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SUMMER FRUIT

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Melissa (left) and David Lindner returning to the Haugen fruit stand with a haul of hand-picked raspberries on July 5, 2019.

By Maya Anderson

If you are stuck on campus this summer, this is a time to enjoy fruit and vegetable harvests. Fruit stands and farmer's markets provide a variety of different selections, but nothing beats the fruit of your own labor. Whatcom County is home to several U-pick farms that open their doors to the community every summer.

U-pick farms allow their customers to harvest their own produce straight from the source, typically at lower prices. Taking a few friends on a short road trip and coming back with a haul of natural sweets is not a bad way to spend a day. If you are interested in going to a U-pick farm, here are some things to keep in mind:

Call ahead. Farms are occasionally closed on rainy days or run out of produce without updating their website. Calling ahead ensures the farm will have a harvest.

Go early. Picking berries in the hot sun can quickly feel like work rather than a good time. By going right when the farms open, you also get a chance to have the first pick of the day.

Bring your own buckets. Preferably ones with a handle or that can be tied around the waist or looped over the shoulder. While some farms have buckets available, they may charge for them or offer a discount if you bring your own.

Be prepared with different types of payment. Every farm has a different payment policy, and having cash, a card, or even a check ready can prevent an embarrassing situation.



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The entrance to Haugen's Raspberry Farm alongside a small field of blueberries on July 5, 2019.

Below are a few U-pick locations, sorted by distance from campus.

Bellingham Country Gardens

10 miles from campus

2838 E. Kelly Road

Bellingham, WA 98226

Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Offers strawberries, raspberries and a variety of vegetables

Boxx Berry Farm

13 miles from campus

6211 Northwest Road

Ferndale, WA 98248

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m – 4 p.m.

Offers strawberries and raspberries

Haugen's Raspberry Farm

13 miles from campus

577 E. Pole Road

Lynden, WA 98264

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Offers raspberries

Barbie's Berries

18 miles from campus

7655 Melody Lane

Ferndale, WA 98264

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Offers strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries

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Jennifer James

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