

Markets focus on winter crops

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Wackym's Kitchen is rolling out new flavors including cheddar-apple cobbler and ginger pumpkin spice. Pictured are owners Darren Stanley and Paul Wackym.

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Despite the cold, blustery wind, there were plenty of shoppers and vendors at Coppell Farmers Market Saturday. A spot-check with vendors and farmers reveals many will remain on hand for the winter months.

David Fisher (Fisher Family Farm and Ranch) will concentrate on the Coppell and McKinney farmers markets with winter crops that include collards, cabbage, broccoli and other greens. He's also doing winter greenhouse plantings so he'll have early spring tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots and more.

Hiram Farm hopes to have more of its gourmet greens collection plus jarred items. You can also count on regulars such as Village Baking Co., Eagle Mountain Farmhouse (raw-milk cheeses), Johnson's Backyard Garden, Latte Da Dairy and Hidden Valley Creamery, Rehoboth Ranch and Joe the Baker, who says peppermint bark is his best-seller for the holidays.

Paul Wackym is also a fixture at Coppell with his Wackym's Kitchen cookies. New flavors include cheddar-apple cobbler and ginger black garlic. Holiday flavors run to ginger pumpkin spice and maple pecan. But his best-seller is still salted caramel, which was a novelty when he first introduced it years ago.

Farmers markets will make one more big push for the Christmas holidays, then most adopt an abbreviated winter schedule. Check the schedule below for changes.

Kim Pierce

IN STORES

Time for Rio Star grapefruit, Texas-grown cabbage, collard greens, herbs and okra.

FARMERS MARKETS

Coppell Farmers Market: Takes a bye this Saturday, but will be back 8 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month December through March. 768 W. Main St., off Bethel Road, through Thanksgiving. 972-304-7043. coppellfarmersmarket.org.

Cowtown Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays year-round. 3821 Southwest Blvd., Fort Worth, under the tents in the parking lot of Edelweiss Restaurant and Texas Outdoors, on the Weatherford traffic circle (the confluence of U.S. 377, State Highway 183 and Camp Bowie). 817-763-0193. Facebook: Cowtown Farmers Market.

Dallas Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Monday. Closed Tuesday-Thursday. 1010 S. Pearl Expressway. 214-664-9110. dallasfarmersmarket.org.

Denton Community Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through November. Arts and crafts plus produce from a 100-mile radius. Denton County Historical Park, 317 W. Mulberry St., Denton. dentonmarket.org. Facebook: Denton Community Market.

Eden's Organic Garden Center and CSA Farm: Market days, 9 a.m. to noon the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month, through Dec. 5. 4710 Pioneer Road, Balch Springs. 214-348-3336. edensorganicfarm.com.

Fairview Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Farmshop Center in the Village at Fairview, 113 Prairie Road in the center, at U.S. 75 and East Stacy Road, Fairview. fourseasonsmarkets.com.

Four Seasons Market-Carrollton: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. 2722 N. Josey Lane, Carrollton. fourseasonsmarkets.com.

Four Seasons Market-Richardson: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. 677 W. Campbell Road, at Floyd Road. fourseasonsmarkets.com.

Grand Prairie Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Dec. 19. Market Square, 120 W. Main St., Grand Prairie. 972-237-4599. gptx.org.

Historic McKinney Farmers Market: Shifts to winter schedule: 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, at Chestnut Square Historic Village, McDonald and Anthony (park in the lot on McDonald). 972-562-8790. chestnutsquare.org.

Lakeside Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through December at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9150 Garland Road, Dallas. goodlocalmarkets.org.

Lola's Local Market: Open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Home of Lola the pig. 1771 Keever Main (off State Highway 5), Melissa. Facebook: Lola's Local Market.

Ridgmar Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday year-round except closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. 900 State Highway 183 North (across from Ridgmar Mall), Fort Worth. 817-246-7525.

Vickery Meadow Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Sunday through December at Half Price Books, southwest corner of the parking lot, 5803 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas. goodlocalmarkets.org.

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