



Local Picking's

Locally Grown by Michigan Farmers, Crisp & Delicious!
Fresh Michigan Sweet Corn, Cabbage, & Green Peppers

Farm Profile: Bolthouse Bros. Growers, Marne, MI

Attributes/Quality Features:

- A single corn stalk can grow between 7 to 10 feet tall!
- Cabbage contains remarkably high levels of vitamin C and also vitamin A, B1, B2, B6, E and K.
- Peppers taste becomes sweeter as the pepper turns from dark green to a bright red in color.

Bernard Bolthouse started farming and created Bolthouse Growers in 1952. His four sons Jay, Walter, Roy and Bernie joined the growing operations where Roy and Bernie are still active. Today the third generation is fully engaged with Barry Bolthouse at the sales helm and three cousins leading the production and operations side of the business. Three members of the fourth generation are also now active in the farming operation each summer, even working part-time while attending college.

Bolthouse Bros. Growers now farm 800 acres of various crops near Marne in Michigan's Ottawa County. The main items are sweet corn, cabbage, and green peppers. Harvest typically starts as early as the first of June. Other major crops include collard greens, kale, fall squash (six varieties), and cantaloupe on this diverse multi-crop operation.



Superior Sales, Inc. serves as Bolthouse's primary channel to market and represents their cabbages and greens to various markets around the Midwest.

Barry Bolthouse is proud of the family's land stewardship practices. Annually about ¼ of the farm is rotated into wheat and field corn to minimize pest problems and ensure quality vegetable crops. The remaining acres are planted with a rye cover crop each fall to prevent wind and water erosion. The rye is plowed down in the spring, contributing to the soil fertility and tilth.

Barry Bolthouse stated with pride, **"We field pack all of our crops, using specially designed harvesters to minimize the need for *handing*, thus assuring high product quality"**. Packed cases are then vacuum cooled at the farm before shipping.

Bolthouse Bros. has been GAP/GHP certified by Primus for the past 13 years.

