

# THIS SEASON'S HARVEST HAPPENINGS

North State families can experience a full bounty of farm life... just a short drive from home. Fun for all ages – grandparents too!

**Nash Ranch** in Redding is a family tradition, featuring a 15-acre pumpkin patch, haunted house, giant corn maze, kiddie hay maze, train rides, bounce house, pony rides, farm animal petting zoo and more! Open daily September 30th–October 31st, 10am–6pm. Friday and Saturday nights the Haunted House and night corn maze are open until 11pm. Located one mile south of Shasta College on Old Oregon Trail. Cost, events and info: [www.nashranch.com](http://www.nashranch.com); (530) 241-0763.

**Historic Hawes Farms** in Anderson offers “Fall Farmtastic Fun” and weekend festivals all month long. Don’t miss the giant 20-acre u-pick pumpkin patch featuring 50+ pumpkin and gourd varieties. Get lost in the corn maze where “getting lost means finding fun!” Attractions include zip lines, corn and pumpkin cannons, a jumping pillow, kiddie play area, pig races, gemstone mining, and a favorite among the kids: pony rides! Ride around the corn maze and through the walnut orchard on the quarter-scale Hawes Farms Express Railroad, or ride the Grain Train or Cow Train to look at farm scarecrows! Fun and food for everyone, plus four haunted attractions this year! Located at the intersection of Dersch and Deschutes Rds. in Anderson. Dates, cost and info: [www.HistoricHawesFarms.com](http://www.HistoricHawesFarms.com); (530) 365-8488.

Visit the **Dairyville Orchard Festival** in Tehama County on October 15th, 10am–4pm. Join your Tehama County neighbors for some old-fashioned orchard fun in celebration of local agriculture and community spirit. Enjoy fun entertainment, arts & crafts, children’s activities & a diaper derby. Free admission and parking. Held at Lassen View School, Hwy. 99E in Los Molinos. Info: [www.dairyvillefestival.org](http://www.dairyvillefestival.org); (530) 527-4081.

Butte County’s **Johnny Appleseed Days** in Paradise is the oldest harvest festival in the state and a celebration honoring local apple history. Families will enjoy live music and over 1200 locally made apple pies! Children’s games, face painting, live entertainment and over 120 artisans! Open October 1st from 10am–5pm and October 2nd from 10am–4pm. Free admission. Held at Paradise Intermediate School, 5665 Recreation Dr., Paradise. Info: [www.paradisechamber.com/JAD\\_2011.html](http://www.paradisechamber.com/JAD_2011.html); (530) 877-9356.

Visit **Country Pumpkins** in Orland at their new location! Open daily October 1st–31st from 10am–6pm. Features 21 varieties of pumpkins, and interesting gourds. Walk the 10-acre corn maze for just \$3/person during the day. Negotiate the maze at night by flashlight or moonlight, \$8/person. Hay pyramid, corn tire, hay slide, baby animals and more! Located at 7152 Highway 32, east of Orland between Road P and Stoney Creek. Watch for signs. Info: [www.countrypumpkins.net](http://www.countrypumpkins.net).

At **TJ Farms** in Chico, families enjoy the popular u-pick pumpkin patch, hay bale obstacle course, picnic area, rain or shine pumpkin-decorated barn, and corn shellers. View the old farm tractor and visit with farm animals to feed and pet. In the farm’s country store, sample tasty jams, vinegars, exceptional dressings and pickles. Open weekdays 2–6pm and weekends 10am–6pm, rain or shine, October 3rd–31st. Group tours by appointment. Free admission. 3600 Chico Ave. Info: [www.tjfarmsestates.com](http://www.tjfarmsestates.com); (530) 343-2294.

Beautiful orchards surround Tehama County, and on Highway 99 near Los Molinos sits a special place called **Julia’s Fruit Stand**. The hard-working Brandt family offers fantastic fresh fruits and produce, grown on their family farm and the farms of nearby neighbors. With their daughters at their side, Kathy and James Brandt share the bounty of the season’s harvest with you. Taste fresh-picked apple varieties like Somerset, Granny Smith and Fuji. Pumpkins up to 100 pounds along with an array of produce types

are available, including Purple Russian and Mr. Stripy tomatoes. Affordable fun for the whole family! Open 8am–6pm daily. Info: (530) 528-8754.

If you appreciate local foods and wines, you’ll enjoy the **Sierra Oro Farm Trail Passport Weekend** taking place in and around Butte County on October 8th and 9th. Whether a romantic getaway or family educational adventure, it’s a grand weekend of farm-fresh food sampling and wine tasting while visiting local farms, orchards & wineries on a self-guided tour along the beautiful Butte County countryside. Weekend passport ticket is \$25. Info: [www.sierraoro.org](http://www.sierraoro.org); (530) 566-9849.

A drive out on Highway 97 just north of downtown Weed in Siskiyou Co. brings you to **Papa’s Pumpkin Patch**, where there’s “a little bit of everything” – pounds and pounds of pumpkins to choose from, ornamental corn, gourds, a gift shop, photo murals and activities that promise to create a wonderful outdoor adventure for your family! Located 3.8 miles outside of Weed at 4916 Solus Dr., look for signs on the left side of Highway 97. Info: (530) 938-2755.

Come celebrate everything apple at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Manton Apple Festival** in Northeastern Tehama County on October 1st from 9am–4pm. 100+ craft & food booths, live music on two stages, kids activities and a day of fun for the whole family! Proceeds support community projects & scholarships. Enter in the apple pie contest (junior and adult divisions) and have your pie judged by local TV personalities. Free admission. Please, no pets. Manton Elementary School, 31345 Forward Rd. Info: (530) 474-1113.

**Max’s Miracle Ranch Pumpkin Patch** in Butte County offers vintage train rides (\$2.50), a petting zoo, face painting (\$1), horseback rides (\$3), u-pick in-the-field pumpkins (\$2 & up), apples, pears, pomegranates and persimmons, hay wagon rides, gold panning, snack shack and school field trips. This fundraiser at the Miracle Ranch benefits Max’s Miracles. Open daily through Oct 31st from 9am–6pm. Free entry. 3476 Smith Ave. in Biggs. Info: [www.maxsmiracles.org](http://www.maxsmiracles.org); (530) 354-7168 or (530) 868-1026.

Located in central Siskiyou County just west of I-5 is **Hunter Orchards** in Gazelle. The farm is a favorite fall adventure for North State families. Enjoy their u-pick organic pumpkin patch, children’s hay maze, picnic area (bring blanket) and open-air store. Open daily October 1st–31st from 10am to 6pm. Large group tours by appointment. Features unique winter squash, gourds, garlic, apples and pears, all certified organically grown. Orchard tours include seeing their bio-diesel tractors. Located between Gazelle and Grenada at 14431 Old Westside Rd. Take either Gazelle exit, and follow the pumpkin signs. Info: (530) 436-2532.

Visit **Henshaw Farms Pumpkin Patch**. All pumpkins are locally grown by Chico High School Chico Future Farmers of America students. Pumpkins in all shapes and sizes, gourds, several varieties of squash, rainbow corn, sunflowers, and more! Open Saturdays & Sundays from 10am–4pm and some weekdays. Call for exact hours (530) 891-3026 x381 Located at the corner of Guynn and Henshaw (just off East Ave.) in Chico.

Celebrate autumn at The Patrick Ranch in Durham. Glimpse back in time, while enjoying some newer traditions at the first **AutumnFest**, held October 14th–30th. The Patrick Ranch pumpkin patch is open to the public; \$4 entry fee, free for children under 2 years. Tour the Glenwood Farm House and animal exhibit, enjoy fun children’s activities and visit the country store. Build your own scarecrow on the 15th and take the Patrick Ranch Pie Challenge on the 29th. Pie auction, quilt display, pumpkin carving demonstrations and much more! 10381 Midway, Durham. Info: [www.patrickranchmuseum.org](http://www.patrickranchmuseum.org). (530) 342-4359.

