

Name: _____ Date: _____

Santa Cruz Farms

Directions: Read the letter about Santa Cruz Farms, then answer the questions in complete sentences.

Dear Students,

We are a family-owned and family-operated farm. Our farm grows traditional and regional crops. Santa Cruz Farms is located in the Española Valley, about 22 miles north of Santa Fe. We are a certified organic farm, which means that we use no chemical fertilizer or pesticides on our farm.

The farm has been in our family for generations. We grow some of the same crops that were grown here two hundred years ago, including corn, beans, and squash. We also grow several kinds of salad greens (lettuces), radishes, tomatoes, chile, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, and a lot more veggies. We sell some of our produce to schools.

We try to mix traditional growing methods with new technology. For example: we plant crops with the moon's cycles and use plastic mulches and drip irrigation to conserve water. We also use our greenhouse and cold frames to grow produce all year long. Solar energy helps us grow plants in the winter.

We at Santa Cruz Farms believe that good, organic, healthy food helps make a healthy person of strong body and clear mind. We are proud to grow organic food for you and for all of our friends.

Sincerely,

*Santa Cruz Farms
Don Bustos*



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