

HICKORY HILL ORCHARD

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Fred Kudish, and his wife Lynn, moved to Cheshire, CT in 1972 to start their life long dream of owning a horse farm. In 1972, they purchased Hickory Hill Orchards, a horse farm with 35 acres of orchards. In 1976, they decided to try farming to produce fruit from the orchard. Unfamiliar with the farming industry, Fred relied on his life experiences and memories of picking oranges in Florida while visiting his mother. He remembered riding on tractors and picking his own oranges in the orange groves there. He knew that if he could mirror that experience, customers would have a wonderful farm experience. Fred was the first in the state to start a Pick-Your-Own farm. He found an old tractor on the side of the road, fixed it up, and started transporting customers through the orchards, giving customers access to over 20 varieties of apples on Hickory Hill.

In 1976, Lynn decided to run the farm store selling baked goods and fresh apple cider. "Lynn has done a tremendous job with the store and she continues to do a great job giving our customers a true farm experience," according to Fred. He started wholesaling fruit in early 2000; today, Fred has renovated over 90% of the orchards. Hickory Hills offers over 20 varieties of apples, 6 varieties of peaches and nectarines, and 3 varieties of pears. Sardilli Produce has been working with the Kudish Family for over five years.



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