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## Full Circle Farm brings organic produce to locals



With growing concerns over contaminated food or produce grown on mega-farms hundreds of miles away, consumers are taking a more conscientious approach to their food's origins.

One food production company has already taken some of those consumer concerns to heart. Full Circle Farm is a regional organic farm and food provider based in Carnation, Wash. offering consumers fresh, organic produce and artisan goods. This month, the company announced plans to expand its service into Pierce County at pick-up locations throughout Gig Harbor, Graham, Lakewood, Puyallup and Tacoma.



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**DELIVERING THE GOODS. Full Circle Farm is expanding its delivery service into Pierce County.**

"Communities in Pierce County will now have fresh, organic produce delivered to their neighborhoods with the added convenience of customizing each box to their specific needs and directly connecting them to the people who grow their food," Stout said.

Full Circle Farm is a subscriber-based company, which allows customers to establish a membership online. Members can select between two order sizes, standard or family. The farm sends out a weekly e-mail, notifying customers on the status of their orders and what types of produce will be available for the coming weeks. From the website, orders can be fully customized by substituting unwanted items for those preferred, or by purchasing additional items. Orders are delivered weekly or every other week and typically arrive to customers by 6 a.m., depending on location.

Customers can also opt out of delivery service and pick up their orders at a community pick-up site. The farm will be offering 11 pick-up sites in Pierce County and plans to add more as the business continues to expand.

Full Circle Farm has partnered with several organic and artisan vendors to offer organic and specialty items. Those partnerships include The Essential Baking Company, Mt. Townsend Creamery, Fresh Breeze Dairy, Quillisascut Cheese Company, Theo Chocolate Company, Grounds for Change (coffee), Choice Organic Teas, Blue Bird Grains and Moon Valley Honey.

"Our farm boxes provide a wider selection of organic produce and artisan goods, offer the option to fully customize your box, and bring farm-to-table values directly to your neighborhood year-round," Stout added.

Stout and partner Wendy Munroe were inspired to launch their business in 1996, as a way to blend their passion for farming with a desire to give back to the community. Currently, the company offers more than 125 varieties of certified organic fruits, vegetables and herbs, to individual and commercial customers throughout Western Washington and Alaska.

Last November, Stout and Munroe expanded their farming operations with the purchase of 72 acres of historic Sammamish Valley farmland preserved by King County's Farmland Preservation Program. This addition of land has allowed the farm to grow on more than 400 acres of farmland. The farm has a strong following throughout urban and rural King County since launching and owners say they are looking forward to their newest venture in Pierce County.

Full Circle Farm is currently seeking businesses and organizations interested in becoming host sites for deliveries. Farm staff will handle all logistics, including taking payments and answering questions. Deliveries will be dropped off at the same time each week and farm staff will stack and remove all empty boxes from the site. Host site coordinators do not need to be available at the time of delivery, though a contact number will be required. To learn more about becoming a host site, e-mail [SiteSales@FullCircleFarm.com](mailto:SiteSales@FullCircleFarm.com).

"We are excited to expand our business and provide nutritious food to more people throughout the Northwest," Stout said.

For more info go to <http://www.fullcirclefarm.com>.

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