

O'Day's U-Pick harvest continues entire growing season

SEAFORD, Del. — The aim of "O'Day's U-Pick" farm market operation near Seaford, Del. is to have a vegetable or fruit crop ready to pick at all times during the entire growing season.

That way, customers keep coming back to pick their

own farm fresh produce.

The season began about Memorial Day with strawberries, which were available until about June 10. Then, cabbage became available, followed by squash and string beans this week. Broccoli will be added

to the harvest list about the end of the month.

Also available to pick-your-own marketers this year will be lima beans, snap beans, sweet peppers, tomatoes, slicing cukes, sweet corn and egg plant. Turnips and several other

cool-season crops are expected to be ready in the fall on the 650-acre farm five miles west of Seaford.

Bill O'Day and his wife Donna started their modest pick-your-own operation in 1978 in the field surrounding their home on the Woodland-Reliance Road. Customer response has been so heartening that they've added more land and more crops to the project each year since, and it looks as though they might keep on expanding.

This spring, for instance, they set out six and a half acres of new strawberry plants — enough to more than double their previous

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Harvest on "O'Days U-Pick" operation near Seaford, Del. begins with strawberries about Memorial Day. Pick-your-own marketers can visit the farm throughout the growing season and find some sort of vegetable or fruit crop ready for picking.

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