

PVGA Article—Sloop’s Homegrown Produce

Nestled in Marysville, Perry County, Pennsylvania Sloop’s Homegrown Produce has been committed to producing and delivering high quality seasonal produce for its customers throughout generations. Bradley Sloop, the owner of the farm, is the first one in the family to grow produce on a large scale. He is currently a junior at Messiah College, where he is pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. He commutes back and forth to school so he can keep the farm going.

A PA Preferred member, Sloop’s Homegrown Produce, grows a wide variety of vegetables, with their best-selling items being tomatoes, corn, watermelons and cantaloupes. This family farm started with just an acre to grow produce on, to now having five acres. Sloop’s Homegrown Produce has a strong commitment to implementing sustainable agriculture practices into their production, such as using plasticulture and drip irrigation to grow their crops while reducing the water usage. To expand the seasons of high value crops, such as cucumbers and peppers, several years ago they built a high tunnel.

Sloop’s Homegrown Produce owns and operates a roadside stand as their main point of sale. The stand is located at 3260 Valley Road in Marysville and is open every day during the growing season. It creates a unique and convenient purchasing experience for its customers by utilizing the honor system. In addition, the farm also sells produce to restaurants, local grocery stores, and produce auctions.

Bradley has always enjoyed working on a farm. “I enjoy talking with my customers and developing a relationship with them,” said Bradley. “I believe that it is very important for consumers to know where their food comes from and to develop a relationship with the producer.”

Bradley would like to continue owning and operating Sloop’s Homegrown Produce. “I would like to put more acreage into produce and maintain the farm while practicing as an engineer,” he said. For more information about Sloop’s Homegrown Produce, please call them at (717) 350-6439.



(Peppers and Tomatoes Growing in one of Sloop's Fields)



(Wide Selection of Produce Available at Their Roadside Stand)