

C.J. Segerstrom & Sons: A Brief History

- C.J. Segerstrom & Sons is a real estate partnership, which traces roots back to its namesake Charles John (CJ) Segerstrom, a native of Sweden.
- CJ brought his family of 12 to Orange County in 1898.
- Starting with just a few leased acres, the Segerstrom family began their Orange County journey as apricot farmers in 1903.
- However, it was the lima bean that set the course for the Segerstrom's stewardship of the land.
- As the 20th Century moved forward, the Segerstrom family became pioneers in the commercial production of the large lima beans.
- This very site, known as Home Ranch, was the center for a farming operation of more than 2,000 acres. For many years, the label on the bean sacks "Grown by Segerstrom" represented the hallmark of pride and quality.
- Until the family built a separate headquarters in 1962, all family business was conducted in the Ranch House. Built in 1915, it continued to serve as a residence until the last of C.J.'s eleven children passed away in 1974.
- The Red Barn was built in 1908 and still serves the farming operation today.