

WELCOME TO THE 2024 WAYNE COUNTY FARM TOUR

This year's tour takes visitors through the southwest quadrant of our picturesque county which includes Plain, Wooster, Clinton and Franklin townships. "The 2024 tour offers a plentiful and wide variety of 7 tour stops (1 is Saturday only)! We are excited to offer a tour that highlights family-owned farming operations as well as ag-related businesses. With delicious food and activities at each stop, it should appeal to attendees of all ages!

The scenery in these townships is beautiful this time of year. The gently rolling hills provide a picturesque landscape. Just driving these roads is relaxing and restful. Please remain alert, however, as hillcrests and curves can block your vision of very slow vehicles such as horse-drawn buggies, bicyclists, and farm equipment. We want your day to be one of nothing but pleasant memories. If you are one of our returning visitors – Welcome back! If this is your first visit to our annual tour – Enjoy! (We know you'll come back.)

Sincerely, Kevin Ungerer, Katie Esselburn, Olivia Lang, Logan Rohr Wayne County Farm Bureau - Farm Tour Committee





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The precision agriculture and construction management hardware and software were donated by Trimble and dedicated in 2023. We will also display our modern agronomic and specialty crop equipment used for research and student field laboratories in collaboration with industry partners.

Visitors can also tour our greenhouse, play on our public putting green, see live insects from our United Titanium Bug Zoo, and discuss opportunities for interested students and families at our Agricultural Technical Institute. Additionally, OSU Extension-Wayne County will highlight CFAES's ongoing commitment to lifelong learning and engagement. They will be sharing some information from our local 4-H programs, current information from our Ag & Natural Resource Educators on fall and winter programming and a display of past to present food preservation information.

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WEST VIEW PAWPAW FARM | 2610 COLUMBUS ROAD WOOSTER, OH 44691

WEST VIEW PAWPAW FARM is a small, 30-acre farm in Wayne County, Ohio, located on state route 3 just south of Wooster. Owned and operated by Loren and Mabel Kirchner, the third generation to farm this property. The farm features a restored 1880's bank barn, moved from Wooster in the early 1900's to its current location.

There are approximately 350 pawpaw trees in the orchard with about 1/3 of the trees currently yielding fruit, and about 10-15 additional trees coming into fruiting each year.

The orchard is maintained using holistic practices including mulching rows with wood chips supporting water conservation and development of the soil micro- and myco-biome, growing deeply rooted 'weeds' in the tree rows to help keep the soil loose and add





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organic matter to the soil, the use of nitrogen fixing plants in the orchard lanes, and no use of pesticides or herbicides.

This year's farm tour should align with the pawpaw harvest season so there will be pawpaw fruit available to sample.

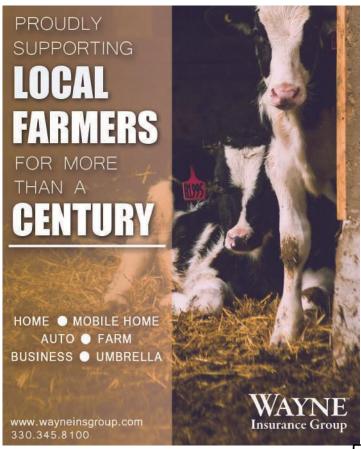
Pawpaw is a native fruit with a "tropical" taste. A well-ripened pawpaw is soft, custard-like with just the right sweetness and a refreshing banana flavor! Homemade ice cream, including homemade pawpaw ice cream, will be available to purchase during the farm tour. Additionally, BAMtastic Eatz will be on site offering smash burgers, gourmet all-beef hot dogs, fresh-cut fries and more.





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TROUTMAN VINEYARDS | 4243 S COLUMBUS RD. WOOSTER, OH 44691

THIS STOP FEATURES Troutman vineyards and winery who are celebrating 25 vintages of growing and harvesting grapes at their location. Andy and Deanna Troutman founded the winery in 1997 with the aim of developing a small high quality winery using local grapes and fruit from Wayne County.

The original vineyard was planted in 1998 and the first grapes were harvested in 2000. The winery building was renovated from one of the farm's original chicken houses built in 1935. The winery tasting room was opened in 2001 and debut three different wines that year.

The winery has won numerous state and national medals and awards for its' wines and now produces 10–20 different wines annually.





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Visitors on the farm tour can stroll the vineyard, explore the wine cellar and bottling area and feed the ever-hungry winery goats. Sampling of our wines will be available both days. Food vendors will include the Krooked Kitchen food truck serving tacos, walking tacos, and loaded fries. Additionally, Chain's food truck specializing in sausage and brats will be featuring a smash burger for the weekend.

To learn more about the vineyard, you can visit https://www.troutmanvineyards.com/ or call 330-263-4345.



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ESSELBURN GRAIN & CATTLE FARM | 5911 SNODDY ROAD, SHREVE, OH 44676

TOM AND KELLY ESSELBURN began
Esselburn Grain & Cattle Farm in 1986
when they moved into the 1860
farmhouse neighboring the small town
of Big Prairie. Tom and Kelly both grew
up with dairy animals, but after the first
feeder calves arrived at the farm, they
soon learned beef cattle are very
different!

Together they embarked on their mission to farm successfully, investing in quality cattle handling systems, focusing on land conservation, and implementing sustainable management programs.







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As the farm expanded over the years, so did the family. Tom and Kelly are parents to five adult children, and the next generation is leading more day-to-day operations of the farm business with Justin (Emily), Katie, and Andrea living locally, while Chris (Diana), and Nathan (Teresa) provide support remotely. Six wonderful grandchildren enjoy visiting Mimi and Pawpaw's farm to help out!

The business pivoted in 2020 after the pandemic brought live cattle sales at the local auction barn to an abrupt end.

With no market to sell a perishable product, the freezer beef business bloomed, and the Big Prairie Beef brand was developed. Online marketing efforts and community engagement has grown the farm-to-table business, and today nearly 80% of the calves are sold as Big Prairie Beef: quality, locally sourced, grass-raised grain-finished freezer beef.

2022 was another year of change as the old barn was torn down and a new confinement calving facility was put in place, offering tremendous benefits for cow-calf care and comfort. It features a nursery, heated washroom, working chute, loose housing comfort area, and a separate feed handling area.



This barn fosters an earlier calving season and allows the maintenance of growth and body condition in the cows and heifers, thereby supporting the success of the breeding program and overall healthier cattle.



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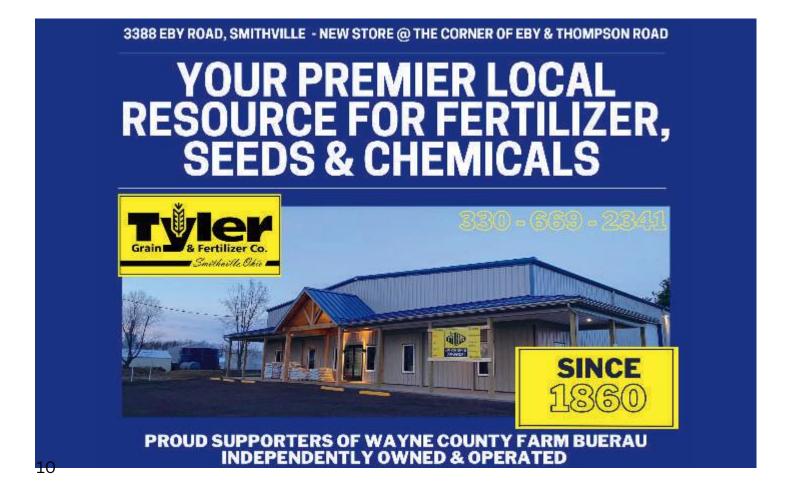


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During the tour you'll have the opportunity to explore the updated facility and see the spring-born calves. Highlights of this stop include an antique tractor display, new equipment, a drone demonstration, and the chance to buy Big Prairie Beef Tallow Moisturizer!

Don't miss out on delicious treats from the feature food trucks: BREW'D Coffee and Donuts and the 4-H Milkshake Trailer. Location of parking will be determined by crop harvest progress. If crops are not off, parking may take place along the road side or behind the barn. Check the Farm Tour website post on wayne.ofbf.org the week of the tour if you want to view final parking arrangements.







HUMMINGBIRD HILL FLOWER FARM | 10055 S. FUNK ROAD SHREVE, OH 44676

HUMMINGBIRD HILL FLOWER FARM is owned and operated by Gina and Joe Morbitzer. This 6 acre farm started in 2020 as a machine free/ hand tool only operation. Walk the fields and enjoy the you pick flower experience, order fresh cut bouquets and arrangements from the Flower Bar Market or pick up homegrown produce or fruit in the market.

Hummingbird Hill Flower Farm offers a variety of educational sessions, creative workshops, kid friendly gardening fun, and an annual Sunset Dinner.







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They also specialize in hosting all of life's special events- from baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, proposals, weddings, elopements, and family reunions.

The farm also hosts business retreats, bus tours, garden clubs, church groups and more. The beautiful vistas, picturesque gazebo, pavilion, and treehouse deck provide a gorgeous backdrop for senior pictures, engagement photos or family portraits.

During this year's Farm tour pumpkins, Indian corn, and other fall items will be available for purchase in the market. On-The-Rise BBQ will be on site offering food.

Christmas mini-sessions with their 1951 International red truck are offered each November as well as professional design and installation of Christmas trees. In December, make sure to check out The Festival of Trees in their greenhouse.













SHREVE CUSTOM MEATS | 200 E MCCONKEY ST, SHREVE, OH 44676

THIS STOP WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY ONLY

SHREVE CUSTOM MEATS opened in 1945 as a meat locker. Nearby residents rented cold space for meat storage before the time that in-home freezers were available. In 1987, Ray Haas purchased the business and it has since evolved into a store offering full retail service in addition to custom processing of beef, pork, lamb and goat.

During the Saturday of the Farm Tour, attendees are invited to visit the store and enjoy samples that will be available to taste.







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SUMMERHILL FARM | 10233 MUNSON RD. SHREVE, OH 44676

SUMMERHILL FARM is a 160-acre family farm with involvement from three generations. The farm has been in the family since 1983. It is about half wooded with the other half in pastures and cropland.

The main agricultural product is Polypay Sheep breeding stock. The sheep flock is selected for out of season lambing with NSIP/Lambplan EBV's used to help select the best ewes and rams. For over 35 years there were multiple lambs crops each year, but now lambing occurs once a year in the fall starting in mid-September. Ewes, with lambs by their sides, will be visible to visitors. Much of the cropland is in hay production for the summer but may also be rotationally grazed at times.

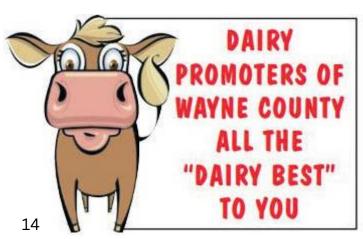




The original part of the remodeled farmhouse is from the 1860's, the bank barn is early 1900's and there is an early 1800's log cabin that was moved and reconstructed on the farm.

The log cabin and farmhouse are rented on Airbnb part of the year for vacation stays and retreats and are also used for family gatherings. During the Farm Tour we will be happy to show our rental spaces and share information to folks who are interested.

The farm is located on one of the highest hills in Wayne County and has a great west facing view. Visitors are encouraged to relax and just take in this part of beautiful Wayne County.





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You can also learn more about the farm at their website: www.summerhillfarmohio.com and Facebook page:

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Other attractions include

- Information on Great Lakes Natural Fibers, a group involved in alternative uses for wool including new uses in gardening and horticulture.
- Local hand spinners, knitters and felters will be demonstrating their crafts and selling handmade wool products on site.
- Family members selling their artisan pottery, hand sculpted cement art and various antiques and primitives.
- Refreshments from Betsy's Bake Shop using ginger grown on the farm including ginger cookies and gingerbread cupcakes.
- Lamb sandwiches and other products will also be offered by the Athena Gyro Express food truck during the tour.





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2024 TOUR DIRECTIONS FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY FARM TOUR

#1 OSU to West View Pawpaw Farm

- Go south on OH-302 W/Madison Ave (1.0 mi)
- Use the right lane to take the ramp onto OH-3 S/US-250 W/US-30 W/Lincoln Way E (1.0 mi)
- Exit onto OH-3 S/S Columbus Rd toward Loudonville (2.8). West View Pawpaw Farm will be on the left.

#2 West View Pawpaw Farm to Troutman Vineyards

 Go south on OH-3 for approximately 2 mi. Troutman Vineyards will be on the right.

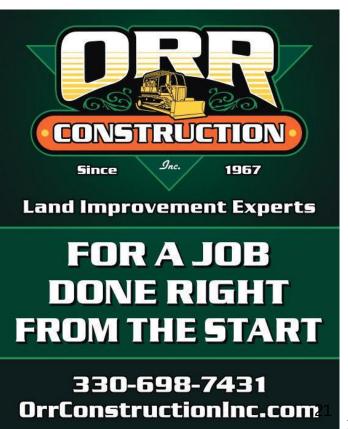
#3 Troutman Vineyards to Esselburn Grain & Cattle Farm

- Head southwest on OH-3 S (approx 5 mi)
- Turn RIGHT onto S Funk Rd (1.6 mi)
- Turn LEFT onto Schwartzwalder Rd (1.6 mi)
- Turn RIGHT onto Snoddy Rd. Esselburn
 Grain & Cattle Farm will be on the left.

#4 Esselburn Grain & Cattle Farm to Hummingbird Hill Flower Farm

- Head south on Snoddy Rd toward Schwartzwalder Rd (approx 171 feet)
- Turn LEFT at the 1st cross street onto Schwartzwalder Rd (0.9 mi)
- Turn RIGHT onto Newkirk Rd (3.7 mi)
- Make SLIGHT LEFT onto Metcalf Rd (0.4 mi)
- Continue onto McFadden Rd (0.5 mi)
- Turn LEFT onto S Funk Rd. Destination will be on the left (305 feet).





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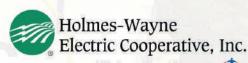
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#5 Hummingbird Hill Flower Farm to Shreve Meats

- Head north on S Funk Rd toward Brown Rd (0.4 mi)
- Turn RIGHT onto Brown Rd (2.8 mi) and enter Shreve (Brown Rd becomes W Liberty St)
- Turn LEFT onto N Main St (200 feet)
- Turn RIGHT at the 1st cross street onto W Robinson St (436 feet)
- Turn RIGHT onto N Market St (417 feet)
- Turn LEFT onto Jones St (220 feet).
- Drive 200 feet and turn RIGHT onto the first cross street. Shreve Meats is located on the left between Jones St and McConkey St.

#6 Shreve Meats to Summerhill Farm

- Head south toward E McConkey St (52 feet) and make a LEFT onto E McConkey St. (0.1 mi)
- Turn RIGHT onto S Wells St (0.4 mi). Wells St becomes Saunders Rd (drive for an additional 0.5 mi).
- Turn LEFT onto Co Hwy 1/Co Rd 1/ Centerville Rd (4.1 mi)
- At the OH-83 intersection, continue STRAIGHT onto Harrison Rd. (0.9 mi)
- Turn LEFT onto Munson Rd and drive for approximately 0.5 mi. Destination will be on the left

Caution - Munson Rd is a narrow road. When leaving the farm after the tour, we suggest following Munson Rd south. If you depart north on Munson Rd, please use extreme caution at the intersection with 83.



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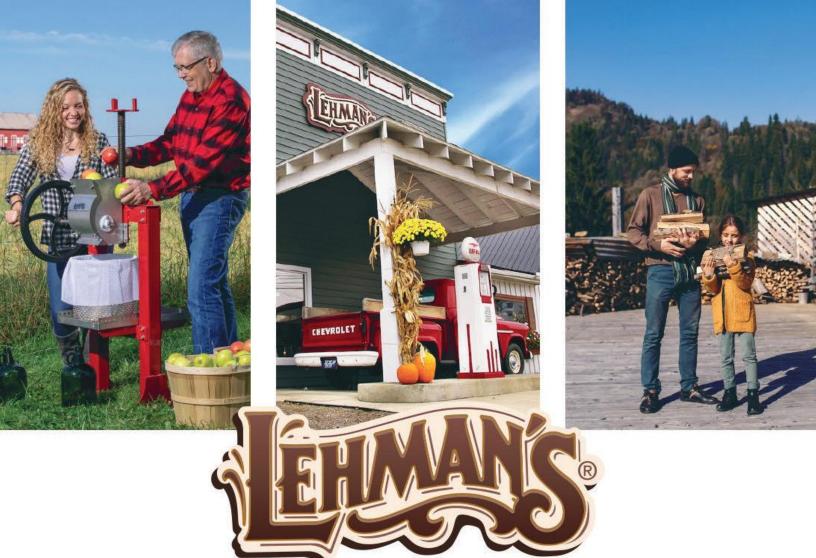
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FOOD AVAILABLE DURING THE FARM TOUR

- **#1** -Come join us to view our various programs and enjoy food available from our very own CFAES Café Carmen! Offerings include burgers, fried chicken, various sandwiches, sides and a salad bar.
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- #5 -On-The-Rise BBQ
- #6 -Store will be offering samples. *This stop is on Saturday ONLY*
- **#7** -Refreshments from Betsy's Bake Shop using ginger grown on the farm to include ginger cookies and gingerbread cupcakes. Lamb sandwiches and other products will also be offered by the Athena Gyro Express food truck.

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