



# Farmer of the Month

We'd like to introduce you to Chertong Moua who grows jicama and many other fruits and vegetables in Chico. CA.

## Meet the Farmer

**Who:** Chertong, Xue Moua and Mee Yang

**Where:** Chico, California

**What:** jicama, broccoli, tatsoi, onions, beets, swiss chard, carrots, leeks, bok choy, Chinese broccoli, mustard, cabbage, and much more!

Chertong Moua works together with his wife, Mee Yang and other family members to grow, harvest, and sell a variety of delicious fruits and vegetables in farmers' markets in Chico and Red Bluff.

Chertong learned to grow vegetables from his mother and father in his home country, Laos. He is currently teaching his son Xue to farm and they have been working together for the past four years.

Although farming is hard work, Chertong says he loves working with his family and feels fortunate that they can pick fresh vegetables from their field everyday to enjoy at mealtime together.



Chertong and Mee say that they love living in the United States and they enjoy seeing their friends and customers at the different farmers' markets where they sell their fruits and veggies. They expect to have jicama at the Chico farmers' market through mid-December. They planted the jicama seeds way back in April for their fall harvest, and once the heavy rains and icy cold weather comes, the jicama season will be over.

There is work to be done year round at their farm. They will continue to harvest vegetables through the winter. In the spring they will also sell flowers, and spring fruits and vegetables like strawberries and sugar snap peas.

