Three Sisters Farm to headline new outdoor market

Redlands' own organic grower to take part in Saturday debut of farmers' market

June 2, 2009 - <u>PRLog</u> -- REDLANDS, Calif. – Three Sisters Farm, the San Timoteo Canyon operation started by local couple Abby and Jason Harned, will be among a number of vendors this Saturday that will usher in a new Saturday morning farmers' market in Redlands.

Started by the Downtown Redlands Business Association, the new Saturday Morning Certified Farmers' Market compliments the popular Thursday Market Night on State Street.

The market's debut this Saturday, June 6, 2009, will kick off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 7 a.m. Hours of operation are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. It will take place each Saturday until Sept. 27 in the city-owned parking lot along Redlands Blvd. between Fifth and Sixth Streets. The lot sits just east of the Tartan restaurant and adjacent to Ed Hales Park.

The concept is to provide an outlet for residents of Redlands and surrounding communities to have a central location for purchasing the freshest produce available from the local area. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own, reusable bags.

Three Sisters Farm began selling certified organic produce almost a year ago. Abby Harned, a third generation Redlands resident, long held the dream of starting her own organic farm. With the help of family and friends, Jason built the straw-bale home that now sits at the center of the farm.

Three Sisters Farm supplies its organic produce to Clark's in Loma Linda, as well as Bon Appetit at the University of Redlands and Farm Artisan Foods on State Street, among others.

Located less than 10 miles from downtown Redlands, this will be the first and only farmers' market the 1.5 acre farm will attend.

"We're very excited about this new produce-only market," Jason said. "Our goal is to be a community-supported farm, and this is a great opportunity for us to meet some of our neighbors."

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About Three Sisters Farm: Started by a Redlands, Calif., couple that met while attending Cal Poly Pomona, Three Sisters Farm was certified organic even before planting its first crop. In the past year alone, the farm has doubled in size to 1.5 acres with another 8.5 acres available for growing. The centerpiece of the farm is a self-built straw-bale home.

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