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COAL VALLEY, IL – Corn Crib Nursery and Country Corner Farm Market and Pumpkin Patch, two locally-owned, family businesses will join forces when a summer farmer's market opens for the 2013 season today (May 21st) at the full service garden center.

Corn Crib, located just south of Quad City International Airport at 6924 Route 150 in Coal Valley, IL, will now feature a permanent summer farmer's market within the nursery. It will be stocked with fresh produce from Country Corner and other leading area farms. The market will be available rain or shine during normal business hours until September 13th.

The move brings Corn Crib back to its 1972 beginnings as a seasonal market. For Country Corner, it represents a convenient, farmer-run location for fresh summer produce closer to the Quad Cities. Country Corner will continue to feature all of its daily activities at 5333 Route 150 in Alpha, IL. Details on business hours and activities for each business are available at www.corncribnursery.com

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www.country-corner.com

“We were looking to add a farmer's market back to our business as part of our new shopping experience,” said Duane White, owner/partner of Corn Crib Nursery. “When Bruce approached us, we were thrilled because it made total sense for our families to join up.”

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“This market will offer the area a unique shopping experience and our goal is to supply the Quad City Area with delicious, healthy, locally grown produce,” said Bruce Curry, owner of Country Corner. “This is a central location for Country Corner, Huizenga Farms (Henderson, IL), Slagel Farms (Keithsburg, IL), Boggio’s Little Mountain Orchard (Granville, IL) and others to have a food hub run by Country Corner right here by the Quad City Airport. By combining items from several farms and being open daily we should be a produce destination.”

Corn Crib Nursery began in 1972 as a seasonal, open-air market and sod farm. In 1980, the business constructed its first permanent buildings and became a year-round, full service garden center including design services. While open year round, Corn Crib has seasonal hours. To check on current hours and more, call [\(309\) 799-3745](tel:3097993745), visit www.corncribnursery.com or “like” us on Facebook – Search: Corn Crib Nursery.

Country Corner was the boyhood dream of Bruce Curry. Now, 40 years later, he farms over 80 acres near Alpha, IL. Open May-October every year, Country Corner features a fun park, zoo, hayrack rides, corn maze, craft market, pick-your-own pumpkin and berry patches and festivals every September and October.

In both 2011 and 2012, Country Corner was named Illinois Agritourism Business of the Year. The honor drew the attention of President Barack Obama who hosted a town hall meeting there in 2011. For info call [\(309\) 629-2359](tel:3096292359) or visit www.country-corner.com and Facebook (Search: Country Corner Farm Market Pumpkin Patch).

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