

Bella Vista Farm 2025 U-Pick Schedule

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Welcome back to the orchard's 40th U-Pick season and our 1st season operating as Bella Vista Farm. You will continue to be greeted by many familiar faces, along with a few new ones, who look forward to getting to know you just as the returning Crane's staff has done. New owners, John and Mary, have been working closely with Gary and Sandy to ensure they continue to provide the same high quality fruit and picking experience that the Cranes have done for almost four decades. They have also incorporated their flower farm, White Barn Flower Company, to the property and will have fresh cut flower bouquets available throughout most of the U-pick season. Please keep in mind the flowers are **NOT** available for U-pick.

It's looking to be an excellent year for all crops and back to normal timing for availability, starting with our Duke blueberries around the 4th of July. Blueberry picking should last about 3 weeks. Encore raspberries should follow shortly after, around mid July, with picking lasting approximately 4 weeks. Polana raspberries, our everbearing variety, should start early Aug. and run through early October, depending on the weather.

Peach picking should start in late July, with the first of 13 varieties, Glen Glo. Red Haven peaches should be ready around the 2nd week of August. Picking of each variety typically lasts a week to 10 days. All varieties are sweet, freestone, and all-purpose peaches.

Apple picking should start Labor Day weekend with Gala, Early Macs and Golden Supreme, followed by 18 other varieties. Apple picking should be available until mid-late October.

Below is our **estimated** 2025 picking schedule. Please remember that the weather in southwest Michigan can be unpredictable, so it is always a good idea to call **269-561-5126** for the most current information on hours and availability before visiting. Our phone message is updated daily and throughout the day as needed.

We are all excited to start this new adventure and to carry on the valued traditions of Crane's U-Pick and hope to see everyone soon!

- John and Mary Renaldi and Staff

ITEMS OFFERED	VARIETIES A	APPROXIMATE AVAILABILITY
Blueberries	Duke: extra large, firm, sweet berry	1st week of July~3 weeks
Red Raspberries	Encore: large, sweet, all purpose berry Polona: sweet, all purpose, everbearing	mid July to mid Aug. mid Aug. to mid fall
Plums	Shiro, Black Amber	mid Aug.
Peaches	Glenglo, Red Haven, Redstar, Blazingstar, Starfire, Blushing St Loring, Allstar, Glowingstar, Coralstar, Sweetstar, Selena, and I	, ,
Nectarines	Sunglow, Fantasia, Summer Beauty	mid Aug. to early Sept.
Fall Apples	Early Mac, Gala, Golden Supreme, Honeycrisp, Jonathan, Macintosh, Cortland, Fuji and Empire	early Sept. to Oct.
	Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Cameo, Jonagold, Rome, Wir Ida Red, Mutsu, Evercrisp, Pink Lady, late Gala, and Ambrosia	•
Squash	Mash Potato, Acorn, Butternut, and Spaghetti	early Sept. to late Oct.
Pumpkin Patch	Jack o' Lantern, Giant Pumpkins, Specialty Pumpkins, and Gou	
Chestnuts	Chinese Chestnuts	early Oct. Pre Pick ONLY

Please remember all dates are estimated. For current availability please call 269-561-5126.

U-Pick hours: Monday-Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm

DON'T FORGET! Call ahead! Come prepared. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, hats and comfortable footwear. Save some \$ and bring your own containers for tree fruit! Small shallow boxes for peaches, nectarines, and plums, half bushel baskets for apples.