

Established in 1959 by Bernard W. Tucker

Markland, NL A0B 3K0

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Name Farm: Ripple Trail Farm Ltd

Location: Markland **Open Since:** 1965

Farmer: Karen Durfey

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Area used: 278 acres (95 cleared), Greenhouse (2700 sq ft)

Main crops offered at the Market:

Root crops, greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and other subtropical vegetables, ornamental plants and flowers among others.

Brief Description by Karen Durfey:

"The farm was purchased by my father in 1959. It was only worked part time until 1965 when he gave up his job in St. John's to go full time farming. Originally it was a very small acreage but over the years with land grants he came to own 78 acres. We lease the other 200 acres from the government. We have never raised animals to sell, only for personal use. Mostly traditional roots crops have been grown. Since I came back to the farm in 1998 we have experimented with other crops."

Times of Operation:

Vegetables: **July to December**

Flowers and Ornamental plants: **June to July**

Closed: January to May.



Ripple Trail Farm crops calendar for the St. John's Farmers Market:

Crops / Varieties	Planting	Harvesting
Cabbage Artost	May 15 th to May 30 th	July 30 th
Cabbage Lennox	July 1 st	October 30 th to November 15 th
Turnip Marlan	May 15 th to July 1 st	August 15 th to November 15 th
Carrot Napoli	May 15 th	August 15 th to October 30 th
Carrot Bolero	May 15 th	September 15 th to October 30 th
Parsnip	May 15 th	September 15 th to October 30 th
Potatoes	May 24 th	August 30 th to October 15 th
Beet	May 30 th	September 1 st to October 15 th
Kale	May 30 th	September 1 st
Collard Greens	May 30 th	September 1 st
Brussel Sprouts	May 30 th	October 1 st
Squash	June 30 th	September 1 st
Pumpkins	June 30 th	September 1 st
Beans	June 30 th	September 1 st
Lettuce Romaine	June 30 th	September 1 st
Swiss Chard	June 30 th	September 1 st
Tomatoes	June 15 th	September 1 st
English Cucumbers	June 30 th	September 1 st
Field Cucumbers	June 30 th	September 1 st

Ripple Trail Farm produces mostly outdoors and some crops are grown in greenhouses such tomatoes and cucumbers. Some of its crops are started in greenhouses but are finally planted / moved to outdoors during spring/summer time. **Many roots crops are sold at the Market until December.**

Organic Status:

This farm follows traditional agricultural practices but not necessarily organic. Some crops are propagated from their own seeds (especially their potatoes). The irrigation is mostly from rain water outdoors and drinkable water in the greenhouse. They combine the natural fertilization from the original soil solution with the addition of some fertilizer mixes rich in Phosphorus (especially for root crops outdoors) because of the weather and soil conditions. Tomatoes and cucumbers are fertilized with balanced mixes of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium as they are grown in greenhouses.

Pest Control:

As it is a big outdoor farm they use a combination of pest control with cultural practices and use of some pesticides if necessary.

More information:

Ripple Trail Farm is member of Federation of Agriculture, Horticulture Produces Council and SJFM Coop.

If you need more specific information please feel free to contact the farm or SJFM.

