

Cardenas Farms

Location: Dinuba, CA

Since: 2001

Operator: Agustin Cardenas

Acreage: 50

Crops: Nectarines, plums, pluots

Sales: Wholesale

Organic Status: Certified organic



Agustin Cardenas started working in the fields as a teenager when he moved from Mexico to the United States in 1984. While working full-time on his employer's ranch, he got his degree in accounting, and years later, the opportunity arose to lease and then buy the ranch where he worked when his employer retired.

His passion for growing was blooming, but the farm's finances weren't for many years, until Agustin found a niche in the organic market. Going organic saved his farm. Agustin is currently growing stone fruit for Homegrown Organic Farms.

Owning his own farm, and farming full time was outside of anything Agustin would have imagined when he began in agriculture. The farm has provided a way for the family to come together. His wife Maricela takes care of the administrative work, three of his siblings are partners in the farm, and his father continues to do the farming with him.

"We love growing organic fruit. I just feel it's best for people to eat, you just don't have the residue of more harmful chemicals. It makes us feel good, growing organic fruit," Agustin says.

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