if you can find your way out. The maze is open Fri-Sun. For hours and additional information, visit their web site at www.talladayfarms.com.