

Davis Farms



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Farm Location: Valley Center

Farm Size: 45 acres

Main crop: Avocados and Persimmons

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Meet Derek Davis of Davis Farms! Derek, a San Diego County native, grew up in Encinitas, when it was just a small beach town whose railroad track separated the beach from many farms. In the 1950s, his grandfather owned an avocado orchard in Bonita where he would visit and lend a hand during the holiday seasons, sparking his passion for growing food. Following the passing of Derek's grandfather, the property was sold, but that didn't break Derek's connection with agriculture.

In the 1990's, Derek and his wife purchased their first avocado farm in Escondido, then in 2012 they acquired their current 45-acre Valley Center family farm where they grow mainly seedless Fuyu Persimmons and Hass Avocados. Since the orchard was planted in the 1980's, Derek has worked tirelessly to rejuvenate and improve the sustainability of the farm by installing a water well, solar panels, and planting 400 trees.

The rich soil, perfect climate, and 30-year-old trees on Davis Farms contributes to the sweetness of Derek's Fuyu persimmons. The crop also tends to come in earlier in the season, giving Derek a leg-up on satisfying persimmon-hungry customers ahead of other producers. As for avocados, Derek believes his avocados are much fresher because they are able to be in the hands of the customers a couple days after being picked compared to those sold at the grocery store.

Outside of his passion for farming, Derek has a strong passion for music. Back in the day, Derek was a professional musician and now he writes and records music for fun. The current markets Davis Farms sells to include packing houses, restaurants, and farmers markets. Depending on the price and the size of the fruit, Derek picks his tree fruit from April through July. To get in touch with Davis Farms, please call or text 213-276-0566.



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