

AUGER FARM, ANOTHER WORLD

Just a mile or two up the road

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That's Collin Auger, 9, gathering sunflowers at North Branford's Larry Auger Farm just off Route 80. They're a new offering this summer from his family's roadside stand and, like the various breeds of corn, are picked fresh each morning. The ripe ears nestle beside farm-grown zucchini, squash, eggplant, and string beans, as well as the humble potato. On weekends, homemade jam and

bread kick back with the vegetables.

But it's the rare and decidedly non-commercial Silver Queen corn, with its milky sweetness, that keeps business brisk.

"Tender and delicious," said farm stand regular Ed Rakowski of North Branford. "You can't get these at the supermarket." And, at six dollars a dozen, "you can't beat the price."

No doubt the Silver

Queens have cobheads motoring from Westbrook and beyond. Those, and the sunflowers. "They've been a huge hit," says Kayla Nowak of Northford who's worked at the Auger farm stand the last four years. "They just brighten everything up."

The produce stand at Larry Auger Farm is located at 132 Mill Road, North Branford. 203-484-4713.

— Lisa Reisman



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