

Meet Our Family

Our Rich Heritage

In 2007, Christ Orchard proudly celebrates our 30th year in operation.



The orchard was initially planted by the Midland Coal Company in the early 1970s. Later, when the orchard came into production, Elmwood school's FFA organization was asked to tend and operate the land. As a high school student, Kurt Christ was integrally involved in the care of the orchard. Upon Kurt's graduation, he first rented and ultimately purchased the orchard in the mid-1980s.

Family Owned and Operated

Kurt and his father, Walter, have been the primary caretakers through the years. Kurt and his wife, Connie, along with their five children, work together as a close-knit family unit to operate the orchard and meet the needs of our customers. Additionally, Kurt's mother, Doris, and sister, Melinda, provide invaluable assistance to the orchard's smooth operation.

Caring for Mums

- ▣ Plant it ASAP. The sooner it gets in the ground the better.
- ▣ Water it through the fall.
- ▣ Place mulch (leaves) around the plant for winter.
- ▣ Leave the old foliage until new growth starts next spring.

Note: If you want your mum to flower in the fall, you'll need to cut or pinch the blooms and shape it several times in the summer.



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Christ Orchard located in Elmwood, Illinois, has been committed to growing high-quality farm fresh items since 1977.

Orchard Hours

August: call for availability
September: Monday thru Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
October: Monday thru Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
November: Monday thru Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Always closed on Sundays

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Apple Varieties

Pick-Your-Own apples do not start until at least mid-September.

Apple Varieties	Description	Harvest
Early Crisp	Similar to Jonathon	August
Ginger Gold		mid August
Mollie's Delicious	Large	mid August
Gala	Sweet, hard	late August
Golden Supreme	Sweet, yellow	September
MacIntosh	Soft, mildly tart	mid September
Cortland	Sweet-tart, soft, white flesh	mid September
Jonathon	Tart, pies	mid September
Red Delicious	Sweet, good in salads	mid September
Honeycrisp	Juicy, crunchy, sweet	mid September
Melrose	Sweet-tart, red	late September
Yellow Delicious	Sweet	late September
Jonagold	Jon./Yellow Delicious cross	late September
Mutsu	Sweet, large	late September
Liberty	Tart, hard, excellent flavor	late September
Fuji	Crunchy, sweet	late October
Granny Smith	Crunchy, tart	late October
Winesap	Tart	late October
Braeburn	Sweet, tart	late October
Blushing Gold	Solid, tart	late October
Gold Rush	Solid, tart	late October
Cameo	Crunchy, sweet	late October

Good To The Core

Fall is a cool season, bringing crisp air and crunchy apples!

- ▣ Average apple has 4 to 5 grams of fiber (20% RDA).
- ▣ Skin of the apple contains 2/3 the fiber and lots of cancer-fighting antioxidants.
- ▣ September, October and November are great times to get apples from Christ Orchard.
- ▣ We have many late varieties that are awesome tasting and great keeping in November.

Apple Measurements

- ▣ 1 Bushel = 42 lbs.
- ▣ 1 Peck = 10½ lbs. (4 Pecks = 1 Bu)
- ▣ 2 lb. Apples = one 9" pie
- ▣ 1 Bu Apples = 16 to 20 quarts of canned or frozen apple slices or sauce



Freezing Cider

- ▣ Pour one cup of cider out of the gallon and place remainder in freezer.
- ▣ When you're ready to drink the cider, let it thaw overnight in the sink or on the counter until a ball of ice remains.
- ▣ Shake vigorously before drinking. (Note: Do not drink as thawing. Contents settle!)
- ▣ Cider stays good in freezer for one year.

Products

Christ Orchard offers a wide variety of products and gifts, including rare fruit jellies, butter and preserves. See our list below for some of the things you will find.

Pure Honey - From our own acreage.

Fresh Pressed Apple Cider - Ask for a free sample.

Hardy Mums - Many beautiful fall colors to choose from.



Fruit Butters and Preserves - Traditional and new flavors, available sugar free (juice sweetened).

Soy Candles - A scent for everyone.

Apple Appliances - Corers, slicers, sauce masters and more.

Fall Decorations - Straw bales and corn stalk bundles complete your autumn display of pumpkins, mums and gourds.

Cookbooks - We have Gooseberry Patch and Bear Wallow cookbooks, just to name a few. There are also numerous specialty cookbooks for apples, pumpkins, squash, and cookies.

Squirrel Corn - Sold in large brown paper grocery bags, we can supply your little critters all year round. Call before you come in January through August.

Pumpkins and Squash - We offer pumpkins for all of your fall decoration needs. They literally come in all shapes and sizes. You can choose a pumpkin from the rack or venture out into the patch and cut it off the vine by yourself.

