

# SIDES PEA FARM

## FARM PROFILE

This month's featured farm is Sides Pea Farm, located in northeastern Texas, where Sides Pea Farm started in 1957 after Winford and Virginia Sides bought 70 acres of land just south of Canton, Texas. When Winford first started farming, he tried growing all kinds of vegetables including squash, tomatoes, potatoes, okra, watermelons, cantaloupes, peas and beans. Winford learned that he was better at raising peas and beans than anything else. So he started growing only peas and beans, and soon became the largest grower of fresh market peas in Texas.

Winford did all the farming and Virginia did the selling — both at the farm and at farmers markets in the area. Since 1957, Sides Pea Farm has gotten bigger every year and now has hundreds of acres of peas. You can find Sides Pea Farm's fresh peas at fruit stands, markets and stores all over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Peas grown at Sides Pea Farm



## STATS

**Owner:** Virginia Sides

**Founded:** 1957

**Location:** Canton, Texas

**Specialty:** Peas



CANTON,  
TEXAS

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