

D.E. Boldt Family Farms



Location: Parlier, CA

Since: 1913

Operator: David and Dorothy Boldt

Acreage: 115

Crops: 35 Varieties of Peaches, Plums, and Nectarines

Sales: Wholesale and Custom Sales

Organic Status: Certified organic since 2011



After a year of listening to their abundant fruit crop thud to the ground because they could not find a market for it, the Boldts decided to convert their acreage to organic practices in 2011. By converting to organic, they attain access to organic markets and more stable prices for their fruit. The hardest part of the transition was the weeds since they are no longer using weed killers in their certified organic orchards.

Concerned with the health and sustainability of their family and their land, the Boldts have always used good water and land stewardship practices. This is especially important in the current drought. Their greatest challenge is still the weeds, though, and they have some impressive weeds. Looking at them reminds Dorothy of a story her great-grandfather told about choosing to buy the farm back in 1913.

He said, "If it has the best weeds, then I can grow anything."

"Well, it still has the best weeds!" Dorothy says.

TO PURCHASE:

CSA from Ooooby (Out of our own backyards) at www.ooooby.org/fresno,

Wholesale from Valliwide Marketing Inc. at vworganic.com

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