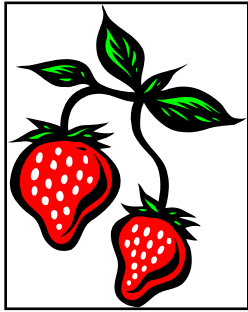


RODRIGUEZ FARMS

Vendor: Patricia Rodriguez

Location: Castroville, CA

Vendor Since: 2000



Rodriguez Farms is another one of the great berry farms present at the Sparks Hometowne Farmer's Market. This family farm has been producing their great strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and other produce in Castroville, Calif. for over 15 years. Their 47 acres of farmland is the product of many years of family farming experience in berries and meticulous attention to quality control.

"We take pride in growing quality berries," Rodriguez says. "We always pick them as late as possible so they are at the peak of flavor."

There are four farms which make up Rodriguez Farms, two of which are completely certified organic. The other two farms are in transition and will gain certified organic status within the year. What started out as an organic experiment on their commercial strawberries produced great success, and Rodriguez Farms is excited to complete their transition to a completely certified organic farm.

"It's just another reason people can feel good about our great, healthy berries," Rodriguez says.

Rodriguez Farms attends many farmer's markets throughout the summer season as well as attending a number of year round markets. They were one of the first farms in their region to start attending farmer's markets and reaping the benefits. Rodriguez loves coming to the Sparks Farmer's Market because it is the biggest and best market they do all year.

"We like how appreciative the customers are in Sparks," Rodriguez says. "It makes you feel good as a farmer to see people get excited about what you're bringing to market."

Rodriguez Farms Market Items: strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, goldenberries, artichokes, broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, carrots, leeks, cilantro and beets.