



FROM OUR FARM TO YOUR KITCHEN

Mead Orchards

Tivoli, NY

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Did you know that in 2001, the Mead family sold the development rights of their farm so that housing tracts may never be built there? At that time, they also bought an adjacent 85 acres where they continue to plant fruits and vegetables.

in 1916 G. Gordon Mead purchased a 100-acre farm in Tivoli with a small dairy, chickens, hogs and a variety of grain and fruit crops. Soon he began shipping apples in barrels to New York City down the Hudson River by boat. At that time, the farm was known as “White Clay Creek Orchards,” after the creek that meandered through the property. It wasn’t until the late 1980’s, that the name was changed to Mead Orchards.

When Gordon’s son, Sid, took over the farm in 1959, he specialized in wholesale apple crops, planting many new and old varieties. Sid’s son, Chuck, worked with his father for more than 20 years, and began managing the farm in the 80’s, gradually adding new varieties of apples, and expanding the kinds of fruit crops. He added pears, peaches, plums, apricots and nectarines. In the 90’s, he began shifting the focus toward the retail market, adding pumpkins, sweet corn, squash, tomatoes, peppers, greens, some herbs, berries, cherries and more. Now, rather than ship



“My grandfather purchased the farm in 1916 and soon began shipping barrels of apples down the Hudson River by boat. I’m honored to be the third generation in the family to work this land.”

– Chuck Mead

them down the Hudson like his great grandfather did, Chuck and his helpers take up to 40 different fresh items to farmers’ markets throughout Westchester County.

All three generations of Mead men attended Cornell College of Agriculture, and continue to study safe, effective, innovative methods of raising these crops.



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