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Program: **The Best Apple for the Job**

Presenters: **Dane and Hillary Diede, Owners, Blossom Hill Orchard & Farm, Chatfield, MN**

Since we tend to be creatures of habit, most of us probably have our “default apple” that we buy most of the time. As wonderful as we know our old favorites to be, apples are developed and grown to satisfy many objectives in addition to just good eating. So come and learn about apples that may give you new inspiration for your eating and cooking, and pick up some apple-growing and culinary tips while you are at it! Let’s find “the best apple for the job!”

Bio:

Blossom Hill orchard & farm is small, organic apple orchard located in Preston, Minnesota. In addition to the 25 varieties of apples, we also raise pastured pork along with pumpkins and vegetables.

Dane (the farmer) grew up in Rochester, after graduating from the University of Minnesota he moved to Colorado where he cut his teeth working on vegetable farms. Hillary (the baker) also grew up in Rochester, after graduating from Mayo High School she moved to Florence, Italy, where she studied culinary at the Apicius International School of Hospitality.

The majority of our apples are sold direct to the consumer from our on-farm shop or at the Rochester Farmers Market. We utilize every apple whether it is sold as fresh fruit, made into an apple pie, turnover or other tasty baked good or fed to the pigs.