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See what we've been growing for You!

Kruse Green Thumb staff member Angie shows the giant tomato plants in Steve's greenhouse that are already producing fresh tomatoes for the Steve's Picks baskets.

Back by popular demand, Steve's Picks Produce Baskets are once again available. Sign up for a 4 week minimum to reserve your own basket of the best nature has to offer from Steve's Greenhouses and selected local farms. Just \$15.00 a week. Sign up by Wednesday and pick up your first basket on Friday between 1 and 5pm at the Store

As the season progresses, the assortments will change to include the best of what's freshest and at the peak of flavor. Basket may include such items as tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, corn, herbs like basil, lettuce, arugula, and other greens, fruit like blueberries, apples, melons, and more.

Sign up now for this flavorful way to enjoy the best of what the summer season has to offer without the time and trouble of having to shop individually for a basketful of good eating.

What's in the Steve Picks' Basket?

The contents of the basket will vary from week to week, depending upon what's ripe and ready in Steve's Greenhouses or especially chosen by Steve from the best that local farmers offer direct from their gardens. For more information about this fabulous \$15 a week offer - 4 week minimum, call Steve at the Store at 848-4151.



Steve says nothing beats a great summer salad with fresh from the garden veggies. Here's one of his favorites.

Tomato Corn Basil Salad

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil.
 1-1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 3 garlic cloves finely chopped
 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 4 ears of cooked corn, sliced from the cob
 1 cup cherry grape tomatoes halved or use cut to size chunks of larger tomatoes
 1/3 cup chopped fresh basil

In a large bowl, whisk the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper.

Gently mix in the cooked corn, tomatoes and basil.

Chill before serving or serve immediately as you prefer.

Some good items that would go well with the salad are side dishes of sliced ham, sour dough bread slices and fresh pineapple chunks. Raspberry iced tea would top off the meal.

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Green House Fresh Cut Vegetables

Steve has long provided fresh-cut vegetables to area restaurants including a variety of herbs, like basil, onions, assorted lettuce greens, arugula and spinach. Tomatoes are another popular crop that Steve provides to restaurants who prefer to have the freshest and best.

Now, some of these vegetables are available for purchase by the public. Contact Steve for timing and availability. If you'd like to know where your vegetables come from, this is your chance to purchase from the grower.

In addition, Steve once again will have available the weekly vegetable baskets this summer for pre-order. 4-week minimum and pick up on Fridays from 1-5pm. \$15 a week. Call Steve at 848-4151 for information on timing and availability.

Steve will also have a variety of seasonal vegetables and fruits available throughout the season in the main store for purchase. These vegetables come from area growers.

We still have lots of different Seeds

Stop in the store to see all the varieties of seed packets of vegetables and flowers from the well-know brands, We also stock the many bulk seeds once offered by Steve's Dad, Owen Kruse, in the same old-fashioned cabinets. Shop early while the widest selections are still in stock. If you prefer, the greenhouses have herbs and vegetable plants all ready to plant and have an earlier yield.

Something Funky for your Yard

Steve confesses a fondness for those familiar pink flamingos of years gone by. But they're back in all their pink plastic glory at Kruse Farm Supply. Pick up a set for your yard or maybe 2 sets - these birds seem to often disappear!



Some Gnomes to Take Home



You can take them home, but be warned: Gnomes love to travel and have selfies taken in all sorts of faraway and strange places. So you can put them in your flower bed, but you may find them in the back seat of your SUV, or even sending you an Instagram selfie from a prime vacation spot! Don't say Steve didn't warn you. But feel free to buy them, anyway!