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Regions Supplied: Lower mainland Thompson okanagan

Company Notes:

Most of our squashes and melons are grown from seeds collected by Native Seeds/Search of Tuscon, Arizona or the Seeds of Change organization. Our focus is in crops that have adapted to our northern growing conditions and have unique qualities of flower and storability.

Products Available:

Melons - Heirloom - Fall

Black Mountain watermelon: a black, red-fleshed watermelon. Sweet Siberian watermelon: an elongated, yellow-fleshed watermelon. Santo Domingo deep ribbed: a large, heavy, orange-fleshed melon, green to light yellow coloring, excellent rich melon flavour and aromatic. Oka melon: a Canadian heirloom from the Montreal area. Deep-ribbed, netted skin with orange, very sweet flesh and very aromatic. Banana melon: elongated, orange-fleshed melon with a green skin, on trial this year. Emerald gem melon: light-green, slightly netted skin with orange flesh, on trial this year. Prescott Fond Blanc melon: a deep-ribbed, warty-surfaced melon with orange flesh, on trial this year. Charentais melons.

Apples - Fall

Mackintosh, Gravenstein, Transparent, Gala, Kings, Bramley, Empire, Wealthy, Sunrise, Belle de Boscoop, Spartan, Roxbury Russet, Newtown Pippin

Beans - Summer

Green and Yellow Beans

Beets - Fall Summer

Firnabiva Beets (cylindrical beet, very sweet flavour and a good keeper)

Butter Lettuce - Spring Summer

Butter Lettuce

Carrots - Fall Summer

Nantes and Touchon Deluxe Carrots

Corn - Fall

Golden Jubilee corn

Cucumber - Fall

Armenian Cucumber: a long, thin, lime-green cucumber having an edible skin and mild flavour.

Fruits - Fall Spring Summer

Raspberries, Red and Black Currants, Nanking Cherries (a small red or white, semi-sweet cherry). Make excellent jams and sauces, whites look like large pearls. Bing and Van cherries, Apricots, Peaches, Green Gage Plums, Japanese Plums (small red plum with an orange flesh), Bartlett Pears.

Garlic - Fall

Italian Red garlic, hard necked; Chesnook garlic, hard necked; Georgian Fire garlic, hard necked; Russian Red garlic, hard necked; Lorz Italian garlic, soft necked; German red garlic, hard necked (in development, available in 2006).

Onions - Fall

Utah White onion (large, sweet white onion that is also used as a green onion when young), Utah Yellow onion (large, sweet yellow onion), Red Whitherspoon onion (flattened sweet red onion), Egyptian onion (a top setting onion, small in size, used as a shallot, pink colour when peeled, pungent when raw.) All onion varieties are good keepers.

Peas - Summer

Sugar and Standard Peas

Peppers - Fall

Buran (a medium sized pepper with a tender skin and sweet flesh); Napoleon Sweet (a larger sweet pepper); Lemon Drop (a hot, small yellow pepper); Cyklon (an elongated, hot red pepper).

Potatoes - Fall Summer

White Rose potato (fine textured potato having an elongated shape, much favoured by European customers in the West End farm market). Victoria yellow potato.

Spinach - Summer

Spinach

Squashes - Heirloom - Fall

Early Canadian Crook Necked Squash: a yellow, warty-surfaced, summer squash that doesn't cook down to mush. Penasco: a flattened, white to bluish, hard skinned Hubbard-like squash, fine textured and sweet. Average weight 15 lbs (heirloom). Mayo Blusher: a bluish, elongated squash with pinkish or orange colouring washing over the undercolour. Fine-textured with a flavour similar to sweet potato. Average weight 15-20 lbs (heirloom). Fordhook Acorn: a buff-coloured acorn-type squash. Guatemalan Blue Banana squash: an elongated, bluish-coloured squash (heirloom). Thelma Sanders Sweet Potato squash: a teardrop-shaped squash (heirloom). Kobacha: a buttercup-style squash with dense flesh and small seed cavity. True Pie Pumpkin, 4-7 lb: pumpkin that has a dense flesh that makes superior pumpkin purees (heirloom). Guatamala Blue Banana Squash: a large, dark orange-fleshed squash having a cylindrical shape (heirloom). Spaghetti squash.

Tomatoes - Fall

Black from Tula (a greenish, black to purple tomato having a fantastic flavour); Cherokee Purple (a greenish, purple tomato with great flavour); Brandywine (a large-sized red tomato with great flavour).

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Regions Supplied: Lower mainland Vancouver island

Company Notes:

The majority of the pickles and relishes are processed in the fall using fresh product from local suppliers. Jams are usually made from frozen products as ordered, which results in a fresher product for the customer. Pectin is used when necessary. The majority of the jams are processed using a longer cooking method so less sugar is used, bringing out the natural flavours of the fruit. Product is not certified organic but our motto is "as natural as possible." No chemical preservatives or stabilizers are used.

Products Available:

Teas - Year Round

Specialty teas include: Classic Masala, Chai with Green Tea, Chai Rooibox, Instant Coffee Masala.

A Variety of Savory Jellies - Year Round

Varieties available: Apricot Hot Pepper Jelly, *Black Inferno, The Blazing Inferno, Cranberry - Jalapeno Jelly, Garlic Jelly, Garlic-Flavoured Jalapeno Jelly, Herb Garlic Marmalade, Horseradish, Jalapeno - Green, Jalapeno - Mixed, Jalapeno Red, Orange Pepper, Hot Pepper Jelly, Red Inferno, Red Pepper Jelly - Hot, Red Pepper Jelly - Sweet, Shallot Jelly, Cranberry Wine Jelly, *Blackberry Wine Jelly, *Blackberry/Rhubarb Wine Jelly, Wine and Roses Jelly.

Concentrates - Year Round

*Blackberry Lemonade, Lemonade, Rhubarb Nectar, *Rhubarb/Blackberry Nectar. These concentrates are to be mixed with water, ginger ale, club soda, wine, etc.

Herb Jellies - Year Round

A wide variety: Apple Mint, Ginger, Gingered-Orange, Lemon Rosemary, Mango Lavender, Mint, Parsley Jelly, Pineapple-Sage, Rosemary-Quince, Tarragon. Will also make custom orders.

Jams, Jellies and Sauces - Year Round

Most jams are made with minimum amount of sugar - the "old fashioned" way. A wide variety, including: *Plum-Good" Blackberry Jelly, Apple Butter, Apricot Jam, Apricot Jelly, *Apricot/Blackberry Jam, *Blackberry Jam, *Blackberry Jelly, *Blackberry/Apple Jelly, Bluebarb Jam, Blueberry Jam, Blueberry Banana, Blueberry Orange Jam, Bumbleberry Jam, Crabapple Butter, Crabapple Jelly, Fig and Strawberry Jam, Grape Jelly, Mano Vanilla Jelly, Merry Berry Jam, Paradise Jelly, Peach Jam, Plum Ginger, Plum Walnut Conserve, Plum-Orange Jam, Pumpkin Butter, Raspberry and Strawberry, Raspberry Blueberry, Raspberry Jam, Rosy Plum, Strawberry Jam, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Tangerine Jelly, Tayberry Jam, Tropical Tango, Tropical Jelly, Yellow Plum Jam. We can also custom make different varieties of jams, jellies, marmalades, etc.

Marmalades - Year Round

Apple Ginger, Best Ever, *Blackberry, Blood Orange, Blueberry, Citrus, Cranberry, Five Fruit, Morning Cheer, Orange Grapefruit with Ginger, Orange Pumpkin, Rhubarb, Ruby Red Grapefruit, Seville Marmalades.

Pickled Garlic - Year Round

A wide variety: Lemon-Dill Pickled Garlic, Regular Pickled Garlic, Pickled Garlic with White Wine.

Special Salsa/Sauces - Year Round

A wide variety available: "Devil's Own" Hot Peppers Sauce, "The Rib Tickler," Garlic Onion Jam, Hbash Sauce, Hot Tomolives, Madras Pickled Eggplant, Mango Salso, Mincemeat, Onion Jam - Dark, Onion Jam - Light, Oriental Plum Sauce, Peppy Salsa, Pickled Grape, Tomatillo Mexican Style, Tomolives, and Sandwich Spreads.

Specialty Jars - Year Round

Mango Amaretto Butter, Margarita Marmalade, Morning Cheer (with Whiskey), Tangerine Marmalade with Orange Brandy, Sundae in a Jar, *Blackberry with Kirsch.

Spices - Year Round

Spices, herbs and teas are mostly certified organic or organically grown. Varieties include Barbecue, Bouquet Garni, Cajun Spice, Chinese 5 Spice, Garden Blend Seasoning, Potatoes Plus.

Syrups - Year Round

Apple/Orange, *Blackberry/Apple, Mango Orange, Whole Berry *Blackberry Syrup, Whole Berry Blueberry Syrup.

Variety of Chutneys - Year Round

*Blackberry, Christmas, Cranberry, Gingery Rhubarb, Mango, Mango Papaya Chutney, Peach, and Pumpkin.

Vinegars - Year Round

Basil - in White Vinegar; Blueberry Balsamic Vinegars - white, herbs, red wine, white wine or balsamic; Dill - in White Vinegar; Garlic n' Dill - in White Vinegar; Red Wine *Blackberry; Tarragon; Cranberry Rosemary; Red Basil Vinegar; *Blackberry Mint Vinegar.

Wide Variety of Pickles - Year Round

Varieties available: Beet, Beet and Onion, Bread and Butter, Chow Chow Supreme, Chunky Mustard, Firesticks, Garlic Tails n' Peppers, Golden Clow, Holiday Hot Peppers, Hot Dilled Beans, Kosher Style Dills, Old-Fashioned Dills, Picallill, Pickled Carrots, Pickled Hot Peppers, Sweet Garlic Dills and Sweet Mixed Pickles. Jar sizes 500 ml \$4.00 - \$4.50 per jar.

Wide Variety of Relishes - Year Round

Wide variety of Relishes; 1000 Island, Beet Relish, Corn Relish, Golden Zucchini, Green Tomato, Hamburger, Hot Dog, Onion Mustard Delight, Pepper, September, Vegetable Relish, and Zucchini.

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Regions Supplied: All of BC

Company Notes:

Three Boys Organics is situated in the Kootenays. It is a family-operated business created for our three boys. They are full partners in this adventure. Our goal is to produce Great Organic Garlic. We concentrate on two main hardneck varieties, Italian Porcelain and German Red garlic, both rich in flavour and long storage.

Products Available:

Fresh Organic Garlic - Hardneck - German Red - Fall Summer

Large heads with 8-10 cloves. Strong flavour, excellent storage, usually up to 10 months.

Dried Organic Garlic - Hardneck - Italian Porcelain - Fall Spring Summer Winter Year Round

Strong rich flavour. In a crystal form, very easy to use as is or to grind into a powder. Excellent shelf life. Available in 1 lb bags and produced from our own certified organic bulbs.

Fresh Organic Garlic - Hardneck - Italian Porcelain - Fall Summer

Large, easy-to-peel cloves. Excellent shelf life, usually up to 10 months. Great rich flavour in a large bulb with 5-7 cloves. Available seasonally.

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Regions Supplied: Kootenay Lower mainland Thompson okanagan

Company Notes:

We are a multi-generational family farm, and are proud to produce delicious, nutritious products for our community. We strive to maintain a wholistic balance with nature on our farm, protect wildlife and biodiversity, and encourage others to experience and learn about farming!

Products Available:

Certified Organic Sea Buckthorn Berries - Fall Summer

Delicious, tart, and bright orange, these berries and the juice we make from them are available in August and September. High in Vitamin C, minerals, antioxidants and countless other vitamins!

Certified Organic Garlic - Summer

Yugoslavian Racombole variety. Hand weeded and picked. Available July and August.

Grass-fed Certified Organic Beef - Year Round

A large variety of cuts available, sold frozen to ensure year-round supply. Bulk and specialty orders available in the fall. Hormone free, antibiotic free, no animal by-products fed, and SPCA certified to guarantee humane treatment.

Organically-Raised, Pastured Pork -

Certified organically-raised on Big Bear ranch in Horsefly, BC, this delicious free-range pork is available in frozen, individual cuts. No animal by-products fed, no hormones or antibiotics. Seasonal availability.

Pasture-Raised, Grass-Fed Lamb - Fall Winter

Grass-fed, Chemical Free Lamb

Availability: Fall to Spring

Pasture-raised, grass-fed lamb. Bulk orders available in the fall and frozen individual cuts available from late fall to spring. Free from synthetic hormones, antibiotics, and no animal by-products fed.