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Community Farm Guides can take all forms. In some communities, they have worked to educate the community about agriculture. In others, they have used a map or driving tour to promote farms and increase business at retail operations. Either way, the result is the community taking action to promote farms and educate the public about agriculture in their region.

Tompkins County has a brochure they developed to help educate residents and visitors about the realities of working agriculture at home in the County. It is included here.

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce has developed a self-guided driving tour of participating farms in the County. A copy of the map is included here and more information can be found at: <http://www.saratoga.org/visitors/agri-tourism.asp>

Several Hudson Valley Counties have created County-wide farm maps, showing participating farms, their location, contact information and products they raise or sell. These maps have been done through Cornell Cooperative Extension, County Tourism Departments or private groups. A sample from Dutchess County is included here.

Country Living

A quiet, rural life appeals to many people, as evidenced by the continuing growth of residential homes in what has traditionally been open farmland.

As more and more non-farm families build or move into homes adjacent to actively farmed land, conflicts are bound to arise.

This brochure provides tips to keep you, your family and your farm neighbor safe; help you enjoy your farm neighbor; and avoid making your farm neighbor's life more difficult or dangerous.

Farmers provide the stewardship that results in the beauty of the rural landscape. One way non-farm residents can help farmers sustain that beauty is to educate themselves about what it means to live in farm country.

New York State Agricultural Districts

When a home is purchased in an Agricultural District, notification is given at closing to expect farm activities and that water and/or sewer access may be limited.

New York State Agricultural Districts, which include many non-farm residential properties, help protect farmland. It provides for property tax assessment based on farmland's productive value and limits local regulations that would unreasonably restrict farm practices. Agricultural District law includes a Right to Farm section, which states that sound agricultural practices shall not constitute a private nuisance.

“Cultivate” a Good Relationship with your Farm Neighbor

A good relationship with your farm neighbor will result in a friend you can turn to; there is almost always someone around on a farm if you need immediate help. It also offers a wonderful opportunity for your family. Farms are a great place to visit, especially if there are baby animals on hand. A request for a visit during a quiet time of the year will result in a valuable learning experience.

Good communication is essential to developing and maintaining good relationships between farm and non-farm neighbors. Farmers are typically willing to notify neighbors when they expect to be engaging in activities you might want to prepare for, such as spreading manure or spraying pesticides, if they know how to reach you. Remember that the weather is often a factor, so you may get a time frame of when activities are expected to occur, not a specific date.

Farmers are also often willing to discuss practices that may concern you. Be aware that even though something bothers you it may be a sound, accepted agricultural practice. Farmers are required to be trained and licensed to apply pesticides and Environmental Protection Agency regulations require farms to have a manure management plan to protect water quality.

This brochure was developed on behalf of the Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. For more information on farming in your community, contact:

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Living In the Country



What to Expect from your Farm Neighbors

Life on the Farm

Noise, dust and odors are all part of farming and therefore part of living near farms.

Farms are active places, driven by the change of seasons and dependent on the weather. Farmers plow, plant, fertilize, treat for pests and harvest crops. This means that when the season and weather are right, farmers spend long hours on their machinery in the fields.

Smells from animal manure should be expected.

Many farms raise livestock of one type or another. In this area you'll find dairy and beef cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, llama, alpaca and poultry—and their manure—in pastures. The manure is typically spread in farm fields as fertilizer.



Livestock often have access to pasture year around.

Livestock are built for outdoor living. They have fur or feathers to keep them warm and don't require heated barns or constant protection from the elements; they are fine in the rain or on winter pasture.

Sometimes livestock get through a pasture fence and into the road or your yard or garden.

Pasture fences are often electrified, but can short out in the rain or if growing grass touches them, allowing livestock to get through. If you see livestock out of their pasture, report this to your farm neighbor to avoid property damage or livestock injury.

Keep Safe on or near a Farm

Farming is one of the most hazardous occupations. There are many opportunities for injury on a farm, for farm workers as well as for non-farmers who have no knowledge of farm operations. Be aware:

- *Livestock fences are often electrified and can give quite a jolt if brushed against or touched*
- *Some livestock do not like people in their pasture and will charge*
- *Livestock have teeth and can bite*
- *Always wash hands after touching farm animals to avoid the possibility of bacteria-borne illness*
- *Plowed ground is soft, uneven and frequently stony; walking on it can be hazardous*
- *Farm fields may be treated with pesticides*

Keep Farms Safe

Don't touch farm animals without permission of the owner.

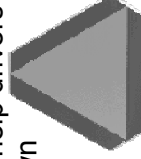
Just as you can get sick from an animal's germs, animals can get sick from yours. Also, if you've been on another farm recently, you can spread illness from one farm to another on your clothes and shoes.

Dogs should be leashed or under owner's command in areas that include livestock.

Farm animals, especially smaller ones, are at risk from family pets. Dogs can chase large livestock and cause injury and can kill smaller animals like chickens and lambs.

Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems should not be used to mark mailboxes or driveways.

Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems help drivers recognize the need to slow down when approaching a vehicle bearing them. It is illegal to use them on stationary objects.



Share the Road

Expanding residential areas have interrupted once contiguous farm fields. As a result, farmers must often use public roads to get from barns to fields and from field to field. Here are some tips to help keep you and your farm neighbor safe:

- *Farm vehicles are slow; reduce speed when approaching from either direction*
- *Farm machinery is BIG; it often needs more than one lane, especially when crossing a bridge*
- *Visibility on farm machinery is limited; leave plenty of room between you and a farm vehicle*
- *Passing farm machinery can be dangerous for you and for the farmer*
- *"Horse and Buggy" signs mean watch for these conveyances; slow down and give them space*



Respect Farmers and Farmland

Do not trespass on farmland. Ask for permission to use farmland and, if granted, abide by all use requirements.

Living near farm fields does not convey a right to use this land for personal recreation. ATV's, 4-wheel drive vehicles, snowmobiles and horses cause permanent damage to crops.

SARATOGA AREA FALL FARM TOUR

Enjoy the season with this 15 mile tour of pick-your-own fields, fall foliage, farmland and family fun! This area rich in agriculture, as well as American history is bordered by the Champlain Canal and Hudson River and offers fantastic views of New York, Vermont and Massachusetts.

Please keep in mind most of these farms are full-time working farms and are not be open to the public. Be respectful of private property and exercise caution while driving. Please refer to map as roads may not always be well marked.

From the main entrance to Saratoga race course, follow Union Avenue .6 miles. Turn left on Henning Rd. and continue. At light turn right onto Route 29 (Lake Avenue), and follow for 8 miles.

1 SCHUYLER FARMS

Corn maze, 18-hole miniature golf, pet and feed the animals, hayrides to pick-your-own pumpkin, refreshments and gift shop.

Continue on Rt. 29 .4 miles

2 SARATOGA APPLE

Saratoga Apple is open year-round and grows over 25 varieties of apples. Fresh picked apples, vegetables and pumpkins, apple cider, homemade cider donuts and pies, maple syrup, honey and different cheeses are available at their seasonal farm market and country store. Take a tractor-pulled wagon ride to the orchard to pick-your-own apples.



Go to light and turn left on Route 4. Follow Rt. 32 north 2.7 miles Turn right on West River Road. Continue .8 miles

3 WELCOME STOCK FARM

Sixth generation dairy farm where the Peck's have worked the soil since 1836. Milking 450 cows 3 times a day with a herd average of over 28,000 lbs. per cow per year. They also, market purebred Holstein cattle, bulls and embryos around the world. Crop 1,100 acres split between corn and hay.

Continue .8 miles

4 FOSTER FARM

Foster Farm pasture-raises lamb, poultry, and turkey naturally without antibiotics or hormones. They have 50 acres in production growing hay, oats, and straw. Also offer pick-your-own strawberries and asparagus, wool and wool products, angora from rabbits, and compost. Products for sale at Saratoga Farmer's Market.

Go .4 miles Left on Callahan Road. Continue 1.8 miles through stop sign.

5 BARBER BROTHERS DAIRY FARM

Barber Brothers has over 300 cows and produces corn and alfalfa on 1,200 acres of farm land.

Left on Route 32 south. Continue 1 mile

6 CLEAR ECHO DAIRY FARM

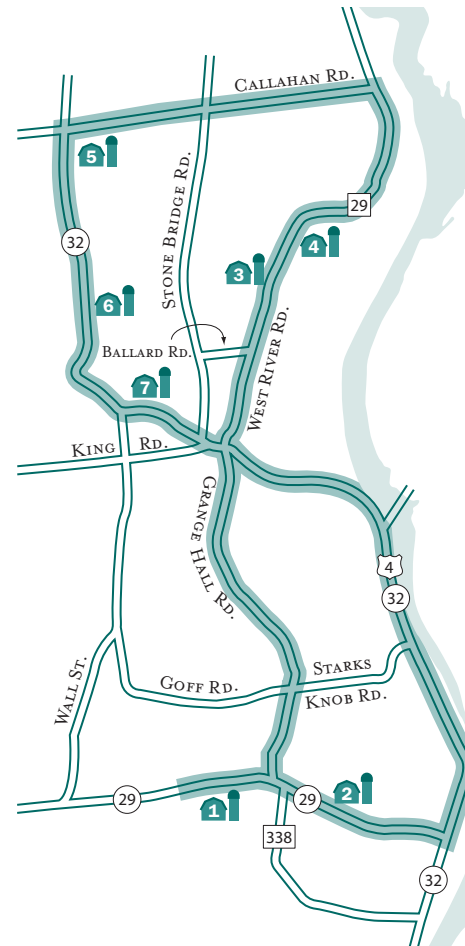
Clear Echo was established in 1868 and is presently managed by the 5th generation. Milk 380 registered Holsteins and grow corn and hay on 800 acres. Also merchandise bull and embryos across the United States.

Go .9 miles

7 WINNEY'S BLUEBERRY FARM

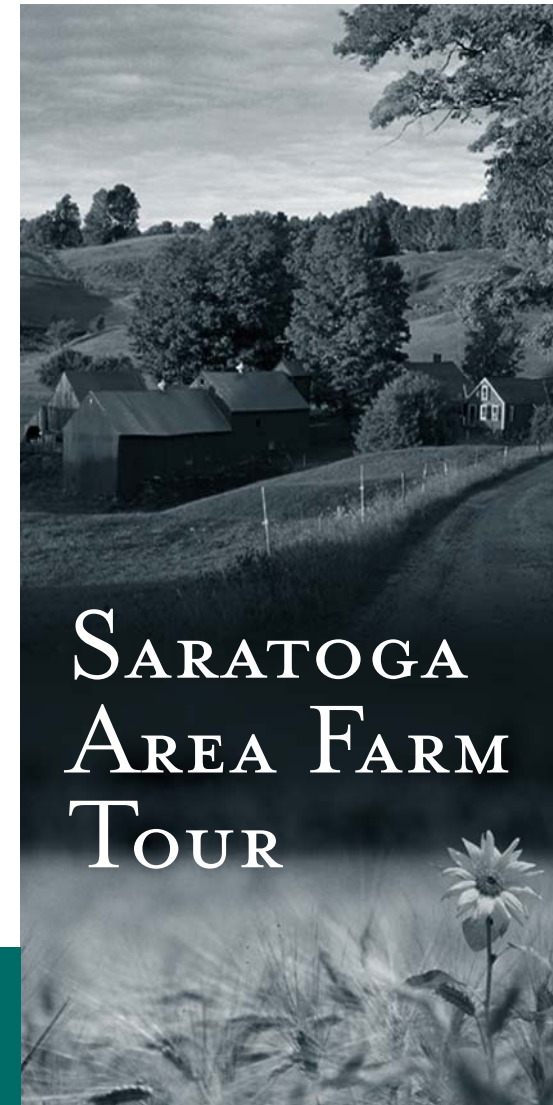
Winney's Blueberry Farm is the largest grower of blueberries in Saratoga County. Located in Bacon Hill, offering pick your own berries or already picked at the farmstand.

Go .4 miles, turn right on Grange Hall Road. Go 1.8 miles Turn right on Route 29 (back to Saratoga). End of tour.



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(518) 885-8995 • www.ccesaratoga.org
and Saratoga County Tourism

For more information about Saratoga area farms, visit www.saratogafarms.com or www.saratoga.org



SARATOGA AREA FARM TOUR

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce
28 Clinton St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(518)584.3255 • www.saratoga.org



SARATOGA AREA FARM TOUR

This scenic 20 mile tour will take you on a beautiful country drive where you will see rolling hills, grazing animals, fields of agricultural riches and spectacular mountain views.

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From the main entrance to Saratoga race course, follow Union Ave./Rt. 9P 3.9 miles to Fitch Road. Turn left on Fitch Road (Fitch Road bears left), and follow for 1.6 miles.

1 McMAHON OF SARATOGA THOROUGHBREDS

McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC is a family owned and operated thoroughbred breeding farm that has been in operation for over 30 years. The farm currently stands eight stallions and boards about 300 mares, yearlings and foals. Our services include breeding, boarding, foaling, sales prepping, sales consignments, pedigree analysis and more.

Continue .8 miles on Fitch Road; turn right at stop sign. Go another .8 miles.

2 WILLIAM HANEHAN & SONS DAIRY FARM

William Hanehan and Sons is a family owned dairy farm. The farm has a milking herd of 575 cows with young stock totaling 500 animals. The farm has total crop acreage of 1400 acres. The milk produced is sent to Dairylea coop and sold locally and nationally.

Continue 1.4 miles and turn left on Burke Road (look to the right).

3 KOVAL BROTHERS DAIRY

Koval Brothers Dairy has a milking herd of 250 cows plus young stock totaling 200 animals. Kovals' crop and pasture 850 acres. Milk goes to Stewart's Dairy and is sold locally.

Continue on Burke Road.

4 IRISH HILL CENTURY FARM

Irish Hill Century Farm is a full-care thoroughbred boarding farm, operating on 300 acres of land. The Farm grows and bales 200 acres of hay for use on own farm as well as many local area horse and dairy farms. Recently received the Century Farm Award for staying an active family run farm for over 100 years.

Continue on Burke Road .4 miles and turn right on Mabb Road. At stop sign on Mabb Road, bear left on County Road 67 (not Ruckytuck Road) for .7 miles, bear right on Spook Hollow Road. Continue on Spook Hollow Road .6 miles and turn left on to Cedar Bluff Road. Follow Cedar Bluff Road, look for white fence on right (no sign).

5 SARATOGA LLAMAS

Saratoga Llamas, with views of the Green and Adirondack mountains, is home to 38 outstanding llamas. In addition to providing llama kisses and local fundraising, these lovely llamas donate their fiber for luxurious handspun yarns and llama products for purchase.

Continue to stop sign and turn right on Rt. 32. Follow Rt. 32 (approx. 2.5 miles)



6 PARKVIEW FARM

Parkview Farm has been in operation for over 40 years. The farm raises Angus beef and also grows crops and sells horse hay and feeder cattle.

Immediately after Parkview Farm turn right on Munger Hill Road. Go to stop sign and turn right on Gronczniak Road. Continue .7 miles Turn left on Henry Robens Road (look to the left).

7 MARSHALLS CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

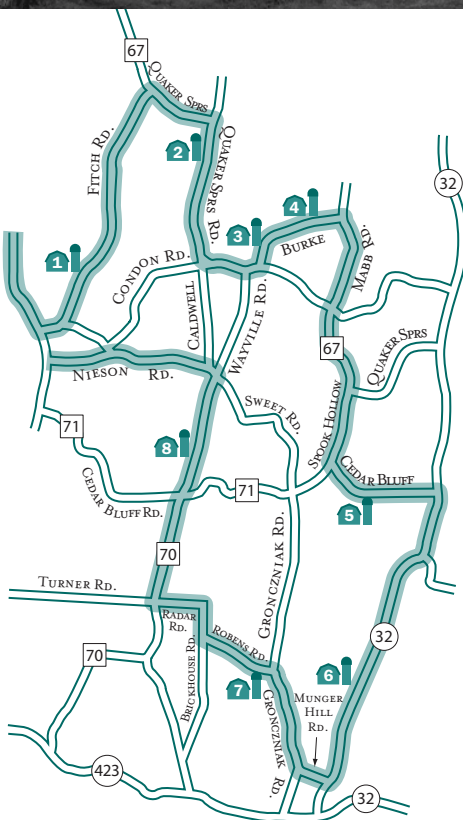
Marshall's has been in operation for 22 years. The 4 acre farm has approximately 3,000 balsam firs which are maintained year-round. Open weekends during the holiday season (October-December).

Continue .3 miles to stop sign and turn right on Brickhouse Road. Continue on Brickhouse Road and turn left on to Radar Road. Continue .4 miles, at stop sign turn right and go 1 mile on County Road 70. Continue through the stop sign.

8 MILL CREEK FARM

Mill Creek Farm is a thoroughbred and standardbred breeding operation offering foaling, breeding and mare care for horses owned by people all over the East Coast. Produce 25,000 bales of hay per year for 80 resident mares. During breeding season there may be as many as 175 horses on the farm.

Continue .5 miles Turn left on Neilson Road, follow Neilson Road to end. At Saratoga Lake, turn right on Rt. 9P. End of tour. Follow Rt. 9P 1 mile to bridge. Rt. 9P turns into Union Ave. which will take you into Saratoga Springs.





PHONE
Note: All telephone area codes are 845 unless otherwise noted.

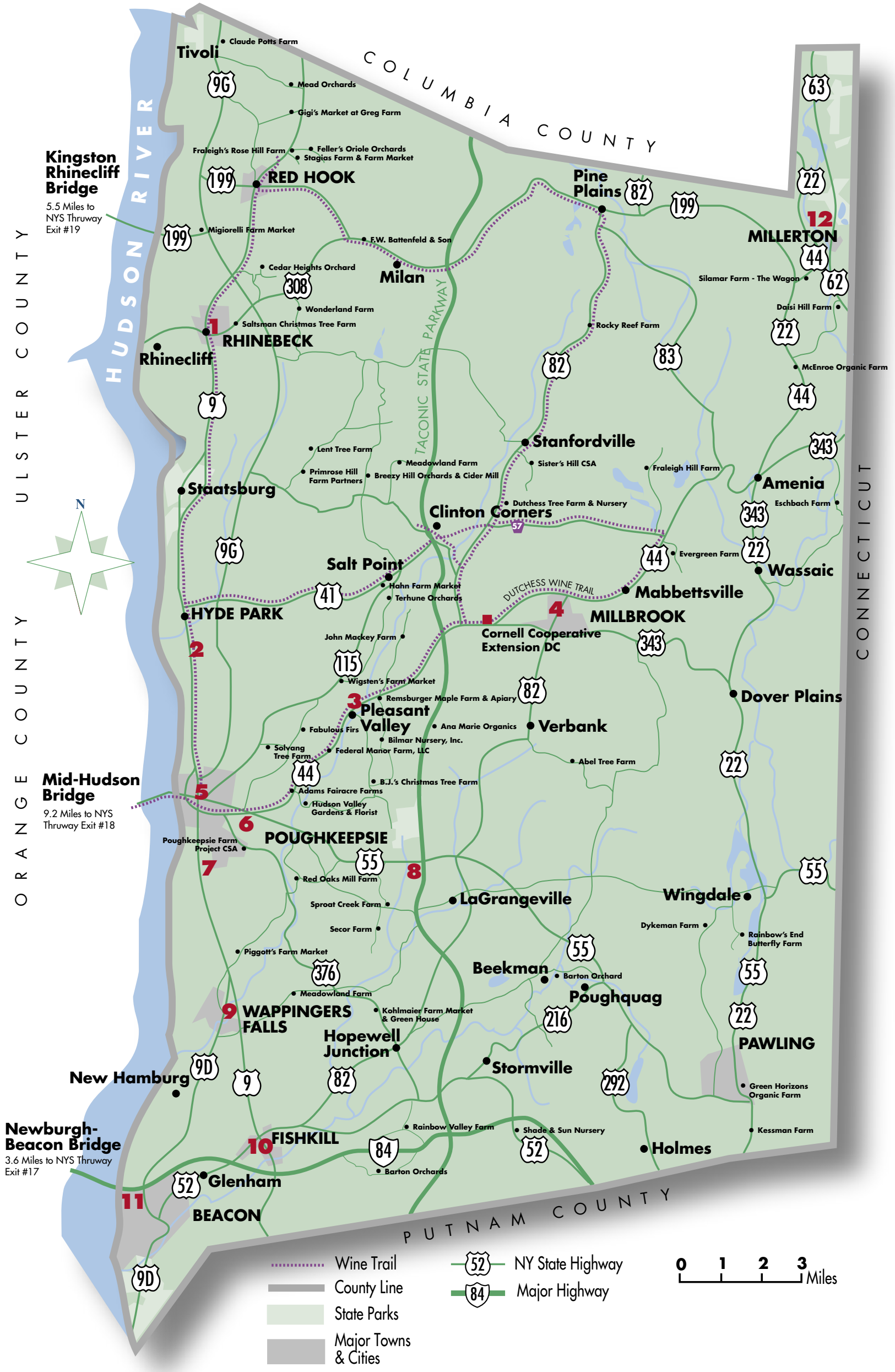
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Beekman Barton Orchards, Cty Rt. 7, Beekman/Poughquag Rd.	227-2306	June-Dec	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Clinton Breezy Hill Orchards, Cty Rt. 18, 828 Centre Rd. Meadowland Farm, Schultsville Rd. Primrose Hill Farm Partners, 203 Fiddlers Bridge Rd.	266-3979 266-4966 889-4725	June-Dec In Season Dec	•		•			•						•	•
East Fishkill Shade & Sun Nursery, 5 Shady Ln., Rt. 52	221-5294	Daily		•						•		•			•
Hopewell Junction Barton Orchards, 15 Fishkill Farms Rd. Kohlmaier Farm Market & Greenhouses, 689 Rt. 376 Rainbow Valley Farm, Rt. 52 and Taconic Parkway	897-2266 226-5028 226-4259	June-Oct Apr-Dec Jul-Oct	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LaGrange B.J.'s Christmas Tree Farm, 4 Old Pleasant Valley Rd. Red Oaks Mill Farm, 12 Red Oaks Mill Rd. Sprout Creek Farm, 34 Lauer Rd.	635-1587 463-0032 485-9885	In Season w/e Apr-Dec Daily			•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Millbrook Ana Marie Organic Farm, Rt. 82 Dutchess Tree Farm & Nursery, 5482 Rt. 82 Evergreen Farm, 407 N. Tower Hill Rd.	868-7273 677-8233 677-3785	April-Oct. w/e Mar-May, Sept-Dec Nov-Dec w/e			•							•			•
Millerton Daisi Hill Farm, 438 Indian Lake Rd. McEnroe Organic Farm Market, Rt. 22/44 Silamar Farm - The Wagon, 5744 Rt. 22	518/789-3393 518/789-4191 518/789-3067	May-Oct & Dec Daily Apr-Dec		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pawling Dykeman Farm LLC, 823 West Dover Rd. Green Horizons Organic Farm, 6 South Dingle Ln. Kessman Farms, 83 Rt. 22 Rainbow's End Butterfly Farm, 13 Rainbow's End	832-6068 855-5555 878-7492 832-6749	Jul-Oct Apr-Oct Apr-Dec May-Sept	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pleasant Valley Bilmar Nurseries, Inc., 26 Bilmar Blvd. John Mackey Farm, 366 Pine Hill Rd. Remsburger Maple Farm & Apiary, 756 Traver Rd. Wigsten's Farm Market, Salt Point Tpke.	635-3206 635-2422 635-9168 235-7469	In Season In Season Daily June-Oct			•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Poughkeepsie Adams Fairacre Farms, 765 Dutchess Tnpk. Fabulous Firs, Van Wagner Rd. Federal Manor Farm, LLC, 1209 Dutchess Tpk. Hudson Valley Gardens & Florist, 125 De Garmo Rd. Piggott's Farm Market, 46 Spring Rd. Solvang Tree Farm, 80 Bedell Rd.	454-4330 635-2155 471-7986 451-4484 297-3992 473-0224	Daily Dec Jul-Oct Daily Oct w/e In Season		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Red Hook F.W. Battenfeld & Son, 856 Rt. 199 Feller's Oriole Orchards, 134 Feller-Newmark Rd. Fraleigh's Rose Hill Farm, Fraleigh Ln. Gigi's Market at Greig Farm, 227 Pitcher Ln. Greig Farm, 223 Pitcher Ln. Hardeman Orchards, 194 W. Market Mead Orchards LLC, 15 Scism Rd., off Rt. 9 Montgomery Place Orchards, Rts. 9G & 199 Stagias Farm & Farm Market, 7832 Albany Post Rd.	758-8018 758-9355 758-4215 758-1999 758-1234 758-5154 756-5641 758-6338 758-6722	Sept-May June-Mar June, Sept-Oct w/e Daily May-Oct May-Oct Aug-Oct w/e June-Nov In Season		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rhinebeck Cedar Heights Orchard, 8 Crosby Ln. Migliorelli Farm Market, Cor. of River Rd & Rt. 199 Saltsman Christmas Tree Farm, 214 Rt. 308 Wonderland Farm, 191 White Schoolhouse Rd.	876-3231 757-3276 876-8801 876-6760	Sept-Oct May-Dec Nov-Dec June-Dec	•		•			•	•	•	•	•		•	
Salt Point Hahn Farm Market, 1331 Netherwood Rd. Terhune Orchards, 761 North Ave.	266-5042 266-5382	May-Dec July-Nov		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Staatsburg Lent Tree Farm, 29 Deer Ridge Dr.	889-4237	Nov-Dec			•										
Standfordville Rocky Reef Farm, 6906 Rt. 82	868-7171	Last w/e in Sept-Oct 31	•						•						
Tivoli Claude Potts Farm, 5170 Rt. 9G	757-4171	July-Nov		•				•	•	•	•				
Verbank Abel Tree Farm, 435 N. Clove Rd.	677-6395	Nov-Dec			•										
Wappingers Falls Meadowbrook Farm, 29 Old Myers Corners Rd. Secor Farms, 63 Robinson Ln.	297-3002 452-6883	Daily June-Aug, Oct	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wingdale Judson's Farm Market, 3187 Pleasant Ridge Rd.	832-6286	May-Oct		•											



Farms



Farmers Markets

- Rhinebeck Farmers Market**
Municipal Parking lot, 23 E. Market Street, Rhinebeck. 845-876-7756
- Hyde Park Farmers Market**
Hyde Park Drive-In, Rt. 9, Hyde Park. 845-229-9111
- Pleasant Valley Farmers Market**
Town Hall, Rt. 44, Pleasant Valley. 845-635-3918
- Millbrook Farmers Market**
Front Street & Franklin Ave., Millbrook. 845-677-3125
- City of Poughkeepsie Farmers Market**
253 Main Street, Poughkeepsie. 845-473-1415
- Arlington Farmers Market**
Raymond & Collegeview Aves, Poughkeepsie. 845-471-2770
- Poughkeepsie Plaza Farmers Market**
Poughkeepsie Plaza parking lot, 2600 Rt. 9
- LaGrange Farmers Market**
120-130 Stringham Rd., LaGrange. 845-632-9168
- Village of Wappingers Falls Farmers Market**
Mesier Park, East Market Street & Rt. 9D, Wappingers Falls. 845-297-2837
- Fishkill Farmers Market**
Grand Union parking lot, Rt. 52, Fishkill.
- Beacon Farmers Market**
Beacon Train Station, waterfront at the ferry landing, Beacon. 845-562-0192 or 845-597-5028.
- Millerton Farmer's Market**
Dutchess Ave. just off Main St., Millerton 518-789-4613