

# **BEAR LAKE RASPBERRIES**



All year long sample a famous Bear Lake raspberry milkshake or another raspberry treat such as jam, Popsicle, noodles or pancake mix.

The Bear Lake raspberry harvest takes place in late July or the first few weeks of August. The harvest time varies each year, depending on the rain and heat of the summer or harshness of the winters. Weather plays an extremely important role in the raspberry harvest. One year a hailstorm wiped out the entire crop of raspberries. Over 7.5 acres are harvested each year in the Bear lake Valley.

The candy raspberries of Bear Lake have an especially succulent flavor, mainly due to the cool nights and warm days of summer. The raspberries are picked immediately when they are ripe, which adds to their delicious flavor. This requires bringing in raspberry pickers from over a 150-mile radius.

The raspberry business started with one man, Theodore Hildt. He planted raspberries and decided to start selling them around the territory. The local businesses have flourished and now market their raspberry products around the world.

Garden City has organized a raspberry festival to celebrate the harvest of these sweet treats. The festival takes place the first weekend of August featuring local crafters, the “Miss Berry Princess” Contest, horse show, dance, performing groups and evening fireworks. The rodeo features the best of the west’s cowboys. The biggest Little Parade in the West is held Saturday during the celebration.