

# February Farmer of the Month

Each month we feature a “Farmer of the Month” to help your students learn more about WHERE their food comes from. **Oranges** are the February Harvest of the Month. Many thanks to **Richard and Paula Kelso, from Kelso Black Gold Ranch**, for the tasty oranges from their peaceful farm.

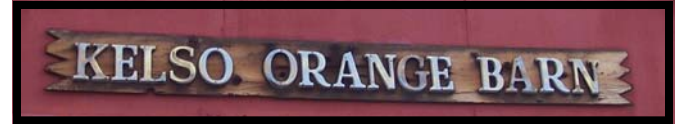


## Meet the Farmers

**Who:** Richard & Paula Kelso  
Kelso Black Gold Ranch

**Where:** Oroville, CA  
Butte County

**What:** Satsuma mandarins, Valencia & Navel oranges,  
grapefruit & lemons



### How long have you been farming?

We have been farming since 1973. The orange grove on our farm was planted in 1936.

### How did you become farmers?

We have always loved working in agriculture and we bought the ranch when our kids were young and in 4-H. We wanted them to be able to have a place to raise their sheep, pigs, horses, and cattle for 4-H.

### Do you have any animals on your farm?

Yes, we have 3 dogs - Griz, Buck & Dolly, 1 Angus bull, 3 pregnant cows, and 2 horses. We used to have more animals when our children were involved in 4-H. Now our granddaughter loves to come to the farm to visit and play.

### Where do you sell your citrus fruits?

We sell our citrus right from our farm and also on Saturdays and Sundays at the Sacramento Farmers' Markets.



A tree from the 72 year old orange grove, ripe with fruit in February.



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