

Fresh Picks

GROWFEST RECAP 2025



GROWFEST 2025 unfolded on a picture-perfect early fall day—warm, sunny, and brimming with joy. Smiles, laughter, and the crunch of freshly picked apples filled the orchard, making it clear that everyone who attended had a fabulous time.



***Pressing Matters** – Doug Elam shared his expertise and enthusiasm, giving visitors a taste of the art—and science—behind pressing fresh, scrumptious cider.*

It's Been a Bumper Crop Year! This season brought a plentiful harvest, with GROW offering a colorful mix of organic apples 🍏, pumpkins 🎃, and gourds for sale.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for GROWFEST 2025—we can't wait to celebrate again next year! If you missed the fun, don't worry—our orchard is still open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 AM–1 PM, through November 2.

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Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Ryan Companies selected GROW as their charity for “Ryan Gives Back Week.” Giving back is an understatement! What a week ...

- 20 people volunteered, contributing 88 volunteer hours
- 240 pounds of apples were harvested
- 10 greenhouse tables were modified, increasing efficiency and accessibility
- Facility doors were repaired to ensure building security
- Newly planted trees were mulched to prepare for winter

We are grateful to the Ryan Companies for their support. Every volunteer hour has a profound impact on GROW



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New at Hy-Vee Grocery



GROW apples are now for sale at Hy-Vee Grocery in Cedar Rapids. This is a full circle moment for GROW as Hy-Vee was a key customer for Orchard founder, John Kazimour.

Officially Flush with Pride



Prior to GROWFEST we were delighted to dedicate our on-site, fully ADA-compliant bathroom! This accessible, hygienic facility supports year-round programming and ensures comfort for all who visit.



Grow: Growing Real Opportunities for Work

GROW is a non-profit that empowers individuals living with challenges by providing valuable employment skills through meaningful work in horticulture.

Visit GrowWithKazimour.org to learn more about us, or consider volunteering