Farmers’ Testimonials

"It’s so simple. You just call them up, show them around your field and they take care of the rest.”

Molly Pearmine McCargar of Pearmine Farms

"We would like to thank Salem Harvest for their part in the harvest of our apples and distributing them to the community.

We were apprehensive to open our u-pick apple orchard to the community through Salem Harvest. But with a positive recommendation from another farmer we did call Salem Harvest.

We were very impressed. All the pickers were gracious, and Salem Harvest was incredibly well organized. We saw some familiar faces, some people drove considerable distance to pick apples. Salem Harvest spent a few minutes explaining the ground rules, such as, “Don't pick Grandpa's row.” Then they headed out to pick into buckets, boxes, wheelbarrows and a pickup truck. The community donation trucks arrived and the bins of apples were loaded in for distribution that upcoming week.

We had a good time visiting with the harvesters, and it was satisfying to see that much produce (about 42,000 lbs) being distributed to the community.

I would recommend Salem Harvest to any farmer or backyard grower. They are very organized and a gracious bunch. Definitely a positive experience all around.”

Terry Beilke of Beilke Family Farm

After more than four decades farming large, commercial cherry orchards we’ve replaced all but three acres with vineyards and find slim processor interest in a crop of this size. Inviting in the Salem Harvest gleaners to make good use of the fruit is consistent with our philosophy: “store what you must, and share what you can!”

Joan and Ken Erickson