

CRANE'S U-PICK 2020

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U-pick season is almost here and it is shaping up to be a good one! We are looking forward to seeing all of our faithful customers, and any new ones we have yet to meet.

Our 2019 Winter was mild and all fruit crops looked very good at the start of spring 2020, aside from one hard freeze in early May we have had very nice spring weather. Unfortunately the spring freeze did change the outlook for peach, plum and nectarine crops as well as some apple varieties.

Our red raspberry and Duke blueberry patches look good, both have a nice crop and even with the spring freeze we are still looking forward to better yields in most peach varieties than we had for 2019. We will have some Redhaven for U-pick but unfortunately there will be no plum or nectarine picking.

Most apple varieties look good with some having a lighter crop than we would like, unfortunately Evercrisp may not be available for U-pick. We have a new apple variety available this year! Pink Lady is a later season tart apple that is great for baking.

Things will be different on the farm this season as far as safety protocol, due to the corona virus situation. With a little patience we will all be able to manage. U-pick should start around July 10th with red raspberry picking, followed shortly by Duke blueberries. Please call the farm number before arriving and we will let you know what to expect.

Below is our 2020 picking schedule. All dates are an estimate, please call **(269) 561-5126** for the most up to date picking information.

ITEMS OFFERED	VARIETY	APPROXIMATE AVAILABILITY
Summer Apples	Transparent <i>a tart heirloom cooking apple</i>	July 17 th
	Gingergold <i>a sweet yellow apple</i>	mid August
Red Raspberries	Encore	1 st patch July 10 th
	Polana <i>large, sweet, all purpose berries</i>	2 nd patch late July to mid Fall
Blueberries	Duke huge, sweet berries	July 10 th (approx. 3 weeks)
Plums	Shiro, Black Amber <i>crop failure</i>	N/A
Peaches	Red Haven, Redstar, Blazingstar, Starfire, Loring, Allstar, Glowingstar, Coralstar, Redskin, & P.F. 25	early August to mid September
Nectarines	Fantasia <i>crop failure</i>	N/A
Fall Apples	Early & late Gala, Golden Supreme, Honeycrisp, Jonathan, Macintosh, Cortland, Fuji and Empire	early September into October
	Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Cameo, Jonagold, Rome, Winesap, Ida Red, Evercrisp and Pink Lady.	late September to late October
Pumpkin Patch	Jack o' Lantern, Giant Pumpkins, Specialty Pumpkins & Gourds	mid September to late October
Chestnuts	Chinese Chestnuts	early October

all of the above dates are approximate, for current information call (269) 561-5126

U-Pick Hours Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm *weather permitting*

Please Remember

Call Ahead Always call ahead for weather and picking conditions, peaches & berries should not be picked when wet.

Dress Properly Layered shirts, sunscreen, insect repellent, hats and closed-toed flat shoes.

Bring Containers Save money by bringing containers, small shallow boxes or ½ bushel baskets work best.
** Raspberry containers are provided*

We hope to see everyone soon! - **Gary, Sandy & Staff**