Lucky Nickel Ranch Certified Organic Produce
Established in 1998.

• Organic Certification by California Certified Organic Farmers CCOF 2006
• Construction of The McKenzie Inn Bed and Breakfast in 2008
• Training of refugees with the IRC in organic production in 2009
• Construction of Packing Facility in 2010
• Distribution of produce to the community in 2010
• Farmer Veteran Coalition Kick off in February of 2014
• Meat Goat operation started in April 2014
• Aquaponics system being considered with a FVC veteran
This is Lauren Nicolle my Lucky Nickel. As a young girl she asked me if she could have her own ranch someday that people could come and play with all the things that she enjoyed growing up. Where we could gather, build things, raise our own meats and produce. Today she is grown, but her touch is seen everywhere around Lucky Nickel Ranch she is the graphic designer for all signage and social media.
This is my wife Pani. She teaches 5th grade in Casa Grande. She was not accustomed to the life and vision that I had introduced her to. The idea of teaching children and being involved in the community was. Little did we know we would be where we are today.
The farm
With a sketched out bare bones plan on a napkin we sealed the deal. The McKenzie Inn Bed and Breakfast was born.
Today The McKenzie Inn Bed and Breakfast on Lucky Nickel Ranch serves as a launching pad for the sustainable forager in you. Constructed and designed with the latest conservation technology. It is both luxurious and efficient.
Our customers drop in literally from all over the world. We are located across the hiway from the world famous Sky Dive Arizona.
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CAL Lucky Nickel Ranch in Eloy, Arizona

Michael McKenzie (owner, grower) works with the non-profit organization International Rescue Committee. This certified organic ranch grows vegetables, as well as alfalfa and Bermuda for goats.
The February Kick off of the Farmer Veteran Coalition Event was a great success with Michael O’Gorman founder and President as our Keynote speaker and hosted by Lucky Nickel Ranch in conjunction with support from the CAC SBDC, Farm Credit, Farm Bureau and catered by the CAC Culinary Arts Department.
Arizona Chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition

The Home Grown by Heroes label is a National Brand that can be displayed by approved Veteran Farmers on their goods.
Training Veterans to wash and pack produce for our community not only builds jobs, but provides new purpose after service.
Chris Clemens (USN) has decided to put his degree in genetics to work in a Certified Organic Kosher Meat Goat operation. Circle E Ranch has started on Lucky Nickel Ranch by build pens and establishing a herd.
• We need a generator to power our mobile cooling trailer to take us to other Farmers Markets in Rural Arizona.
Michael McKenzie

SPEAKER

Turning Dreams into Reality: Starting a Farm in Arizona
May 2013 workshop

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
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The University of Arizona
With our Fiscal Sponsor G.A.R.D.E.N. a 501 (C) (3) non profit organization working on the documents as we speak. We are ready to expand our capabilities by partnering with others in the Rural Communities of Arizona to bring fresh local Certified Organic Foods to their communities.

Q and A ?
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