

The Innovative Farmer



IFO's mission is to *promote an agriculture that preserves and strengthens the economic, social and environmental well-being of Ohio's farms, farm families and rural communities through research, education and community-building activities, and work to protect and improve the health and productivity of Ohio's farmlands and waterways.*

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Join Us for Summer Farm Tours

RIEHM FARM

www.funacres.net

7244 N. State Rte 53
Tiffin, OH 44883
419-992-4392

June 25 2pm to 4 pm

John Riehm uses greenhouses, high tunnels, and low tunnels for early production of a large assortment of vegetables that are grown without chemicals. By the tour date, John will be harvesting a second crop for an on farm market, six farmers markets and a CSA with over 100 members. Riehm Farms raises about fifteen acres of vegetables and sells to about 15 grocery stores during the height of the season. They farm a total of 300 acres. In the fall they host fun fall events including a corn maze, hay rides, pig races and more.



ANDY MILLER FARM (GEAUGA FAMILY FARMS CSA)

July 26 6:30 to 8 pm

17201 Bundysburg Road
Middlefield, OH 44062



Andy and Laura Miller run a certified organic farm, specializing in high-quality produce. Their farm includes poultry, dairy cows and horses, as well as facilities for making maple syrup. Andy Miller is currently the Board President of the cooperative Community Supported Agriculture that includes nine family farmers. We will begin the evening with a discussion of the cooperative approach used by the farmers of Geauga Family Farms and follow up with an in-depth tour of the fields and greenhouse. The evening will end with

light refreshments and general discussion.

Please remember to wear appropriate footwear for walking through the fields, and bring insect repellent. This is an Amish farm. Please respect the Amish traditions and refrain from taking photographs of the farmers and their families.

(If you wish to picnic before the visit, Burton town square and Punderson State Park are on the way.)

SWAINWAY URBAN FARM

www.swainway.com

August 7, 2pm to 4pm

285 Canyon Drive
Columbus, OH 43214
614-557-8902

Joseph Swain operates a certified organic urban farm located in the heart of Columbus, Ohio. On a sub-acre plot he intensively grows a variety of vegetables, herbs, mushrooms, specialty crops, and seedlings. Swainway Urban Farm's mission is to provide fresh, highly nutritious, sustainable food. In an effort to span Columbus and other communities with more backyard gardens and to spread awareness on sustainable food and farming practices, Joseph educates and encourages others to grow their own vegetables.



Swainway also offers on site consulting services to those interested in developing urban gardens and is currently developing programs geared toward children and the benefits of growing produce locally.

Join Us for Summer Farm Tours (continued)

RED BASKET FARM

August 21 11am to 1pm

How do you get kids to eat their veggies? Easy, give them a taste of something fresh and ripe from the farm! Since 2002, Floyd Davis has been known locally for his gourmet sweet corn varieties. When he expanded to include unusual vegetable varieties and starting selling at the Tremont Farmers Market, his reputation spread. Today, The Red Basket Farm grows several acres of sweet corn and as many as 70 different varieties of vegetables on about 20 acres. The farm follows sustainable and natural farming practices, including the use of cover crops, crop rotations, compost and organic fertilizers which all help to promote healthy soils. Healthier soils in turn produce healthy plants for better tasting and longer lasting food. Most of the farms products are raised herbicide and pesticide free and are picked at the peak of flavor. The Red Basket Farm supplies a weekly CSA program, several farmers markets, restaurants and has begun working with the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District to pilot Farm to School in Northeast Ohio. Production at the Red Basket Farm also continues all year long with the use of high tunnel greenhouses and season extension.

www.redbasketfarm.com

6311 Mayburn Barclay Road
Kinsman, OH 44428
330-876-9118



MILLER LIVESTOCK COMPANY

August 21, 2 pm to 4 pm

Join Aaron Miller for a “pasture walk” to learn about his sustainable meat production methods. Miller Livestock is proud of over a decade commitment of raising grass-fed beef and lamb, pastured pork, and pastured-raised chicken and turkeys without chemicals, antibiotics or hormones. Aaron will describe his diverse marketing methods from selling to restaurants and farmers markets to his own farm stand and CSA that allow him to farm fulltime.

www.millergrassfed.com

9590 Kinsman-Pymatuning Rd
Kinsman, OH 44428
330-876-5655

ANN'S RASPBERRY FARM & SPECIALTY CROPS

September 18, 1 pm to 4 pm

Entering its 7th year, Ann's Raspberry Farm & Specialty Crops specializes in chemical-free red raspberries, Brussels sprouts, onions and peppers grown on their 5 acre-farm in open fields and under high tunnel. As a Certified Naturally Grown farm, owners Daniel and Ann Trudel believe in using farming practices that usher good stewardship of the land in an ecological and sustainable manner. Their fresh harvest can be found at 6 farmers markets throughout the Columbus area and also supplies local colleges and CSA. A significant portion of their harvest is used daily to produce value-added product such as their award-winning line of artisan jam, jelly, relish, and mustard. From August through October, the Trudels open their u-pick farm to provide opportunities for families to pick-their-own raspberries and Brussels sprouts against the backdrop of Knox County's Amish countryside and scenic rolling hills

www.annsraspberryfarm.com

6645 Blair Road
Fredericktown, OH 43019
740-694-1939



The tour will focus on the rewards and challenges and varied methods of growing chemical-free specialty crops, strategies for developing value-added products and a discussion on marketing value-added products for famers markets, e-commerce and other opportunities. Product sampling will be available after the tour.