

VIERRA FARMS



David Vierra with his three children: Isabella, Jace & Ayden



David Vierra says of his passion for farming, **"It's in my blood, I can't help it."** David's grandfather, **Ellard Vierra**, helped settle the Sacramento River Delta in the 1920's, and farmed full time until the mid 60's when he was offered a job with Reclamation District 999. Ellard could not stop farming, and in his spare time he maintained a two acre garden on his property in West Sacramento. That same garden is the site of **Dave's Pumpkin Patch**.

When David was in the 8th grade, he traveled to Apple Hill. It was that trip that inspired David to grow pumpkins. **David's mother couldn't keep David out of their family garden.** At the age of 13, David started growing his first pumpkin patch. Five years later, at the age of 18, Vierra Farms was established. At that time, Vierra Farms had a commodity of grass hay and wheat yet **David never lost sight of his pumpkin patch.**

Today, David still **cultivates his grandfather's 2 acre garden plus 800 acres of specialty vegetables.** His specialty items include pumpkins, 6 varieties of hard squash, Heirloom and slicing tomatoes, black seedless watermelons, yellow seedless watermelons and regular watermelons. David's children— his daughter, **Isabella**, and his two sons, **Jace** and **Ayden** - all live and work on the farm.

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