

# Eldon Thiesen Farm

Location: Kingsburg, CA

Since: 1992

Operator: Eldon Thiesen

Acreage: 40

Crops: peaches, pluots, nectarines

Sales: Wholesale

Organic Status: Certified Organic



**E**ldon Thiesen is the fourth generation to farm in the Central Valley, though he spent most of his life away from the farm serving in the Air Force and working as an accountant. He and his wife Yukari, a former professional ballerina, met while he was stationed in Japan. The two now live in Kingsburg, California where they grow peaches, pluots and nectarines.

In the field, Eldon has the opportunity to use his affinity for paying close attention to detail daily, as close observation and prevention of disease or pest infestation is key in organic farming. Eldon began converting his fields to organic on the advice of a friend. Discovering the right ways to manage his farm in his particular microclimate has taken time, but he feels the effort has been worth it.

Eldon enjoys the challenge of problem solving and the gamble involved in waiting on the weather and the changes each season brings. It's finding a way around the challenges, he says, that makes it fun.

***“Organic has been kind to me, so I want to give something back,”  
Eldon says about his participation in the OSFJ.***

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