



CATCH AN AG-VENTURE

From locally grown to precious farming, agriculture is vast and abundant. Here in Iowa, we lead the nation for many commodities including corn, egg, pork and ethanol production. So, bring your group to Des Moines to tour everything agriculture!

DAY 1

Monsanto Learning Facility - Learn from one of the leaders in agriculture why precision farming is so important to feeding the world. Contact: Tina Colburn at (515) 597-5909 or tina.colburn@monsanto.com for a tour.

John Deere Works - Catch one of the only plants in the world producing sprayers, cotton pickers and tillage equipment for John Deere. Contact Linda Issac at (515) 289-3283.

Jasper Winery - Catch a local wine facility and learn the history of its name. Located near Downtown Des Moines. (515) 282-9463.

Prairie Meadows Casino Racetrack & Hotel - As a licensed 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation, this casino is unique to the fact of how much they contribute back to the community, especially with agriculture. Take a tour of the casino, watch live horse racing or try your luck on the slots or tables games. They are also home to a hotel and a fabulous buffet and restaurant. Contact Lance Reidel at (515) 967-1248.

Beer making is a delicate process using products, many times from Iowa fields! Try a local brewery for a tasting and behind the scenes tour at **Confluence Brewing Company** at (515) 285-9005 or **515 Brewery Company** at (515) 661-4615.

DAY 2

World Food Prize Hall of Laureates - Catch an educational tour to learn the history of the World Food Prize as well as Norman Borlaug's lifelong passion to feeding the world. Tours on Tuesdays. (515) 245-3783

Polk County Conservation - Take a group a nature tour on or off a coach or have an educational program. Contact Kami Rankin at kami.rankin@polkcountyiowa.gov or (515) 323-5363. Your group could event take a guided trail ride or wagon ride at **Jester Park!**

Living History Farms - Catch an outdoor interactive museum with more than 500 acres of education and fun. Catch the history surrounding Midwestern rural life in period costumes. (515) 278-5286 for a dinner option, try **The Machine Shed** next door for a classic farming affair! (515) 270-6818

Maytag Dairy Farms - Catch the famous Maytag blue cheese east of Des Moines. See how the cheese is made and learn the history of the farms. Samples available! (641) 792-1133

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