



## *Meet the Grower*

# *Melon Acres Oaktown, IN*

A family farm started in 1976, Melon Acres is built on the Horrall tradition of food safety, innovation, and exceptional quality. Abner and Frieda Horrall began a farm, a family, and commitment to their community when they founded Melon Acres, Inc. nearly four decades ago. Melon Acres remains family-owned and is operated by Mike and Vicki Horrall along with their three children, Autumn, Jacob, and Whitney. The farm has grown to include over 1,000 acres of cantaloupes, watermelon, sweet corn, cucumbers and asparagus, and a Community Supported Agriculture program. The third generation of Melon Acres carries on the mission of passing on trusted, family quality fruits and vegetables.

Since the beginning, Melon Acres has been a leader in the produce industry by providing high quality, value-added produce to its customers. To accomplish this goal, Melon Acres has compiled a very impressive list of "firsts" in the Indiana melon industry. Melon Acres was among the first in the area to use rye strips and plastic mulch to harvest an earlier crop. It was the first grower in Indiana to use forced-air cooling to increase the storage time and quality of Indiana grown muskmelon, and the first muskmelon grower in Indiana to experiment with the use of packing lines to bring produce to market more quickly, more attractively, and in better condition.

Piazza Produce carries Indiana's finest Asparagus! Harvesting begins around April 10th and will last for five to six weeks during the months of April and May. Our asparagus will be bundled into 1 lb. bundles and will be sold in 11 or 28 lb. boxes. Spear length is 10.25 inches. PLU numbers are on each individual bundle. Melon Acres Asparagus is washed and cooled to insure that high quality and full flavor are delivered right to your door.

