

NON-MEMBER, PAY-AS-YOU-GO PICKING AT KESTREL PERCH

*Kestrel Perch is a small, diversified operation with only about a quarter acre of each type of berry. Season memberships (the CSA) are the main focus, so picking is open to non-members only on a very limited basis and only when it doesn't conflict with the CSA. Pay-as-you-go (PAYG) picking aims primarily to serve immediate neighbors and former CSA members who can't commit to a whole share this season. One-time or first-time pickers **must** e-mail Katie (**ithacaberries "at" gmail "dot" com**) to schedule an orientation before picking. After your orientation and first picking session, you're welcome to subscribe to the Kestrel Perch PAYG listserv to receive picking updates throughout the season.*

KESTREL PERCH PAYG IS IDEAL FOR:

- Picking a fast quart for dessert or breakfast if you live nearby;
- A quick, local U-pick experience for kids;
- Picking with friends who are CSA members (so they don't have to share their harvest!)

IT'S **NOT** SO GOOD FOR:

- Stocking your freezer all in one go. As a general rule, you'd do better to visit bigger U-pick places if you have large-scale picking in mind. That said, each crop usually does have its once-a-season "glut day" (or maybe two or three) and if you sign up for the PAYG listserv I'll gladly try to alert you to those – usually at very short notice, I'm afraid, so it works best if you're local.

VARIETIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE (in approximate order of ripening):

- STRAWBERRIES (June)
- SUMMER RED RASPBERRIES (early July)
- GOOSEBERRIES (mid-July)
- BLACK CURRANTS (mid-July)
- RED CURRANTS (mid-late July)
- BLUEBERRIES (3 varieties, July into September)
- BUSH CHERRIES (August)
- FALL RED RASPBERRIES (late August through September)
- ELDERBERRIES (September)