



## The New Swank Farm Experience

by Bonnie Swank

They say when one door closes another door opens. Look at what's happening at Swank Farms. Last October, during our hectic Halloween season, we received a phone call from the owner of the land where the Swank Farm Corn Maze has been located for over forty years. "Someone is interested in purchasing the property," he said. What? Was it possible that we would have to pack up and move after all these years? The answer was, "Yes," and he wanted us gone like yesterday.

Once the shock wore off, the "next door" started to crack open. Back in 2015, some 21 acres adjoining our home ranch came up for sale. We were already renting and farming the property, so we went out on a limb and bought it. As a bonus, the new land parallels Hwy 156, the Pacheco Pass Highway, giving it visibility to all those traveling by.

We realized it would be the ideal new site for the Corn Maze. This proved true after we had moved our dinosaurs. One Saturday while I was in the field plotting the new layout, three cars stopped



to take pictures of the dino's. They had not heard of Swank Farms before. Within a week I put those dinosaurs to work by posting signs next to each one explaining why they were there.

The door opened further when we realized how the new location would allow us to improve our customers' experiences. We plan to build a large barn that will house our fudge shop, produce store, snack shack (restaurant with full kitchen) and, hopefully, a wine and beer bar, a second floor mezzanine and indoor bathrooms. No more parking in the field. We'll have a parking lot. The animals will get a new home and our haunted Terror in the Corn "Anything

Goes..." will be a totally new experience. Best of all, we plan to host Farm to Table dinners, weddings, parties and all kinds of events. Our target is to open September 29th this fall. It's going to be a busy year 'til then! Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to track our progress and check out our new website [www.Swank-Farms.com](http://www.Swank-Farms.com). See you in September! 🍷

**Note:** Bonnie and Dick Swank continue farming and bring the produce they grow to many of the local Farmers Markets. Meet them at one.



**WE'RE  
MOVING!**

**WE ARE RELOCATING  
OUR CORN MAZES,  
PUMPKIN PATCH  
AND HAUNTED  
ATTRACTION  
TO A NEW  
LOCATION. BIG  
CHANGES, BIG FUN!**



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**GOING HOME**



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