

# Seasons of Change

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Seasons in life are forever changing. We wake up one day and see that winter has passed and spring is peeking around the corner. A brand new season is ready to emerge with fresh blossoms of life, bright opportunities, and new chances to discover who we are and where we belong.

As a farming family of a small piece of land in Dewey, Arizona, we have experienced a variety of seasons during the last 60 years. A rough initiation into living off the land, a period of hog production, a time of roadside marketing, two decades of festivals and family fun, and a chapter of legislative disagreement, success and frustration have enveloped the lives of four generations.

These seasons of past have prepared us for numerous changes at Young's Farm, but there is little that could prepare our hearts and minds for the new season we are facing. Yet, it seems, we can't help but embrace this new beginning; our bright opportunity to discover more about ourselves is, in fact, making us a little giddy.

Central Oregon has won the hearts of the men in my life. My grandfather, father, brother and husband fell in love with the Blue Mountains and running streams that encompass a working farm and cattle ranch in Paulina, Oregon. Who could blame them? Men, who have been in production agriculture their entire lives, now have the opportunity to continue the lifestyle we all love, on land that stretches and restores the human spirit.



We will call it "The Blue Mountain Ranch". With deeded acres of farm ground, pastures and rangeland as well as forest permit and BLM lease land, we can raise 1,200 head of commercial cows, not to mention an abundance of elk, deer and other wild game. We will farm our own hay on irrigated pastures to feed during the winter months. And, we will learn to adapt to the new seasons of small town Oregon.

As our loyal friends and customers, we want you to know how grateful we are to have your support. You may be happy to know we will continue to provide fresh poultry and other farm products to Arizona through the AJ's Fine Foods stores as well as our online store, and, you will always have the opportunity to learn more about the Young Family and our new adventures on our website [www.youngsfarminc.com](http://www.youngsfarminc.com).

As for me, well I'm the emotional one. I exemplify the feelings that everyone has, but refuses to show. I am apprehensive about change and ready to get started. It is heartbreaking to leave my heritage and yet I'm eager to see my children grow their own roots under the influence of this productive lifestyle.

I know we will discover more about who we are and most likely... where we belong.