

# Strawberry Fields of Faith

Agape House Berry Farm offers taste of agritourism

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For John and Pati Colston, farming is an endeavor of faith, something they've done to share their love of the earth and its bounty.

"We've been very prayerful - we give God all the glory," Pati Colston said. "We believe his blessings are found on our farm."

Even faith inspires the farm's name - 1 Corinthians 13, a passage describing love. And, that's what has happened to the family, as they developed their farm just south of Mustang - love of what they're doing, not only the farming itself, but meeting the people who come to the farm to pick berries.

The self-pick farm has helped add interest to that industry, agriculture experts said. Starting with blackberries,

Agape now has strawberries that can be picked by visitors as they roam the fields.

The Colstons have put a lot into their endeavor. Pati Colston took leave from her farm to operate the farm during the season, and John Colston owns his own

business, which he works in addition to running the farm. The couple's grown children also lend a hand, they said.

"We are so blessed to have a tight-knit family that works to make this the kind of place we always hoped it would be," Pati Colston said.

The farm opened in 2016 and has swelled in popularity since that time, the Colstons said. Located just south of Mustang, the location seemed to be a perfect spot for a self-picking farm, and people who frequent Mustang's Wild Horse Garden and Market come often to check Agape out, they said.

## Berry Good Time

**WHAT** Agape House Berry Farm

**WHERE** 10912 S. Czech Hall Rd.

**DETAILS** The self-picking farm is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon.

**INFO** Call (405) 628-8092.

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and Agritourism and Oklahoma State University's Extension Service had a hand in making Agape a success, the Colstons said. The state agency helped the couple both promote - and get the farm ready for opening - and OSU's master gardeners and other staff teamed with area farmers to help them learn the ropes of farming in their first-ever attempt.

"People have been so kind and have helped us so much," Pati Colston said. "It's amazing how much goes into farming and how difficult it can be - and I have a new appreciation for how much work farmers do."

Agape House Berry Farm is located at 10912 S. Czech Hall Road. The farm is open from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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**John and Pati Colston opened Agape House Berry Farm in 2016. The farm, located south of Mustang, offers self-picking Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**

