



FROM OUR FARM TO YOUR KITCHEN

Wrights Farm

Gardiner, NY

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Wrights Farm grows 19 varieties of apples, along with strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, peaches, sweet and sour cherries, nectarines, and more. (And that's just the fruit!) They make delicious pies and jams from the harvest, too.

at the turn of the 20th century, a dairy farmer named Charles B. Wright went looking for land. He had his cattle that needed lots of space and water -- and come to think of it -- these were just the things his wife and ten children needed, too. They all landed on the banks of the Hudson River, on acreage near Gardiner, NY. For years the family ran a thriving dairy business and shipped the milk from their farm to New York City by train. With time, however, the train stopped passing through town and Wallkill Valley Railroad became abandoned.

It was a good thing that the Wright Family had another endeavor underway: a garden. One year, they grew so much food that they built a garage to sell their extra fruits and vegetables by the roadside. Today, Charles' great-granddaughter, Tammy Boylan, runs the 400+ acre farm together with her father, her husband, and their son and two daughters.

Tammy grew up influenced by two cultures, both rich in agriculture. She spent much of her childhood in Mexico, mixed with summers on the family farm in upstate New York. In describing Mexico, she says, "When I was growing up, we never went to the supermarket. We went to "the market" -- the farmers market."



"My favorite apple is the Macoun which is only available between mid-September to late November. It's extra-juicy, crisp, and sweet -- absolutely delicious and there's nothing like one."

– Tammy Boylan

Her husband, Mike, manages the fields at Wrights Farm. For years, Tammy "begged him to please grow strawberries." But he was reluctant to start a new crop on their already diverse vegetable farm and fruit orchard. Yet, eventually, he caved in. He suggested that she should "order a few strawberry plants" to see how it goes. Much to his surprise, 17,500 plants arrived a few days later. It was sink or swim for him in the early days of the patch, but now, Tammy says, "the strawberries are his babies."



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