

Fun for the whole family! **U-Pick Fruit Harvest Schedule** *Take a Country Ride!*

Schedule dates are subject to change due to weather conditions and can vary by 1-2 weeks give or take. Please call in advance to confirm phone (269)236-6312.

Harvest Note: This season will be running about one week in advance of Harvest Schedule Start Dates.



Sweet Cherries ----- July 4

The 4th of July often brings with it the big bang of Cherry Season at Overhiser Orchards. We grow several different varieties of both dark and light sweets including Heidenfingen, Rainier, and Queen Anne's.

Upon arrival at the farm, please check in at the farm market for your picking equipment and directions out to the orchard. Then pick until your hearts content or your stomach is full. Don't worry, we don't weigh you, just the fruit.

NOTE: Please keep young children off ladders in the orchard. Please review the U-pick guidelines available in the farm market prior to picking. Check out the featured fruit of the season recipe on [June's recipe page](#).

Picked Cherries are always available everyday in the farm market in convenient 10# or 5# containers or you can pick the amount you want and have it weighed.



Tart Cherries ----- July 10

Our favorite topping for ice cream and pies begins with Tart Cherry season. We have two varieties of Tart cherries: Montmorency and Baleton.

NOTE: This fruit can be messy to pick. It is highly recommended to wear old clothes you don't mind getting a few stains on and leave the pitting to us. Our farm market staff will gladly wash and pit your cherries for you. This is done at a very minimal charge and saves you hours of work at home.

Fresh Picked and Pitted Cherries are also available everyday in the farm market during the harvest season. Please place large orders in advance by calling ahead of your arrival. Pitted cherries are available in 8# containers packed in their own juice with no sugar added. You can easily take them home and put them into your own recipe or repack in quart containers, for your own freezer.

Frozen Tart Cherries - available post-harvest only while supplies last!



Peaches & Apricots ----- July 20

Ooooooh! We can't wait to bite into that first peach of the summer. Michigan grows the best freestone and clingstone peaches in the country. We grow several varieties of peaches including everyone's favorite – Red Haven. But, like most old varieties, some of the newer and later varieties are beginning to grow in customer demand. Come out and visit us throughout the growing season and try some of the newer varieties. You may just change your mind about your favorite peach.

NOTE: Peaches are fuzzy, it is advised to wear an old, long-sleeved shirt with a light and airy fabric to keep the fuzzies off. (Especially, for those with sensitive skin.)

Apricots are not available for U-pick as of yet, but are available in the farm market.

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Peach Variety Harvest Schedule

FREESTONE PEACH VARIETY	HARVEST DATE (approx)
PF 1	July 20
RISING STAR	July 30
RED HAVEN	Aug 8
CORAL STAR & FLAMIN FURY	Aug 20
ALL STAR, LORING & SUN CREST	Aug 25
BLUSHING STAR (White Peach)	Aug 25
CLINGSTONE VARIETY	
VIRGIL & ARKANSAS 9	Aug 10-15
BABY GOLDS 5 & 7	Aug 30
VARIOUS NECTARINES	Aug 15-Sep 1

Check out the featured fruit of the season recipe on [June's recipe page](#).



Pears ----- August 25

Hmmm! Nothing beats Home canned pears during the winter months. If you don't get anything else canned during the summer months because your busy, make a point to come out and pick up fresh pears to put up for your family this year.

If you have never canned before there are classes to take at your local county extension offices or online video clips such as: www.blinkx.com/video/cooking-up-a-story-canning-pears/3MYEGg1ayEhNMzzw0SxIoQ or search google for more.

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Fresh Eating Plums ----- Late July

These plums are for fresh eating only and are not available for U-pick yet. We carry two varieties of this sweet and succulent fruit: Methley and Shiro.

Shiro's are similar to the ones pictured here and are spoken fondly of by those who find these gems at area roadside markets. You will not find them in your grocery stores.

Methley's are smaller and dark red in color. When you pop one of these plums in your mouth eats as sweet as chewing on a gumball, literally. You will just have to take a drive out to the country to give them a try.



Plums ----- August 30

These fall fruits are available for U-pick at the end of summer and great for canning and eating fresh out of hand. We carry several varieties including the old favorite Stanley Prune Plum. In addition, to the Stanley plum, we grow a similar variety called New York #7 & #9's that are sweeter and less clingy to the pit than the Stanley. They are another new and improved Stanley.

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**Apples ----- Begin September 1
(see schedule below)**

Our season at the farm market concludes with the harvest of Apples. Apples have one of the longest harvest season's because of all the different varieties that include the early summer apples to the harder winter storage apples. We have over 24 different varieties of apples to choose from and probably some newer varieties you've never heard of and will want to try, including Honeycrisp!

Honeycrisp has become very popular at our farm market surpassing Red Delicious as the all-time, all-round favorite and is a crisp, juicy, sweet apple with a rich flavor. See the chart below to find your favorite and some new ones you may just want to give a try.



Apple Harvest Schedule
APPLE VARIETY HARVEST DATE
(approx)

Paula Red	Late August
Mollie's Delicious	Late August
Gala	Late August
McIntosh	Early September
Cortland	Early September
Honeycrisp	Early September
Jonathan	Mid-September
Empire	Mid-September
Macoun	Mid-September
Mutsu	Late September
Jonagold	Late September
Red Delicious	Late September
Melrose	Early October
Ida Red	Early October
Yellow Delicious	Early October
Stayman Winesap	Mid-October
Northern Spy	Mid-October
Braeburn	Mid-October
Cameo	Mid-October
Red Rome	Late October
Fuji	Late October



For more information, please call us at (269) 236-6312.



Pumpkins – Late Sept. –Oct.

Pumpkin time is here again starting at the end of September and running through the end of October. Our pumpkins, squash and gourds await you in the pumpkin patch.

Check in at the farm market and get directions to the patch and grab your wagon.

For Halloween, we have decorative gourds, mini pumpkins, lumina (white pumpkins), corn stalks, straw bales and fresh apple cider!

Join us for “In Search of the Great Pumpkin event the 3rd Sat. in Oct.

(See the Event page for more information.)