



Jaeschke's Orchard

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Jaeschke's Orchard is a small, family-owned orchard located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The farm is owned and operated by Chuck Wandrei and Retta Jaeschke. The land on which the orchard is located was first settled in 1881. The Jaeschke family purchased the land in 1921, starting a dairy cow and vegetable operation. From 1945 - 1948, the Jaeschke's converted to a produce operation, planting the farm with apple trees. They provide Wild Oats with cortlands, macs, and royal gala apples, as well as red Bartlett pears. The farm produces 27 different varieties of apples.

The farm has withstood a lot of challenges over the years, from hail ruining their crop to the importation of cheap apple juice from China and their continuous operation is a testimony to their commitment to good food and local agriculture. Currently the farm produces apples, cider, Christmas trees, holiday wreaths, flowers, and mums, as well as operating a nursery and a seasonal farmstand providing vegetables and sweet corn.

