



The chart shows the growing season and availability of some of our most popular items. We continually try new crops and varieties, so stop in often.

### *Affiliations*

- [Sunshine Foundation](#)
- [Schoharie Valley Association](#)
- Schoharie County Farm Bureau
- [NY State Farm Bureau](#)
- [NY State Agricultural Society](#)
- [NY State Vegetable Growers Association](#)
- [Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets](#)
- [Schoharie Promotional Association](#)
- [Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association](#)
- and more

### **About Richard Ball**

Richard has been the owner and operator of Schoharie Valley Farms in Schoharie, NY since 1993. Schoharie Valley Farms consists of 200 acres and produces a wide range of vegetable crops, small fruits, and greenhouse crops. The farm serves both retail and wholesale customers through an onsite farm market known as “The Carrot Barn” as well as shipping to brokers and restaurants in the Albany capital district and New York City.



For the 20 years prior to owning Schoharie Valley Farms, Richard worked on and then managed a vegetable farm in R.I. and has made his living in agriculture since he was 18 years old. His inspiration to become a farmer came from his grandparents who were lifelong dairy farmers.

In the fall of 2013 Richard was asked if he would be interested in being the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for NY State. After much thought and consideration, he accepted the challenge and was nominated by Governor Cuomo on January 9, 2014. Prior to that, he held a number of positions within agriculture organizations and community organizations at the local, state, and national level including:

- Vice President, New York State Vegetable Growers Association
- Board of Directors, New York Farm Bureau
- Member Executive Committee, New York Farm Bureau
- Member Audit Committee, New York Farm Bureau
- Chairman Labor Committee, New York Farm Bureau
- Member Labor Committee, American Farm Bureau (past Chairman)
- Representative for Schoharie County, Mohawk Valley Reg Econ Dev Council
- Board of Directors, Schoharie County Farm Bureau (past president)
- President, Schoharie Valley Association

- Chairman, Schoharie Recovery Inc – a non-profit formed to help the recovery effort from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.
- Past President, Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce

Richard, his wife Shirley, and his three children are all actively engaged in the farm with a growing number of future farmers among the grandchildren.