

# A Celebration of Cumberland County Agriculture



October 6, 2012

# OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# **McCullough Acres**

260 Centerville Road, Newville, PA

# 9:00am - 9:45am

# **Opening Ceremony**

- Celebration of 15,000 Acres of Preserved Farmland
- 100 Years of 4-H
- Launch of Cumberland Valley Rail Trail
  Heritage Signs

10:00am - 2:00pm

**Farm Tours** 

(Unless otherwise noted in brochure)

RSVP for ceremony recommended 240-5362

# The Cumberland County Farm Tour is sponsored by:



A partnership of stakeholders and individuals that meet quarterly to support the success of agriculture in Cumberland County. For more information, contact the Cumberland County Planning Department.



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Special thanks to the members of the **Cumberland County Farm Bureau** for sponsoring the PFB Mobile Ag Lab at the Strock Farm.

Special thanks to our farmers who will welcome visitors to their farm on October 6, 2012 and to all farmers in Cumberland County that provide us with food and contribute to our economy and quality of life in the Cumberland Valley.



# 1 McCullough Acres



#### 260 Centerville Road, Newville

Directions from Carlisle: Take I-81 south toward Chambersburg. Take PA-233 Exit 37 toward Newville. Turn right onto PA-233/Centerville Road.

The farm is on the left.

Tour Info: An opening ceremony for the day will be held at this farm at 9am. Cumberland County will celebrate the preservation of 15.000 acres of farmland. This 250 acre farm was permanently preserved by the County in 1996 and the McCullough's 117 acre farm across the road was preserved in 2012. After the ceremony, the McCullough family and farm helpers will be available to provide tours of this 170 beef cattle operation. The farm dates back to the 1870's with the 5<sup>th</sup> generation gearing up to work the farm. Visitors will learn about the farm's history, how black angus beef cattle are raised, how corn grows, and how combines and other farm equipment are used to harvest crops to feed the cattle. Some grain from this farm is also hauled to local feed mills to make flour and the beef is sold at the Country Butcher Shop near Carlisle.

# 2 CVRT Ag. Heritage and Civil War Signs



# Shippensburg to Newville

# www.cvrtc.org

Directions: Please visit the website to find the locations of the Newville, Oakville and Shippensburg Trailheads.

Tour Info: This is a self-guided tour in which visitors can walk or bike along the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail to view interpretive way-point signs which provide information about agricultural heritage along the trail and how the former railroad was important to the Civil War. Locations of the signs and trail entrances can be found on the website. Visitors can view the signs year-round.

## 3 Winsome Farm



### 444 Nealy Road, Newville

Directions from Carlisle: Take I-81 south toward Chambersburg. Take PA-233 Exit 37 toward Newville. Turn right onto PA-233/ Centerville Road. Turn left onto

Ritner Hwy. Turn right onto Oakville Road then right onto Shippensburg Rd./PA-533. Turn left onto Nealy Rd. The farm is on the left.

Tour Info: Winsome Farm, Inc. is a horse boarding, training, and lesson facility that has been in operation for 25 years. The farm has direct access to the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail and offers trail riding lessons. This 50 acre family farm encourages use of natural horsemanship, specializing in connecting the horse and rider. During a guided tour, visitors will see indoor and outdoor riding arenas and various breeds of horses, including a new breed called Kentucky Ice. Staff will also offer free pony rides.

# 4 Weary Farm



# 555 Carlisle Road, Newville

Directions from Carlisle: Follow Rt. 641 west. The farm is on the right. If you reach Crossroad School Road, you've gone too far.

Tour Info: The Weary Family began this dairy farm in 1958 with 35 cows. Today, visitors will see a 4th generation, 200 cow, dairy farm still owned and operated by the Weary Family. This farm was preserved in 2005 through the Cumberland County Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. The farm family and helpers will provide tours of the dairy cow facility. Ice cream will be served while supplies last!

# **5** Earth Spring Farm



#### 250 Old State Road, Gardners

# www.earthspringcsa.com Directions from Carlisle: Take PA-34 south, turn right onto Pine

Grove Road. Take the first left onto Old State Road. The farm is

on the left.

Tour Info: Visitors will see how vegetables are grown in high tunnels and learn the various practices the farmer uses. The farm offers CSA memberships and a farm stand, which will be open for visitors to purchase fresh produce grown on the farm. Farm staff will give tours every 30 minutes or visitors may jump in on a tour as they arrive.

# 6 Dickinson College Farm



# 553 Park Drive, Boiling Springs

# www.dickinson.edu

Directions from Carlisle: Take PA 74 east. Pass under I-81 and turn right onto Westminster Road. Continue on Forge Road as it

veers left toward Boiling Springs. Just past the Unitarian Church, turn right onto Walnut Street to four way stop. Continue 1 mile to farm on the right.

Tour Info: This diversified farm serves as a resource for academic interests. The farm includes innovative solar projects, rotational grazing and a model composting program. The farm includes 8 acres of vegetables and 18 acres of pasture for chickens, cows, and sheep. Crops grown on the farm go to the college dining hall, Campus CSA, a stand at the local farmers' market and local food bank. Farm managers and students will be on hand to give tours of the farm as visitors arrive. There will be tours at 10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am, 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 1:00pm, and 1:30pm.

## 7 Strock Farm



# 729 Williams Grove Rd, Mechanicsburg

www.strockmeats.com Directions from Carlisle: Take Rt. 641 east. Turn right onto W. Simpson St.

Turn right onto S. Broad St. Take slight right onto Williams Grove Road, Proceed 0.6 miles to the farm.

Tour Info: The Strock Family have been farming for over 100 years at this location. Visitors will see their young turkey flock and the onfarm feed mill as well as the newly renovated building that houses a banquet and catering center that exudes agrarian charm.

At this farm, visitors can tour the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab, with interactive displays and exhibits about food production in Pennsylvania. The Mobile Lab travels to schools throughout the state.

# **8** CVHS Community Hunger Garden



# 6746 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

www.cvschools.org/Ag Directions from Carlisle: Take I-81 north. Merge onto US-11 north via Exit 52A toward New Kingston. School is on the left.

Tour Info: The community is invited 10am to 6pm to visit the garden and enjoy the arts, crafts, foods, and bountiful harvest to be shared by all. The 4-Acre Community Hunger Garden and Agricultural Learning Center opened in the Spring of 2012 to raise awareness of agriculture's impact and the importance of locally grown food in Cumberland County. The vast portion of foods grown here are donated directly to charities like Project SHARE and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. The garden also provides learning opportunities for all areas of curricula at Cumberland Valley and beyond. Come see what students at CV are learning and growing in this garden.