2019 Lehigh Valley Open Gate Farm Tours: SAVE THE DATE!

Penn State Extension has organized the Open Gate Farm Tours of Lehigh and Northampton Counties for over four decades with a primary goal of educating the public about local agriculture. We have also been fortunate to have the support of many farm community partners enhancing this event. Each year since its inception, the tour has attracted thousands of residents from the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The tour raises awareness of the importance of supporting the local agricultural community as well as helping to build good relationships with our non-farm neighbors.

For the potential stops on the 2019 Open Gate Farm Tour

As we all understand, agriculture has many forms and this once-a-year opportunity provides an opportunity for Lehigh Valley residents to explore and discover our local agriculture. Penn State Extension expects all participating farms to conduct an educational activity at no cost to participants to strengthen our message of the importance of agriculture, inspire future farmers and help raise awareness of our local food system. Hayrides with a narrative about the farm, a tour of a barn, or a lecture on how to grow pumpkins are a few examples of activities that qualify. If participating sites have trouble thinking of an activity or face difficulty staffing it, Extension can help! We are able to provide educational materials and curriculums, as well as volunteer assistance from Master Gardeners local 4-H Clubs, to add the required educational component.

This year’s Open Gate Farm Tours will take place on the following dates:
Northampton County – Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6
Lehigh County – Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20

Stay tuned for more info on the farms that will be participating, along with maps to their respective locations! For questions about the Open Gate Farm Tour this year please contact the Penn State Extension office in Northampton County at 610-813-6613 or NorthamptonExt@psu.edu or one of the respective Open Gate Farm Tour Co-Chairs below:

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