

Farm Gate Trail Round Up – 30th July, 2005

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IN SEASON ON THE TRAIL

Good Morning Sarah,

Lots of delicious Washington navels including pick your own. Plenty of seedless mandarins and eureka lemons as well as grapefruit and tangelos. From Bilpin, we have bunches of beautiful jonquils, local honey and delicious fresh pecans.

We have a great range of veges: chicory, carrots, English spinach, broccoli, leeks, cabbages, cauliflower and pumpkins (including jap, butternut and jarrah). There's also rhubarb, hydroponic lettuces and zucchini and Lebanese cucumbers. Don't forget to pick up some local goat's cheese.

EVENTS

This Weekend - Helleborus Festival at Helleborus Down Under - this gorgeous winter flower and old world plant – which is also used for medicinal purposes, is now in bloom – so head up to Bilpin where you can speak to the grower direct about this some new releases like the doubles and other species – 13 Mountain Lagoon Road .

Susan says farewell

I have been very privileged to speak about our farmer's exploits in the Hawkesbury for the last 2 years on Simon's Saturday morning programme. However, my family has decided to move to the cooler regions of Victoria to pursue agricultural pursuits and so I bid you all farewell. Thank you to the many listeners who I have spoken with or met over that time and I know that there are a very dedicated group of farmers in the Sydney Basin who will ensure that their farms keep up the supply of fresh produce for a long time to come.

Update on fruit and veges in season

For the latest update of fruit and veges in season from our farms and to download any of the seasonal itineraries as well as the whole map, go to the website www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Best Days to Drive the Trail

Friday or Saturday are the recommended days for self-drive tours of the Farm Gate Trail.

Fruit on the Trail

Apples – Enniskillen Orchard, Orange Spot,
Mandarins and Navel Oranges – The Orange Spot, Ford's Farm
Mandarins and Navel Oranges – Enniskillen Orchard
Limes and Mandarins – Ford's Farm

Veges on the Trail

Tomatoes, corn, potatoes, lettuce, rhubarb, eggplant, mushrooms, cabbage, beetroot, shallots, capsicum, eggplant, cauliflower, broccoli & carrots, leeks, silverbeet, bok choy,

Other Produce – Food & Wine

Wine, port including white port, aleatico; Verjus; Goat cheese & yoghurt; baked crisp breads including lavosh, honey, apple juice, free range eggs, ice cream with real fruit, fruit rollups with fruit fresh from the orchard. Jams, pickles and sauces and the range from the native bush tucker foods. Peking ducks, also sausages, breast fillet, Maryland & whole ducks; abattoir and butcher – large range of beef, pork and lamb, goat, venison and ostrich. Spring Water and Silver Perch.

Other Produce – Fibre & Flora

Koi and Goldfish, silver perch, field roses, Crepe Myrtles, pelargoniums and geraniums, alpacas & alpaca products such as jumpers, scarves etc. Open gardens and galleries with pottery, paintings and bowls and platters.