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# McHenry County Farm Stroll

**Sunday, September 27, 2015 – From Noon to 5 p.m.**

Farm Stroll is a self-guided tour of McHenry County's diversified family farms. There is no beginning or end of the tour: just choose the farms you wish to visit and go during the stroll's timeframe.

**There is no charge for Farm Stroll.** However, bring some cash; individual farmers will be selling products and produce.

Toilets will be available at select farms. Look for the designation within the descriptions in this booklet. Some farms will conduct tours at specific times.

For your safety, follow the farmers' instructions and be respectful of the animals. These are working farms; have control over small children at all times. Wash your hands after exposure to livestock. Wear sturdy shoes. Don't bring pets.

Visit McHenry County Farm Bureau at [mchenrycfb.org](http://mchenrycfb.org) or Facebook at [facebook.com/McHenryCountyFarmBureau](https://facebook.com/McHenryCountyFarmBureau) or call 815-338-1520.

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### **Patyk's Farm Market and Greenhouse** **8519 Route 173, Richmond**

Patyk Farms grows vegetables and fruits they sell at their farmstand, two farmers' markets and to CSA customers. John and Myra raise goats, cows, turkeys and hundreds of chickens. The Patyks also grow and sell annuals, perennials and herbs from their greenhouse. They sell homegrown produce, locally grown fruits, handmade milk soap, meat, eggs, friendly animals and flowers. Visit [patykfarms.com](http://patykfarms.com) or call 815-648-4065.



### **Von Bergen's Country Market** **9805 Route 173, Hebron**

The farm encompasses 1,200 acres; 150 acres are devoted to the fresh vegetables sold at the market. Mel and Bobette grow sweet corn, tomatoes, muskmelon, peppers and more, and in autumn they feature 20 varieties of squash and you-pick/we-pick pumpkins. They also sell locally grown fruit, pies, breads, jams, jellies, pickles and other foodstuffs. Visit [vonbergens.com](http://vonbergens.com) or call 815-648-2332. Toilets available.



### **Harvard Eggs, Feed and Produce** **17205 McGuire Road, Harvard**

Sue and Bruce Dietz own this family-run farm and feed store that stocks livestock, horse and pet feeds, beekeeping supplies and bee orders. They sell eggs from their farm, chicks in the spring, turkeys for Thanksgiving, poultry meat, produce, hay, honey and beeswax, and yarn from their sheep and llamas. During the Farm Stroll, visitors can learn about honey bees and beekeeping as well as wool spinning and weaving. Visit [harvardeggsandfeed.com](http://harvardeggsandfeed.com) or call 815-943-4837. Toilets available.



### **Cashmore's Produce and Ponics** **5116 Irish Lane, Harvard, IL**

Founded in 2011, this farm specializes in alternative farming methods utilizing vertical hydroponics (soilless gardening). The farm produces local food using organic methods and alternative energies. Kirk Cashmore grows lettuces, kale and watercress in the vertical hydroponic facility, and outdoors grows organic produce traditionally. Call 815-814-6999.



### **Cripple Creek Ranch** **23215 Graf Road, Harvard, IL**

Christy Bourbonnais runs this training and boarding facility that offers boarding, private to semi-private lessons, training, equine rehabilitation and clinics. Her staff teaches Western riding lessons (with a bit of Dressage), and also provides training for colts, weanlings, yearlings, older horses, and offers equine rehabilitation. Visit [ccrequinecenter.com](http://ccrequinecenter.com) or call 815-943-4513.

## **ALsPACAs of Dutch Mill Farms**

### **19860 Lembcke Road, Harvard**

Al VanMaren and his family have 64 Suri alpacas on two farms on Lembcke Road. Al's alpacas come in various colors of white, black, brown and beige as well as gray. The VanMaren family hopes visitors will enjoy taking photos and feeding the alpacas grain. There will be spinners and weavers as well as alpaca fibers and finished goods.



## **Nichols Farm and Orchard**

### **23918 River Road, Marengo**

On this 300-acre sustainable farm, Lloyd and Doreen grow more than 1,000 different fruits and vegetables. They sell at 12-14 farmers' markets, several restaurants and to more than 200 CSA subscribers. The Nichols will highlight their solar- and wind-powered buildings, sell produce and food, and give tours on the hour. Visit [nicholsfarm.com](http://nicholsfarm.com) or call 815-509-1690.



## **RowSchell Ridge Vineyard**

### **3350 Executive Drive, Marengo**

Don and Chris Schellhaass grow more than 1,000 vines of wine grape varieties 'Marquette', 'St. Pepin', 'Frontenac' and 'Marachal Foch' on 2 ½ acres. They also grow 45 vines of table grapes as well as 'Concord' grapes for juice. "It's a hobby farm," notes Don, "but we look forward to showing visitors how wine grapes are grown and wine is made in northern Illinois."



## **Cherry Lane Farm**

### **18317 Garden Valley Road, Marengo**

Trudi Temple is a celebrated gardener, author and speaker. At her sustainable farm she has solar panels, wind turbines, vegetables, pasture-fed cows, and woody plants from which she harvests branches to sell to the florist trade. Her farm is open starting at 10 a.m. during Farm Stroll, and demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Call 630-655-0022. Toilets available.



## **Prairie Sky Orchard**

### **4914 North Union Road, Union**

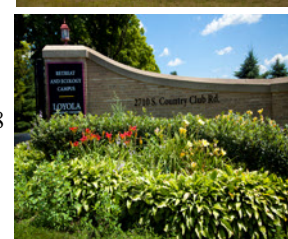
Ralph and SueEllen Arndt have 2,000 dwarf apple trees (with more than a dozen varieties), a barn store and a snack shop (which sells lunch items). The farm is open to the public in September and October annually. During Farm Stroll they will sell apples, Asian pears, pumpkins, honey, baked goods, cider and more. Call 815-923-4834 or visit [prairieskyorchard.com](http://prairieskyorchard.com). Toilets available.



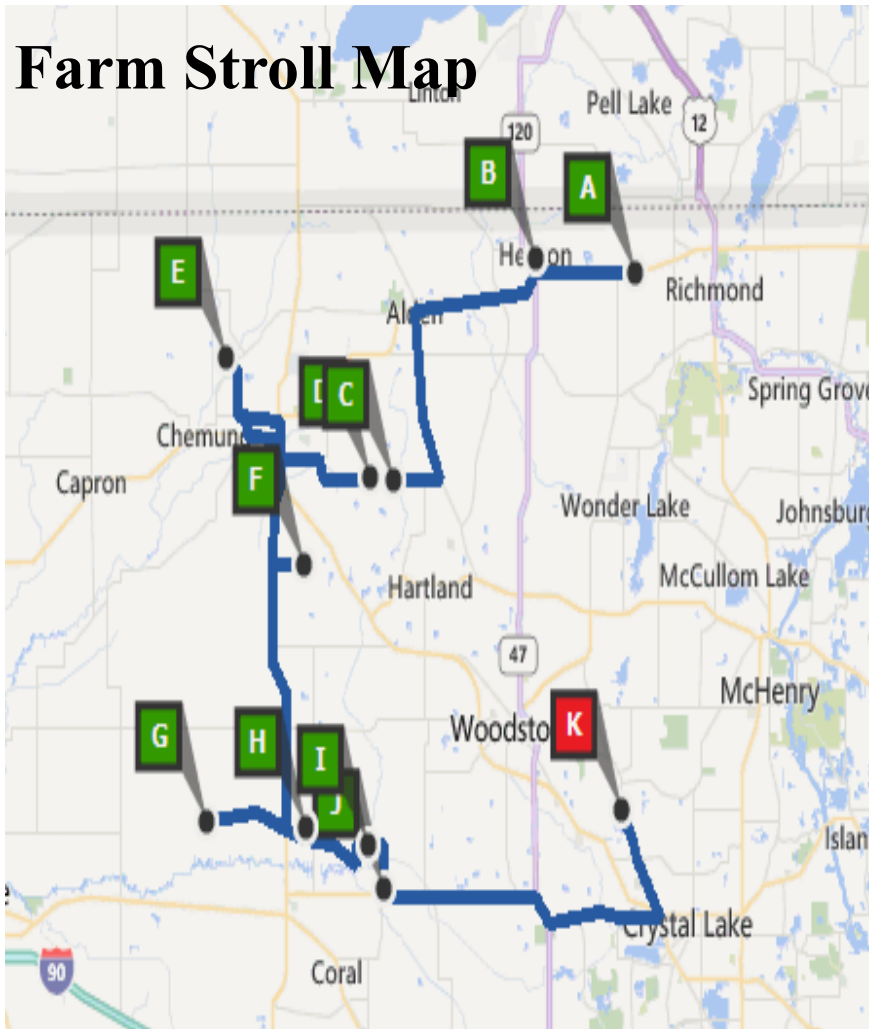
## **Loyola University Chicago's Retreat & Ecology Campus**

### **2710 South Country Club Road, Woodstock**

The campus has 2 acres planted with organic fruits and vegetables (including hoophouses and greenhouses) as well as 98 acres of prairies, savannas, woodlands, wetlands and ponds in stages of restoration. Emily Zack and staff will sell heirloom tomatoes and demonstrate organic and sustainable growing. Call 815-338 1032 or visit [luc.edu/retreatcampus](http://luc.edu/retreatcampus).



# Farm Stroll Map



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