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Yolo County

This Sacramento Valley county is perhaps best known as home to the University of California, Davis, a pioneering agriculture school founded in 1905 that today is a top-ranked public university. While farming remains a vital part of the region, there are plenty of big-city amenities to complement the rural charm.



Jeff Merwin, Clarksburg

The fifth in his family—so far—to serve as president of the Yolo County Farm Bureau, Jeff Merwin grows crops including alfalfa, wheat and safflower in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. "It's a beautiful place to live and work," he said, adding that his son, a college agriculture student, is the fourth generation to farm their land.

FARM FUN



Capay Tomato Festival

Heirloom and cherry tomato tastings, farm tours, live music and a "best guest picnic contest" are among the highlights of this July 18 event, hosted by home-delivery service Farm Fresh To You on its Capay Organic farm. Attendees can even camp overnight in the orchard.

i WINE, DINE, RELAX:

Turkovich Family Wines/ Winters Cheese Co., Winters

Wine and cheese? Brothers Chris and Danny Turkovich have both covered, respectively, with their own businesses. Visitors can sample the wine and cheese at the family's tasting room in historic downtown Winters, also known for its booming art scene.

Manas Ranch Old-Style Custom Meat Market, Esparto

Carnivores, take note: The Manas family offers a wide variety of fresh-cut, restaurant-quality meats including beef, pork, lamb, goat and wild game. Other specialties that draw customers from miles around: summertime peaches, sandwiches, homemade jam and fresh pie.

UC Davis Arboretum, Davis

The free, 100-acre arboretum at UC Davis offers outdoor education and recreation areas that stay cool even during the heat of summer. One such spot is its Peter J. Shields Oak Grove, planted from acorns a half-century ago, with self-guided tours for mobile devices: <http://bit.ly/explore-oak-grove>.

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