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Heirloom Tomatoes Put Butcher Crick Farm on the Map

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April 30, 2014 (Carlisle, Iowa) — Iowans are passionate about their tomatoes, and one central Iowa grower has carved out a niche by providing heirloom varieties to 18 restaurants, caterers and a local country club, in addition to selling at the Des Moines Farmers Market. Jennie Smith of Butcher Crick Farm is dedicated to preserving heirloom vegetables and, along with her tomatoes, she grows eggplant, squash, cucumbers and herbs from heirloom seeds.

Smith has a degree from Iowa State University and a graduate diploma in Rural Agriculture from Massey University in New Zealand. She's eager to mentor would-be farmers interested in building up the local food system in central Iowa, and her hands-on approach to education includes hosting private parties, planting parties, and chef potlucks on her farm.

Find out more about Butcher Crick Farm at 515-720-6969 or visit the farm's Facebook page.

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