



McHenry County Farm Stroll

Sunday, September 24, 2017 – from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Farm Stroll is a self-guided tour of McHenry County’s diversified family farms. There is no beginning or end of the tour: just choose the farms you wish to visit and go during the stroll’s timeframe.

There is no charge for Farm Stroll. However, bring some cash; individual farmers will be selling products and produce.

Some farms will conduct tours and demonstrations. For your safety, follow the farmers’ instructions, and be respectful of the animals. These are working farms; have control over small children at all times. Wash your hands after exposure to livestock. Don’t bring pets, please.

Visit McHenry County Farm Bureau at mchenrycfb.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/McHenryCountyFarmBureau or call 815-338-1520. Visit U of I Extension Master Gardeners at web.extension.illinois.edu/lm or on Facebook at facebook.com/McHenryCoMasterGardener or call 815-338-3737.

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Patyk's Farm Market and Greenhouse
8519 Route 173, Richmond

Patyk Farms grows vegetables and fruits they sell at their farm stand, two farmers' markets and to CSA customers. John and Myra raise goats, cows, turkeys and hundreds of chickens. They sell homegrown produce, locally grown fruits, handmade soap, meat, eggs, farm animals, and annual and perennial flowers. Visit patykfarms.com; call 815-648-4065.



Von Bergen's Country Market
9805 Route 173, Hebron

The farm encompasses 1,200 acres; 150 acres are devoted to the fresh vegetables sold at the market. Mel and Bobette grow sweet corn, tomatoes, muskmelon, peppers and more; in autumn they feature squash and you-pick/we-pick pumpkins. They also sell locally grown fruit, pies, breads, jams, jellies and pickles. Visit vonbergens.com; call 815-648-2332. Toilets available.



Hephzibah Farms, Inc. NEW in 2017
13202 Hebron Rd., Hebron

Hephzibah Farms, run by the Millers, raises a variety of animals with the utmost respect; they believe that happy and healthy animals help create happy and healthy people. They sell grass-fed beef, range-raised pork, and eggs from their pastured poultry. Visit hephzibahfarms.com; call 847-530-7373.



Harvard Eggs, Feed and Produce
17205 McGuire Road, Harvard

Sue and Bruce Dietz own this family-run farm and feed store that stocks livestock, horse and pet feeds, beekeeping supplies and bee orders. They sell eggs, chicks in the spring, turkeys for Thanksgiving, poultry meat, produce, hay, honey and beeswax, and yarn from their sheep and llamas. Visit harvardeggsandfeed.com; call 815-943-4837. Toilets available.



Cashmore's Produce and Ponics
5116 Irish Lane, Harvard

This farm specializes in alternative farming methods utilizing vertical hydroponics (soilless gardening). The farm produces local food using organic methods and alternative energies. Kirk Cashmore grows lettuces, kale and watercress in the vertical hydroponic facility, and outdoors grows organic produce. Call 815-814-6999; email cashmoresproduce@gmail.com.



ALsPACAs of Dutch Mill Farms
19860 Lembcke Road, Harvard

Al VanMaren and his family have 64 Suri alpacas on two farms on Lembcke Road. Al's alpacas come in various colors of white, black, brown, beige and gray. The VanMaren family hopes visitors will enjoy taking photos and feeding the alpacas grain. There will be spinners and weavers as well as alpaca fibers and finished goods. Email avanmaren@aol.com; call 815-569-4548.

Cross Winds Farm *NEW in 2017*
8905 South Grant Highway, Marengo

Cross Winds Farm is a family owned and operated hunter/jumper facility located on 30 acres. They offer horse boarding, sale horses, riding lessons, an indoor arena and three outdoor arenas. Cross Winds hosts shows from May through October, and has a year-round traveling team. Visit crosswindsfarm.net or call 815-923-7400. Toilets available.



Cody's Farm and Orchard
19502 River Road, Marengo

Cody's is a family-owned business selling fresh homegrown fruit and vegetables. In addition to the farm market at the farm, they have three mobile farm stands. Cody's offers seasonal vegetables, sweet corn, pumpkin picking and apple picking. They also have goats and rabbits plus a multi-acre corn maze. Visit codysfarm.com; call 815-568-7976. Toilets available.



Thornpaw Lea Farm *NEW in 2017*
510 South Menge Road, Marengo

In 2011, Robert and Therese Ortloff found land and built a 10-acre farm from the ground up. Their five daughters help out, as do their five grandchildren. Thornpaw Lea sells organic free-range eggs, Katahdin lamb (whole or half), pork (whole or half hog), and free-range Heritage Bourbon Red turkeys. Call 224-587-8832 or 847-477-4399; visit thornpawleafarm.com.



Prairie Sky Orchard
4914 North Union Road, Union

Ralph and SueEllen Arndt have 2,000 dwarf apple trees (with more than a dozen varieties), a barn store and a snack shop (which sells lunch items). The farm is open to the public in September and October annually. During Farm Stroll they will sell apples, Asian pears, pumpkins, honey, baked goods, cider and more. Call 815-923-4834; visit prairieskyorchard.com. Toilets available.



Marwood-Ridge Dairy, Bauman Family
8016 South Union Road, Union (Closes at 4 p.m.)

In 1895, the Bauman family purchased the 100-acre Bauman Homestead just south of Union and began creating a working dairy. In 2005, the Bauman Farm was certified as an Illinois Centennial Farm; today, with Ken, Beth and family, the fourth and fifth generations, operate the dairy. The current dairy barn was built in 1910. Call 815-923-1509; email baumanfarms@aol.com.

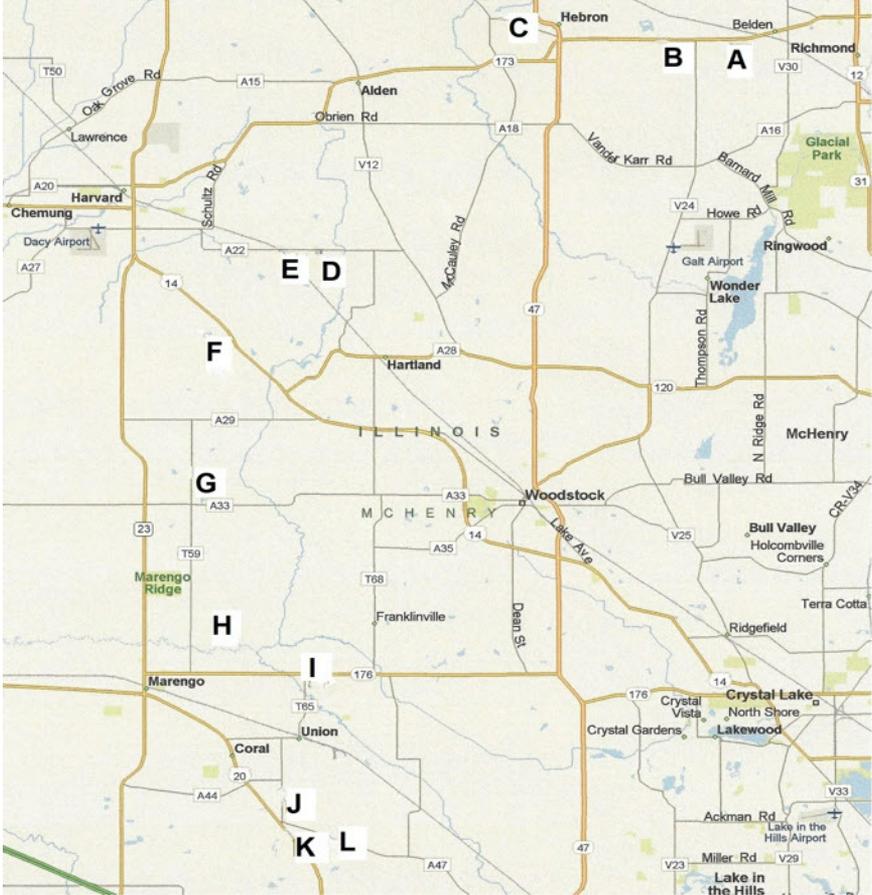


Hoffie Nursery *NEW in 2017*
17102 Marengo Road, Union

Carsten and Allyson Hoffmeyer began Hoffie Nursery, Inc. in 1990. Carsten's dream had always been to grow "Perennial Quality" plants for garden centers and landscapers. Today Hoffie is one of the leading wholesale perennials growers in the area. During Farm Stroll, a selected group of perennials will be for sale, as will local artists' works. Visit perennialquality.com.



Farm Stroll 2017 Participants & Map



A: Patyk's Farm, 8519 IL Route 173, Richmond, IL 60071

B: Von Bergen's Market, 9805 Route 173 Hebron, IL 60034

C: Hephzibah Farms, 13202 Hebron Rd., Hebron, IL 60034

D: Harvard Eggs & Feed, 17205 McGuire Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

E: Cashmore's Produce Ponics, 5116 Irish Ln., Harvard, IL 60033

F: ALS PACAs, 19860 Lembcke Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

G: Thornpaw Lea Farm, 510 S. Menge Rd., Marengo, IL 60152

H: Cody's Farm & Orchard, 19502 River Rd., Marengo, IL 60152

I: Prairie Sky Orchard, 4914 N. Union Rd., Union, IL 60180

J: Marwood-Ridge Dairy, 8016 S. Union Rd., Union, IL 60180

K: Cross Winds Farm, 8905 S. Grant Highway, Marengo, 60152

L: Hoffie Nursery, 17102 Marengo Rd., Union, IL 60180