Crops arrive early for picking, eating in Kansas

Mild winter, warm spring bring fruits, veggies weeks ahead of time

By SARAH TUCKER
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It’s peach pickin’ time in Kansas at area orchards, berry farms and “you-pick” farms, most crops are coming in two weeks early. Scott Beck at Beck’s Farms in Haysville, Gaylord Sargeant at Sargeant’s Berry Farm at 9836 S Hydraulic, and others say they’ve never seen anything bloom so early. Sargeant’s sells produce and also lets people pick their own. Owner Gaylord Sargeant said his crops came in about three weeks early this year.

“We had a warm spring, so the early crops can be attributed to the mild weather in 2012,” agent Rebecca McMahon said. “We didn’t have a late freeze, which is right and when they’ve matured.”

Sedgwick County horticulture extension coordinator Mike Gaeddert helps a customer at a Gaeddert Farms Sweet Corn kiosk near Kellogg and Greenwich on Thursday. Kristy Gaeddert helps a customer at a Gaeddert Farms Sweet Corn kiosk near Kellogg and Greenwich on Thursday. Everything bloomed earlier,” Sedgwick County horticulture extension coordinator Mike Gaeddert said. “Fruits are perennials, so they bloom early and continue to have a good crop.”

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