



KNOW YOUR GROWER PASSPORT

1st Annual Farm Tours
Sunday • June 23, 2013

*Celebrating the Land of Goshen
Community Market's Agricultural Vendors*

**WELCOME TO
THE LAND
OF GOSHEN
COMMUNITY
MARKET'S KNOW
YOUR GROWER
FARM TOUR DAY!**

We would like to invite you and your family to experience the sights, sounds, and tastes that abound on the small farms that surround the Edwardsville area and that supply you with fresh market produce through the summer. Although you may have come to know your local farmer on market Saturdays, during the rest of the week, they are hard at work. On June 23rd, these Goshen vendors would like to invite you to visit their farms. You will learn more about the latest sustainable farming practices, the personal challenges of being a family farmer, and the ecological diversity of our region. Children will love visiting with the farm animals at each location.

This year we have seven participating farms. In addition to the descriptions in this brochure, now through June 23rd, details about each site will be available on the Goshen Community Market Facebook page. An interactive, smart-phone capable Google Map can also be accessed at: <http://goo.gl/maps/NAMre>. We encourage you to browse the brochure, the map, and Facebook to plan a route that interests you. Whichever farms you choose to visit, you will have a unique, inside look at your favorite Land of Goshen Community Market Farms.



HOW TO KNOW YOUR GROWER

Gather your friends and family, locate farms on the map, and decide which route you'll take. By the time you factor in driving and actually touring the farm, you'll need to budget 1 to 1.5 hours for each stop. The directions below also provide bicycle routes using the Madison Country Transit trail system when a ride from Edwardsville would be feasible; a map outlining a bike route to four of the seven farms is available at <http://goo.gl/maps/NsdJO>. Some farms are offering special programs described below. Others allow picnicking, so plan your tour to end up at one of these locations around luncheon.

Make sure that you have the farms you visit stamp your market passport. If you visit at least three of the farms on the tour, show your stamped passport to the attendant at the Land of Goshen Community Market stand the following Saturday to enter your family in a drawing for Land of Goshen Community Market Merchandise.

We will also be having a contest for the best picture taken during Know Your Grower Day. Bring your camera, and post your photos to the Market's Facebook page. The winner will receive \$30 in Land of Goshen Community Market Money.



Tips

- The tour will be held rain or shine—dress appropriately for the weather, and we strongly recommend sturdy, closed-toe shoes! Hats and sunscreen are also a good idea.
- Don't wear perfume or heavily scented products on tour day. (The bugs and bees may find you oh so tasty!)
- Bring personal water bottles, and pack a picnic and picnic blanket, if you'd like.
- Please don't bring pets to the farms.
- Take advantage of convenience store restrooms along the way. Most of the farms do not have facilities available.
- Bring a cooler and some cash! Most of the stops offer on-farm sales, and you'll be able to purchase produce, eggs, meat, and other farm products.
- Bring a camera—take pictures and videos, and later share them with our Land of Goshen Community Market Facebook page.
- Each farm lists the hours during which they will be accepting guests; please do not visit outside of these hours.
- Understand that life changes quickly on the farm; the descriptions of produce below will be based on availability.





1 Reinhardt's Berry Patch and Queen's Cuisine

7508 Kerin Rd.
Alhambra, IL 62001
618-633-2888
berries@madisonelco.com
Hours: 11:00 am-3:00 pm



Directions:

By car: From Edwardsville take Rte. 157 north or I-55 north to Rte. 140. Turn east on Rte. 140 towards Greenville. At the Alhambra city limits sign, turn north on Alhambra Road towards Livingston. Go 2.8 miles to Kerin Road. Turn east on Kerin Road. The Reinhardt's are the first house on the right at 7508 Kerin Road; look for the Berry Patch sign.

Bike: Take the Nickel Plate Trail northeast for 7.4 miles, turn left onto Hoxey Dr., Hoxey Dr. turns right and becomes Conrad Rd., turn left onto the Nickel Plate Trail and continue riding for 3.9 miles, turn left onto County Rd 27/Alhambra Rd., ride for 3.8 miles and then turn right onto Kerin Rd. Reinhardt's is the first house on the right.

Description: Dave and Janice Reinhardt purchased the Berry Patch in 1995. The farm has rolling hills, which makes it perfect for specialty

crops and creates a nice atmosphere for customers who come to the farm to pick blueberries, blackberries and raspberries. The Reinhardts also grow sunflowers, potatoes, asparagus, tomatoes, pumpkins, and gourds. On Know Your Grower day the Berry Patch will be partnering with Queen's Cuisine's Jane Muscroft. Jane will have fresh, authentic English scones and tea on site for purchase. Berries can be picked any time after checking in. Walking tours, potato digging demonstrations, and sunflower picking will be conducted when a group of visitors is interested and someone is available to supervise the activity. Blueberries, black raspberries, blackberries, and potatoes may be available for purchase. The farm has friendly cats too!

2 First Fruits Farms

Ron and Sharon Brinker
422 Olde Cabin Rd.
Greenville, IL 62246
618-664-9547
ronbrinker@sbcglobal.net
Hours: 12:00 pm-6:00 pm



Directions:

By car: Take Hwy 70 east to Exit #30 for Pieron. Turn right off the exit. Turn left at the stoplight onto highway 143. Go east through two small towns (about 9 miles) until Millersburg Rd. There is an abandoned brick church on top of a hill immediately before Millersburg Rd. Turn left on Millersburg Rd. Take the second right onto Raymond Rd. Turn left on Olde Cabin Rd. First Fruits Farms is the first place on the right with a grey house and a red shed.



Special
Program



Farm
Sales



Farm
Animals



Kid
Friendly

Description: First Fruits Farms has been in Sharon Brinker's family for over 50 years. Sharon and her husband Ron have lived on the farm, which consists of 58 acres of woods, pastures, and farm fields, since 1985. The Brinker's grow vegetables all summer long. Ron, Sharon, and their daughters Angela and Alicia were at the first market with lettuce and Sharon's pies. The Brinkers have only missed a handful of market days since then. The girls have grown up coming to market every Saturday to help with the set up and sale of produce. Now, Angela works for the Missouri Botanical Garden and Alicia works in a laboratory at the University of Missouri. In June, First Fruits Farm will have lettuces, beets, radishes, broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, and onions, as well as pie cherries and apricots. The farm also has a dog, a very shy cat, and five laying hens. Special programs will include tours of the garden, a scavenger hunt, and a free wiener roast beginning about 4:00 pm.



3 Looking Glass Prairie
1254 Leuscher Rd.
Alhambra, IL 62001
market@lookingglassprairie.com

Hours: 1:00 pm -4:00 pm



Directions:

By Car: From I-55, take exit 30 and go east on IL Rte. 140 for 5.6 miles to Alhambra, IL. Continue east on 140 for 3.1 miles to Rockwell Rd. Make a left and go north for 2 miles. Make a left on Leuscher Road and travel for 1 mile. Looking Glass Prairie's big red barn will be on your left.

By Bike: Head northeast on Nickle Plate Trail for roughly 14 miles to Alhambra. Take a right on North Street and a left on Dauderman Road for 2 miles. Turn right on Leuscher Road and bike for 2 miles. The farm will be on the right.

Description: Looking Glass Prairie is a family-operated farm in Alhambra, IL featuring free-range eggs & a wide selection of fresh produce for the St. Louis Metro East. The seasons are full of life at the farm from winter wood gathering, spring planting, summer markets, and fall harvesting. Every year the family hosts an annual festival with homemade apple butter and live music. The best and the longest staple, however, is Sunday dinners with family including young and old. During Know Your Grower day, the farm will have lettuce and eggs if not sold out from the previous market day. In addition to chickens, children will meet cows and friendly barn cats. The family's chief gardener Dale Zimmerman will be providing garden and chicken operation tours throughout the day. The accompanying picture of an idyllic red barn is no mirage; you will see it in person when you visit Looking Glass Prairie!



Picnic Area



Restrooms Available

4 Daydream Farm

826 Cottonwood Ave
Greenville, IL 62246

618-780-1298

Hours: 12:00 pm-6:00 pm



Description: Daydream Farm has a flock of free-range chickens as well as a substantial, naturally grown garden with fresh onions, lettuce, and kale. The tomatoes will still be ripening during the June tour. Visit with Bruce to learn more about his sustainable gardening practices and how to care for free-range chickens.



5 Cock and Bull Farms

12100 Hoyt Monken Rd
Highland, IL 62249

618-972-4291

cockandbullfarms@yahoo.com

Hours: 2:00 pm-6:00 pm



Directions: From Edwardsville, take I-70E to Hwy 40E (Troy IL), take 40E to 160S (Highland IL), continue on 160S for approximately 5 miles south of Highland, turn east on Hoyt-Monken Rd. The farm is about 3/4 of a mile down the road.

Description: Carl and Anna Poettker raise chickens, just like Carl's Grandpa Poettker used to, in a free-range setting. The chickens spend most of their day outside foraging through the pasture looking for their choice of grass or grain. The Poettker's never

feed or inject their chickens with hormones, antibiotics, or steroids, as they believe that the combination of sun, unrestricted movement, and fresh greens give the chickens their amazing flavor and texture. During the tour, they will have chicken, beef, pork, and yogurt available for purchase. The Poettker's also have dogs and some lively barn kittens that enjoy visitors and are free to a good home. From 4:00-4:45, visitors can join Carl and Anna as they gather, wash, and grade the eggs and feed the chickens.



6 Mills Apple Farm

1147 Pocahontas Road
Marine, IL 62061

618-887-4732

www.millsapplefarm.com

Hours: 10:00 am-3:00 pm



Directions:

By Car: From Edwardsville, take IL-143 E for 13 miles, when you come to the town of Marine, turn left onto N. Duncan St. After 1/2 mile, turn right onto Co. Rd. 6/ Pocahontas Rd. After travelling approximately 3 miles, Mills Apple Farm is on the left.

By Bike: Head northeast on the Nickel Plate trail for 7.4 miles, turn right onto Hoxey Rd., Turn left onto Co. Rd. 44/ Fruit Rd., Turn right onto Wagner Rd. and ride for 4.5 miles, turn left on Co. Rd. 6/ Pocahontas Rd., destination will be on your left in 1 mile.

Description: Mills Apple Farm, a family run business, specializes in fresh fruit, both picked and pick-your-own. Their apple and peach orchards are designed to provide a continuous supply of fresh tree-ripened fruit starting in mid-July with peaches and ending in November with apples. Different varieties of both fruits ripen at intervals throughout the season. During the Know Your Grower tour, the bakery will offer cookies, turnovers, and cider donuts. Fruit pies may be available in limited quantities. Unfortunately fresh peaches and apples will not be available until later in the summer, but visitors arriving between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm can accompany Sherry Chase on a behind the scenes cider operation tour, and there will be tractor and wagon tours previewing the orchard crop throughout the day. The play area will be open to children, and the Mills farm also has chickens, giant bunnies, ducks, goats, a potbellied pig named Porkchop, a donkey named Beau, and three cats. Feed will be available for purchase for the animals.



7 Biver Farms

7307 Pin Oak Rd
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Hours: 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Directions:

Car: From Edwardsville, take IL-143 E for approximately one mile. Turn left on Pin Oak Rd. After about a mile, take a left and another left.

Bike: Take the Nickel Plate Trail northeast for 1.4 miles, turn left onto Johnson Crossing, turn left onto Country Rd. 42/ Pin Oak Rd., take a left and another left.

Description: Keith Biver is a long-standing vendor at the Land of Goshen Community Market. His farm is certified to sell organic produce of several specialty and organic varieties. Biver's organic vegetable and herb transplants are specially suited to the weather and growing season of this region. During Know Your Grower day, Biver Farms may have eggs, produce, and vegetable transplants for sale. In addition to farm tours, Biver Farms has horses, a cow, geese, ducks, cats, and dogs.





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Phone Number _____