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Coming Soon to Jefferson Township: Alstede Fresh at Lindeken Farms - Area's Only Locally Sourced Farm Store; Open Year Round

CHESTER, New Jersey – Jefferson Township area residents will soon have convenient and year-round access to fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables produced at Alstede Farms, a family-owned and operated farm that has nourished New Jersey families for 40 years. Alstede Fresh at Lindeken Farms will open on April 1, according to Kurt Alstede, founder of Alstede Farms. Additional details, including hours of operation, will be announced soon.

Located at 54 State Route 15 and Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson Township, Alstede Fresh at Lindeken Farms will offer seasonal locally grown fruits and vegetables direct from the Alstede farm fields in Chester. There will also be apple cider, home-baked pies, dairy products, cider donuts, jams, jellies, and soups; as well as other grocery items. Families can also purchase Christmas trees in December, sign up for the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and access free online recipes for healthy meals, and snacks.

The farm store is Alstede Farms' fourth location and, according to Alstede, the area's only locally sourced farm store. "We can't wait to share with families the goodness of what we grow," said Alstede. "That we make this goodness accessible to everyone, every day, matters to us. We look forward to being an important part of the local community."

With the opening of the farm store on Route 15, Alstede Farms is continuing a tradition started 73 years ago by the Stanlick family when it opened Lindeken Farms in 1949. Alstede Fresh at Lindeken Farms' current retail space was formerly occupied by Lindeken Farms which, for generations improved families' quality of life by providing a steady supply of locally grown produce.

Major building renovations and an architectural refresh are underway to better reflect the Alstede Farms brand, but "the spirit of the building remains," said Alstede. Our family and our team members are proud to continue Lindeken Farms' tradition and keep the Stanlick legacy alive in the community."

Alstede is a first-generation farmer who started Alstede Farms in 1982. His wife, Mary Thompson-Alstede comes from a family that has farmed in Chester for more than 100 years.

Alstede's children inherited a passion for farming and plan to remain in the business while completing their college degrees and using their talents and gifts as second-generation farmers.

Alstede Farms' original retail store is located on their family farm at 1 Alstede Farms Lane in Chester. Two farmstands – Alstede Fresh at Mendham/Chester (378 Route 24, between Mendham and Chester) and Alstede Fresh at Bridgewater (831 US-206, Bridgewater Township) – operate seasonally, from April to November.

Alstede Farms is best known for its 300+ varieties of fresh produce harvested on 800 acres of preserved farmland in Morris County. The farm offers the area's largest selection of pick-your-own fruits and vegetables, including blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, apples, pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes and more. The farm is Home to the Blooming Giants, 12 acres of land growing successive plantings of sunflowers. A tractor-drawn hay wagon transports customers to and from the farm fields.