



About the Farm

Southern Grace Farms is owned by the McMillan Family, which are seventh generation farmers. We have been traditional row crop farmers since our Scottish Ancestors came to America in 1774. We continue to grow traditional south Georgia crops such as corn, cotton, wheat, peanuts and rye. In 1999, we added a small u-pick strawberry patch and blackberry patch that was well received in our area. In 2000, we added another strawberry field to the south of us. In 2001, we opened a country store, The Berry Barn as another outlet for selling our fresh fruit and our jellies, jams, and ciders. In 2003, we started selling our products online, through our website country store. We also opened our U-Pick Peaches and Nectarines part of the Enigma field. In 2004, we closed the Berry Barn but continued selling our products online. The back-to-back hurricanes of 2004 damaged our young Peach and Nectarine trees and they had to be removed. In 2005, we opened a seasonal store at our Valdosta strawberry field and added 2 more online stores at eBay and Local Harvest. In 2009, we closed our ebay store to focus on our website and local harvest stores. In 2010-2011, we opened a booth in Art's Afire, a paint your own pottery studio; selling our jams, jellies, and such as well as our fresh fruit. We planted a row of blueberries for our U-Pick customers in Enigma and planted new peach and nectarine trees that we hope to begin picking in 2012.



Our strawberry season starts in March and usually last until the end of May (depends on the weather!) We plant new strawberry plants each season, planting is done in Oct. The plants bloom in Feb, and 1 month after you see a bloom, you will see a red, ripe strawberry ready to be picked! Depending on the weather, we usually open mid-March. One important fact that most people don't know is: Strawberries Do NOT ripen after being picked! So you can be sure that when you buy our already-picked berries, we only pick ripe berries! Also, the hotter the weather and the darker the berry, the sweeter the fruit! So while April is our peak season, both quantity and visitor wise, May is when the berries are the sweetest!! We host field trips at both picking locations and we love to educate others about farming and strawberries!