

VENDOR PROFILES

By David Crowder

George Pouy



George has a half-acre farm in Southern New Mexico that goes to show how much a small farm can produce – a lot!

He's a 75-year-old retired CPA and certified management accountant who decided, after working with numbers for 40 years that he'd rather work on getting his hands dirty.

"I stopped when I was 64," Pouy said. "I already owed my farm, which I purchased a couple years before. I always wanted to have a farm, ever since I was a kid.

"We started out to raise as much of our own food as we could. But I had more eggs than we could eat, so we started selling them and vegetables, and we liked meat, so what could we do?

"We said let's try pigs and let's try turkey, and I decided that if I'm going to raise pig and eat it, I may as well sell some of it. "It just kind of mushroomed."

The farm covers seven acres off Highway 28 near Chamberino in New Mexico. Most of that land is in hay for cattle, and he actively farms three-quarters of an acre.

And, every Saturday, he's at Ardovino's Farmers Market selling what he grows.

"I raise produce organically," he said. "I've got a lot of birds – chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese.

"And, I buy piglets every year, raise those and have them butchered at a USDA butcher, so I can sell pork here too. Then once a year, I buy 30 or 40 turkeys for meat birds and raise those for Thanksgiving."

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