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With the growing season underway in Halton, many residents will be looking forward to enjoying fresh, local produce.

Despite the impact of COVID-19 and physical-distancing requirements, residents will still have a variety of ways to purchase, grow, or access fresh and local produce.

PURCHASE FRESH FROM LOCAL FARMS

A local farm market, the Hen House, will continue operating despite the pandemic.

"There will be some changes

with pick up to keep with social distancing," Amber Smiley, owner of the Hen House, said. "I imagine there will be more deliveries required as well."

Smiley said she expected the first baskets of produce to be ready in the first week of June.

The family — Smiley, her husband, Jeremy Knapp, and three daughters — have lived on the 44-acre farm since 2015.

In addition to produce baskets, the family also sells eggs at their farm.

"A lot of new people are coming and getting eggs," Smiley said, adding that there is currently a wait list for farm fresh eggs.

"There have been a lot more sign ups this year," she said

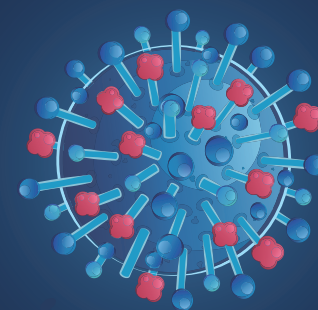
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Amber Smiley photo

Scarlett Knapp walks in the field of the Hen House, one of the many local farms facing new challenges in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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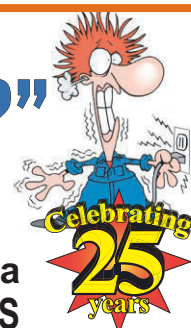
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