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# Iron Gates Natural Farm & Pottery - 250-453-2273

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Regions Supplied: Lower mainland Thompson okanagan

## **Company Notes:**

Most of our squashes and melons are grown from seeds collected by Native Seeds/Search of Tuscon, Arizona or the Seeds of Change organization. Our focus is in crops that have adapted to our northern growing conditions and have unique qualities of flower and storability.

#### **Products Available:**

#### Melons - Heirloom - Fall

Black Mountain watermelon: a black, red-fleshed watermelon. Sweet Siberian watermelon: an elongated, yellow-fleshed watermelon. Santo Domingo deep ribbed: a large, heavy, orange-fleshed melon, green to light yellow coloring, excellent rich melon flavour and aromatic. Oka melon: a Canadian heirloom from the Montreal area. Deep-ribbed, netted skin with orange, very sweet flesh and very aromatic. Banana melon: elongated, orange-fleshed melon with a green skin, on trial this year. Emerald gem melon: light-green, slightly netted skin with orange flesh, on trial this year. Prescot Fond Blanc melon: a deep-ribbed, warty-surfaced melon with orange flesh, on trial this year. Charentais melons.

#### Apples - Fall

Mackintosh, Gravenstein, Transparent, Gala, Kings, Bramley, Empire, Wealthy, Sunrise, Belle de Boscoop, Spartan, Roxbury Russet, Newtown Pippin

#### Beans - Summer

Green and Yellow Beans

#### Beets - Fall Summer

Firnabiva Beets (cylindrical beet, very sweet flavour and a good keeper)

# Butter Lettuce - Spring Summer

**Butter Lettuce** 

#### Carrots - Fall Summer

Nantes and Touchon Deluxe Carrots

#### Corn - Fall

Golden Jubilee corn

#### Cucumber - Fall

Armenian Cucumber: a long, thin, lime-green cucumber having an edible skin and mild flavour.

#### Fruits - Fall Spring Summer

Raspberries, Red and Black Currants, Nanking Cherries (a small red or white, semi-sweet cherry). Make excellent jams and sauces, whites look like large pearls. Bing and Van cherries, Apricots, Peaches, Green Gage Plums, Japanese Plums (small red plum with an orange flesh), Bartlett Pears.

#### Garlic - Fall

Italian Red garlic, hard necked; Chesnook garlic, hard necked; Georgian Fire garlic, hard necked; Russian Red garlic, hard necked; Lorz Italian garlic, soft necked; German red garlic, hard necked (in development, available in 2006).

#### Onions - Fall

Utah White onion (large, sweet white onion that is also used as a green onion when young), Utah Yellow onion (large, sweet yellow onion), Red Whitherspoon onion (flattened sweet red onion), Egyptian onion (a top setting onion, small in size, used as a shallot, pink colour when peeled, pungent when raw.) All onion varieties are good keepers.

#### Peas - Summer

Sugar and Standard Peas

# Peppers - Fall

Buran (a medium sized pepper with a tender skin and sweet flesh); Napoleon Sweet (a larger sweet pepper); Lemon Drop (a hot, small yellow pepper); Cyklon (an elongated, hot red pepper).

#### Potatoes - Fall Summer

White Rose potato (fine textured potato having an elongated shape, much favoured by European customers in the West End farm market). Victoria yellow potato.

#### Spinach - Summer

Spinach

#### Squashes - Heirloom - Fall

Early Canadian Crook Necked Squash: a yellow, warty-surfaced, summer squash that doesn't cook down to mush. Penasco: a flattened, white to bluish, hard skinned Hubbard-like squash, fine textured and sweet. Average weight 15 lbs (heirloom). Mayo Blusher: a bluish, elongated squash with pinkish or orange colouring washing over the undercolour. Fine-textured with a flavour similar to sweet potato. Average weight 15-20 lbs (heirloom). Fordhook Acorn: a buff-coloured acorn-type squash. Guatemalan Blue Banana squash: an elongated, bluish-coloured squash (heirloom). Thelma Sanders Sweet Potato squash: a teardrop-shaped squash (heirloom). Kobacha: a buttercup-style squash with dense flesh and small seed cavity. True Pie Pumpkin, 4-7 lb: pumpkin that has a dense flesh that makes superior pumpkin purees (heirloom). Guatamala Blue Banana Squash: a large, dark orange-fleshed sqash having a cylindrical shape (heirloom). Spaghetti squash.

#### Tomatoes - Fall

Black from Tula (a greenish, black to purple tomato having a fantastic flavour); Cherokee Purple (a greenish, purple tomato with great flavour); Brandywine (a large-sized red tomato with great flavour).

# Mountain Springs Farm - 250-497-8209

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**Regions Supplied:** Thompson okanagan

#### **Company Notes:**

Our farm is part of the Mountain Springs Nature Retreat and is located in a pristine, isolated area where the air and water are clean and pure.

#### **Products Available:**

# Certified Organic Snowpeas - Fall Summer

Available seasonally.

#### Berries - Summer

Red Currants, Black Currants and Gooseberries, certified organic.

#### Certified Organic Strawberries - Spring

Available seasonally.

#### Garlic - Fall

Large bulbs, strong flavoured, certified organic.

#### Green Beans - Fall Summer

Our specialty is the Russian Yellow Bean. Both beans are very tender and certified organic.

#### Variety of Herbs - Fall Summer

Dill and chamomile, certified organic.

## Watercress - Fall Summer

Available from a pristine running creek.

# Skye Farm Garlic - 250-260-0592

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Regions Supplied: Cariboo Kootenay Thompson okanagan

#### **Company Notes:**

Our garlic is cultivated by hand on a small scale to ensure a top quality bulb with good to excellent storeageability and fine flavour.

Varieties for 2010 include "Russian Red" garlic (hardneck), "Skye Farm Mystery" Garlic (Silverskin), "China Rose" Garlic (softneck with intense purple stripes)

#### **Products Available:**

Purple-stripe (hardneck) Garlic var. "Ukrainian" - Summer Winter

6-18 narrow cloves per bulb. Unique mellow flavour. Available Seasonally.

# Artichoke (softneck) Garlic var. "Italian" - Summer Winter

15-30 cloves per bulb mild to med heat earthy flavour. Very good keeper, sold in 2 lb braids. Available Seasonally.

## Porcelain (hardneck) Garlic var. "Yugoslavian" - Summer Winter

4-6 large cloves per bulb hot, pungent, intense flavour. Good keeper. Available Seasonally.

# Purple-stripe (hardneck) Garlic var. "German Red" - Summer Winter

6-12 large cloves per bulb. Hot spicy flavour. Available Seasonally.

# Three Boys Organics - 250-428-9503

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**Regions Supplied:** All of BC

#### **Company Notes:**

Three Boys Organics is situated in the Kootenays. It is a family-operated business created for our three boys. They are full partners in this adventure. Our goal is to produce Great Organic Garlic. We concentrate on two main hardneck varieties, Italian Porcelain and German Red garlic, both rich in flavour and long storage.

#### **Products Available:**

#### Fresh Organic Garlic - Hardneck - German Red - Fall Summer

Large heads with 8-10 cloves. Strong flavour, excellent storage, usually up to 10 months.

# Dried Organic Garlic - Hardneck - Italian Porcelain - Fall Spring Summer Winter Year Round

Strong rich flavour. In a crystal form, very easy to use as is or to grind into a powder. Excellent shelf life. Available in 1 lb bags and produced from our own certified organic bulbs.

#### Fresh Organic Garlic - Hardneck - Italian Porcelain - Fall Summer

Large, easy-to-peel cloves. Excellent shelf life, usually up to 10 months. Great rich flavour in a large bulb with 5-7 cloves. Available seasonally.

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**Regions Supplied:** Kootenay Lower mainland Thompson okanagan

#### **Company Notes:**

We are a multi-generational family farm, and are proud to produce delicious, nutritious products for our communitiy. We strive to maintain a wholistic balance with nature on our farm, protect wildlife and biodiversity, and encourage others to experience and learn about farming!

#### **Products Available:**

#### Certified Organic Sea Buckthorn Berries - Fall Summer

Delicious, tart, and bright orange, these berries and the juice we make from them are available in August and September. High in Vitamin C, minerals, antioxidants and countless other vitamins!

#### Certified Organic Garlic - Summer

Yugoslavian Racombole variety. Hand weeded and picked. Available July and August.

#### Grass-fed Certified Organic Beef - Year Round

A large variety of cuts available, sold frozen to ensure year-round supply. Bulk and specialty orders available in the fall. Hormone free, antibiotic free, no animal by-products fed, and SPCA certified to guarentee humane treatment.

# Organically-Raised, Pastured Pork -

Certified organically-raised on Big Bear ranch in Horsefly, BC, this delicious free-range pork is available in frozen, individual cuts. No animal by-products fed, no hormones or antibiotics. Seasonal availability.

## Pasture-Raised, Grass-Fed Lamb - Fall Winter

Grass-fed, Chemical Free Lamb

Availability: Fall to Spring

Pasture-raised, grass-fed lamb. Bulk orders available in the fall and frozen individual cuts available from late fall to spring. Free from synthetic hormones, antibiotics, and no animal by-products fed.