

Tigges Farm Produce Stand History



The Produce Stand was a “dream” of Mary Tigges, owner from 1963 to 2008 and wife of 2nd generation owner/farmer, Robert Tigges. She wanted to operate a vegetable stand since a child. The produce stand was a dream come true.

In 1987 the produce stand became a reality with the help of her son, Ken Tigges, now 3rd generation owner. The building once a sheep barn, a chicken coop, a pig barn, a storage building (to name a few of its historical uses) was transformed into a vegetable stand. Just the wood structure part of the building still retains its roots and country charm with dried gourds hanging from the unpainted wood rafters. In the 1990's the stand was expanded to the east with a shelter.

In 2008 Mary Tigges passed away. Kathy Rickart, Ken Tigges and Gale Loeffler (her children), partnered to keep the dream alive. In 2008-09 the stand was remodeled to include a staff break room, a handicap accessible restroom and more space inside the produce stand to include fall and homemade gift items.

In 2013 the half circle building was added and grandstands moved to benefit school field trips. If you want to host a reunion, a company appreciation day or birthday party reserve this building on weekends. Just call 970-576-8970. No charge, donations accepted. **“We’ll put in a good word for nice weather - but no guarantees.”**

In 2017 a greenhouse was added for chile plants in the spring and a place to offer customers mini pumpkins, gourds, squash and Agri-tourism activities in the fall. The Bossa Nova Green Chile Farm to Table Nights were hosted in Sept of 2018-19 in the greenhouse.

In 2020 **a blip in the 33 year tradition** – no pumpkin patches for reasons of COVID-19 safety of customers and staff. Bossa Nova Nights put on pause, but the aroma of roasting chile continued.

In 2021 more weather protection shelter was added for staff outside roasting chilies. **Pumpkin patches are back, roasted chilies continue, but Bossa Nova Green Chile Farm to Table Nights may remain on COVID-19 pause.**

Disclaimer: Any event may be cancelled if Mother Nature freezes, hails, rains cats and dogs or sends high force winds causing the farm to shut down for the day or close early. Give us a call and check 970-686-7225, or text 970-576-8970.

Antique Farm Equipment Collection & Barn Quilt Gallery



Farm Equipment Museum and Antique Tractors

Robert Tigges, owner/farmer, from 1963 to 86, had his “dream.” He kept the old farm equipment as he felt it belonged in a museum. In 2011 that dream came to life. Equipment was put on display at the farm. **“Old tractors are kid climbing friendly!”**



The Barn Quilt Gallery

began in 2013. Artist are co-managers, Kathy Rickart & Gale Loeffler. Wood quilt blocks share some of the Tigges Farm family history.

Tigges Farm 2022

Open to public since 1987!



Pumpkin Patch
Fire Roasted Chillies
& Fresh Produce

Gift Shop, Special Craft Days
& Barn Quilt Gallery

Antique Farm Equipment
Collection on Display

FREE October Weekend
Events & Activities

Child Care Center
& School Field Trips

**Closed - Sunday, Sept 4,
A Family Wedding**



Trivia; Tigges is pronounced Tig –guess.

[See you there!](#)

Directions

From Loveland/Denver: From I-25 go on east Hwy 34 to Business 34 until you get to 83rd Ave (stoplight). Turn north onto 83rd Ave. Go about 3 miles. Road will curve west. Farm is on the south about 1/2 mile after curve.

From Milliken/Johnstown: Go north on Hwy 257 to *Eastman Park Rd stoplight in Windsor. Go east at stoplight and follow road 5 miles (following zigs and zags). Farm will be on the south about a mile after the Artesian Farm corner.

From Windsor: Start at *Eastman Park Rd stoplight (above).

From Greeley/Evans: Take 34 Business (10th street) west to 83rd Ave (stoplight). Turn north onto 83rd Ave. Follow 83rd north about 3 miles. Road will curve west. Farm is on the south about 1/2 mile after curve.

From Eaton/Ault/Fort Collins: Take Hwy 392. Turn south onto WCR 27. Go south to WCR 64 1/2. Turn right or west. Go 1/2 mile. Farm is on the south.

GOOGLE GOOFS!

Google might lead you to us, but 99% of the time they have our days open and hours wrong. Give us an old fashioned phone call first during Aug, Sept, Oct to check on our open hours – 970-686-7225. It may be tech-ee, but maybe not correct-ee!



Free Admission !

OPEN: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun - 10am - 6pm

Aug 10–Oct 30 - Mother Nature Willing

CLOSED: Mon, Tue, Wed +Labor Day Sunday!

We are Celebrating our 35th Year!

Do you have a 35th wedding anniversary
or birthday during the 2022 year? Tell us.
We have something special for you.

12404 WCR 64 1/2

Greeley, Colorado 80631

970-686-7225—Aug-Oct (Open hours only)

970-576-8970—Year-round (Text preferred)

www.TiggesFarmLLC.com

CASH or CHECK ONLY
(ATM available)

NO credit/debit cards/electronic transfers



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35th
ANNIVERSARY



"Welcome to
Tigges Farm!"

L-R—Ken Tigges, Gale Loeffler and Kathy Rickart, co-managers welcome you to their roadside produce stand & gift shop

featuring fresh produce, jams, jellies, fall decor & family home-made gifts. Health and safety of customers and staff is a priority. All regulations pertaining to the welfare of everyone will be followed.

Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Patch is officially open the first weekend of October. A variety of colored pumpkins (*white, blue, warty, big handles, small to large and gourmet baking pumpkins*) are scattered throughout the field for added pumpkin hunting fun.

The pumpkins and gourds you find in the field are sold by the pound and weighed at the weight station on east side of the produce stand/gift shop.

Pink pumpkins will be available. Tigges Farm makes an annual donation to the **Pink Pumpkin Patch Foundation** for breast cancer research. Your purchase of pink pumpkins (*they usually mature mid-October*) supports that donation.

Find fresh produce, onions, garlic, squash, tomatoes, sweet corn during their harvest season in the gift shop/produce stand. Everything is grown on the farm or purchased from local farmers.

The stand and pumpkin patch has become a true family affair with family members of all ages volunteering their time and talents to the operation and success.

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Fresh Roasted Chilies

Many of the chilies sold at Tigges Farm are grown on the farm and picked fresh, as nothing beats farm fresh flavor. Additional chilies are purchased farm fresh from locally owned farms. You can buy chilies individually or by the bushel. Chilies bought at the farm are fire roasted on site at no additional charge.

Save yourself the long drive to New Mexico and buy the same variety locally. The only difference is they are grown in Colorado and are fresher, therefore better flavor.

Follow us on face book for the latest update on what kind and when chilies are available.

Sweet Bells & Cones

Green, red, orange & yellow sweet bells and cones

Hot Chile Peppers

We have whatever heat you want, (*when available and barring a crop failure*). Find descriptions of each chille on the webpage, www.TiggesFarm.com

Mild - Mild Anaheim

Mild/Medium - Big Jim

Medium - Sahuaro (Tigges Farm Signature Chile), Medium Anaheim, Poblano

Medium/Hot - Greeley Chubby (Tigges Farm developed), Fresno, Mira Sol (aka Pueblo Chile), Jalapeno

Hot/Very Hot - Rattlesnake, Hot Anaheim

X-Hot/XX-Hot - Lumbre (a dynamite variety)



For an additional taste of Tigges Farm green chile visit: "Big City Burrito," Loveland, (*green chile*).

Gift Shop & Crafts



Family & friends spend the winter months making homemade items (*décor, macramé, crocheted, knitted, crafted, embroidered, jeweled, etc*). The gift shop also has commercial fall décor items. It is a "diamond in the dust" treasure waiting for you to discover. One of a kind gifts you won't find elsewhere!

Be sure to come to the Spotlight on

Crafts Show the 2nd weekend of October.

Our "Sahuaro Dip Mix" (Tigges Farm exclusive) made, with Tigges Farm signature Sahuaro chilies, is an instant winner. Stock up for all the football games or get a jump on Christmas stocking stuffers!

Field Trips

Field Trips for School, Child Care Centers, Special Needs and Adult Day Care Centers are available with discounts "if" advance reservations are made. For pre-scheduled field trips, staff will meet group upon arrival. The visit includes a storybook reading. Groups are welcome to spend as much time as they want at the farm.

FREE October Weekend Activities

Check the website (*links page*) to connect with and support the following activity vendors & sponsors.

Food vendor & drinks on site on **October only** weekends
First three weekends featuring: **Bigg Butts BBQ Food Truck**
Last two weekends featuring: **Slawpy Barn Food Truck**

October 1-30

Pumpkin Patch Open & Flamingo Scavenger Hunt

10am—6pm (**download scavenger hunt on website**)

(wear or bring a flamingo in Oct—.50 off any pumpkin purchase).

October 1-15

First Responder, Military, Teacher 10am—6pm

(retired or serving - spin for a discount)

OCTOBER WEEKENDS

*Sponsored by Tigges Farm

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October 1-2

Face Painting 10am—6pm—Oct 1, 2pm—5pm, Oct 2

(above vendor has nominal charge)

* Alpaca Petting, 10am-5pm, Two by Two Petting Zoo

* Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm, Kiowa Creek Ranch

October 8-9

Unicorn Visit 1-4pm, Kiowa Creek Ranch, Sponsored by Colorado Costume Castle

* Homemade Craft & Gifts Spotlight; 10am—5pm

(amazing local craft artisans — free admission)

* Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm, Kiowa Creek Ranch

October 15-16

* Bunnies in Bow Ties — Pets & Photos 10am-5pm, Two by Two Petting Zoo

* Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm, Kiowa Creek Ranch

October 22-23

* Birds of Prey, 1-4pm, Rocky Mtn. Raptor Program

* Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm, Kiowa Creek Ranch

October 29-30

Face Painting 10am—6pm—Oct 29, 2pm—6pm, Oct 30

(above vendor has nominal charge)

* Trick or Treat Candy, 10am—6pm (Come in costume and get your face painted to go with your Halloween costume. How great is that?)

Bring your cameras !

Always plenty of photo opportunities!

CLOSED—SUNDAY SEPT 4 for a FAMILY WEDDING!