



Part humor and part prayer seems to keep Mike Naylor growing stone fruit. "We grow peaches, nectarines and entertainment," he said wandering through the rows on a brisk April morning.

A third generation farmer, Naylor had his farm certified as organic, farming without the use of synthetic pesticides, hebicides or fertilizers, in 1990.

Since then he has built a reputation growing peaches and nectarines of the highest quality and selling them all over the country. "My joy is selling ripe fruit," said Naylor

With two sons who are not farmers, Naylor is unsure of who will take over the family farm. Naylor has faith that he'll know when it is time to stop. "My long term plan is to be retired by now," he said, laughing. Yet, he and his wife, Nori, started a farm stay in 2010 where guests can stay with them and learn about organic farming. Apparently retirement is not in the near future.

"An organic farm is a part of nature, not separate from it. That is our philosophy," Mike says.

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