

Field Days

For Fruit and Vegetable Growers



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July 21 – Mitchell and Howard Counties

Visit two farms southeast of Osage in Mitchell County. Brothers Dan and Leroy Zimmerman grow vegetables for wholesale market at the Cedar Valley Produce Auction at Elma in Howard County. Dan and wife, Reba, operate Stillwater Greenhouse and market flowers and nursery stock.

9:30 a.m. Dan Zimmerman farm
Tomato, green bean, watermelon, and pumpkin production on raised beds
Cover crop/windbreak systems for vegetables
Greenhouse production and marketing--flowers
Packing shed – using what you have

11:30 a.m. Leroy Zimmerman farm
Pepper and cucumber production
Strawberries on raised beds with plastic covers
Tomatoes in high tunnels

12:45 p.m. Lunch provided at Cedar Valley Produce Auction; watch the auction in progress.

2:00 p.m. Visit with Auction Manager, Ivan Martin and Dan Zimmerman
Coop formation and business development

2:45 p.m. Adjourn

Directions:

Dan and Reba Zimmerman Farm/Stillwater Greenhouse
3110 Shadow Ave., Orchard, IA, Mitchell County, Tel: 641-732-3252
Drive 5 miles east of the town of Orchard on County Rd. B17. Turn south on Shadow Ave. and go 1 mile. The farm and greenhouse are on the corner of Shadow Ave. and Mitchell Line St.

July 24 – Shelby County

See a variety of fruit species grown in high tunnels, including peaches, raspberries and melons; compare tomatoes both in high tunnel and outside production; and look at a new tomato trellising system. In addition, see peaches in outdoor production, a variety of apple cultivars, and packing facilities for fresh produce.

9:30 a.m. Bill Buman farm
Peaches, raspberries, blackberries, melons, sour cherries, native prairie flower seed
Research results – raspberries in high tunnels,
Dr. Eldon Everhart

12:00 a.m. Lunch provided at Campbell Farm

12:30 p.m. Bill Campbell Orchard and vegetables
Peaches, raspberries in high tunnels, apple plantings, tomatoes
Research results – tomatoes in high tunnels,
Dr. Eldon Everhart
Washing and packing facilities

2:45 p.m. Adjourn

Directions:

Bill Buman Farm, 918 Road M16, Harlan, IA, Shelby County
Tel: 712-579-3018

Take Highway 44 west of Harlan 4 miles to County Rd M16. Go south on M16, 0.8 miles to Buman's farm.

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