

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.

In 2018-19 Bossa Nova Farm to Table Green Chile Nights were added.

In 2020 ***a blip in the 33 year tradition*** – no pumpkin patches because of COVID-19. Bossa Nova Nights ended, but the aroma of roasting chile continued.

In 2021 more weather protection shelter was added for staff outside roasting chilies.

In 2022, the greenhouse was insulated for weather protection of the increasing number of Agri-tourism events.

In 2023 we hope the venture to add a “You Pick'em” Sunflower Patch works. We learn each year through creative thinking and by being true to the **4-H Motto “Learn by Doing.”** Wish us luck!

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. Each year more quilt blocks are added.

Tigges Farm 2023

Open to public since 1987!
Website →



You Pick'em Pumpkin & Sunflower Patches

Fire Roasted Chilies & 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



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 9–Oct 29 - Mother Nature Willing

CLOSED: Mon, Tue, Wed

Preserving Agriculture History for Generations to Come!

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

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

www.TiggesFarmLLC.com

CASH , CHECK OR CARD

NO phone electronic transfers



<https://www.facebook.com/tigges.farm>

Cover photo taken by Kim Oelschlager, Windsor, CO



"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, roasted green chile, jams, jellies, fall décor, family homemade

gifts, and to the sunflower and pumpkin patches. Health and safety of customers and staff is a priority. All regulations pertaining to the welfare of everyone will be followed.

Fresh Produce & You Pick'em Pumpkin & Sunflower Patches



The "You Pick'em" Pumpkin Patch is officially open the first weekend of October. 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.

The "You Pick'em" Pink Pumpkin Patch will be .20 more per pound. The extra amount is donated to Pink Pumpkin Patch Foundation for breast cancer research.



New in 2023 (we hope) will be the Sunflower "You Pick'em" Patch. Pick your own bouquet. Price will be by the stem.

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.



Thank You to our great big wonderful volunteer family!

Fresh Roasted Chilies

Many of the chilies sold at Tigges Farm are grown on the farm or by local farmers and picked fresh, as nothing beats farm fresh flavor. 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 thus better.

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

Facebook →



Sweet Bells & Cones

Green, red, orange & yellow sweet bells and cones

Hot Chile Peppers

We have whatever heat you want, (when available and barring germination or crop failures).

Mild - Mild Anaheim Joe E Parker

Mild/Medium - Big Jim

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

Poblano

Medium/Hot - Fresno, Jalapeno

Greeley Chubby (Tigges Farm developed—might be back in limited quantities.)

Hot/Very Hot - Mira Sol (aka Pueblo Chile),

Rattlesnake (we hope), 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), and "The Border" - Windsor (salsa and chile entrees in the fall).

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! Attend the Craft Show in October and go to website to view the vendors.

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 when advance reservations are made. Groups are welcome to spend as much time as they want at the farm. There are places to eat a sack lunch as well or do a class activity.

Fall Fun & Friendly Activities

(FREE unless otherwise noted, **Tentative—check first)

Food vendor & drinks on site on October only weekends
Los Altos Mexican Food Truck—Sept 30, Oct 1, 14, 15
Bigg Buttz BBQ Food Truck—October 7, 8, 28, 29
Slawpy Barn American Fare Food Truck—October 21, 22
The Blue Trolley Bistro, Crepes & Coffee
October 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29



There are lots of photo opportunities at Tigges Farm—bring your camera or smart phone. Go to facebook to enter your

photographs taken at the farm (this year or previous) by Dec 1, 2023. Photos will be selected for 2024 brochure. All rights reserved by Tigges Farm for use of photos.

Aug 9-Oct 29 - Chile Roasting (as soon as they are ready and as long as they last)

Aug 9-Oct 29 - Flamingo Scavenger Hunt (pick up a sheet at the cash register desk & see how many flamingos you can find hiding in the buildings)

Sept 1 - Oct ? - You Pick'em Sunflower Patch, 10am-6pm

Sept 1 - Oct 29—Farm Equipment Self Guided Museum

*Sept 24 - Sunflower Painting Class, 1-5pm, \$

*Oct 1 - Pumpkin Painting Class, 1-5pm, \$

(details on cost & to register for painting will be on facebook after Aug 9. Taught by AEI Studio, Windsor)

Oct 1-29 - You Pick'em Pumpkin Patch, 10am-6pm

Oct 7-8 - Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm, Kiowa Creek Coaches, Franktown

Bunnies & Bow Ties (petting & photos) 1-4:30pm

You Pick'em Pink Pumpkin Patch 10am-6pm

Oct 14-15 - Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm

**Fall Craft Show, 10am-5pm

Unicorn Visit (petting & photos) 1-4pm

Oct 21-22 - Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm

Two by Two Petting Zoo, 10am-5pm

Oct 28-29 - Conestoga Wagon Rides, 1-4pm

Burro Buddies (petting & photos) 1-4:30pm

Trick or Treat Candy, 10am-6pm

(All animals provided by Two by Two Petting Zoo, Eaton)

Disclaimer: Any event may be cancelled if Mother Nature freezes, blizzards, hails, rains cats and dogs or sends high force winds causing the farm to shut down for the day or close early (or if presenter/vendor cancels)

Give us a call and check 970-686-7225.