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**2021 Ag + Art Tour of York County
*A part of the South Carolina Ag + Art Tour***

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YORK COUNTY, SC – The South Carolina Ag + Art Tour is the nation’s largest free, self-guided tour of farms and farmers’ markets featuring local artisans at every stop! The tour will be rolling into 10 counties across South Carolina over every weekend in June – Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Newberry, Richland, Spartanburg, Union and York Counties! On the tour, visitors have the chance to see first-hand where their food comes from, watch artists in action, purchase homemade and homegrown goods, and learn more about rural life. Different counties participate each weekend, giving visitors the opportunity to explore more farms and farm stands across the state.

York County hosted the first Ag + Art Tour in 2012 to showcase locally homemade and homegrown goods. In 2021, the Ag + Art Tour of York County is growing! This year, the York County tour will take place over ***two*** weekends, doubling the time tour-goers can explore the farms and farmers’ markets, while meeting local artists from across the county. The eastern side of the county will be open for visitors on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. The western side will welcome visitors on Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13.

Visitors can stop by the farms and farm stands on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and on Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The 2021 Ag + Art Tour of York County needs your help! Volunteers are needed to work the information/welcome tables at participating farms. Each shift is 4 hours long – from 9 AM – 1 PM on Saturday, and from 1 PM – 5 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. Those interested in volunteering may sign up to participate through the following online portals:

York County East: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AEAB28A5F5C70-2021>

York County West: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AEAB28A5F5C70-20211>

**Ag + Art Tour of York County:** <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/agandarttour/participating_counties/york.html>

Take a trip along York County’s country roads to visit 26 farms, farm stands, and ancillary sites during the 2021 Ag + Art Tour. This year, more than 60+ artisans are participating! The artisans include bakers, painters, potters, quilters, fiber and fabric artists, musicians, storytellers, and more.

Be sure to pack an empty cooler to fill with fresh, locally grown produce! Artists will be creating and selling their work, and musicians will be performing at various stops. Many farms will host family-friendly activities including hayrides, farm tours, and opportunities to check out barnyard animals.

**WEEKEND 1 | JUNE 5 + 6**

***Farms and Farm Stands***

**Cherry Place Farm,** 1922 Oakdale Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 - 5:00 PM)*

Visitors will be able to see our summer produce growing, pet, feed, and visit with our goats, sheep, chickens, donkeys, and cows. We will have various fruits, vegetables, and farm products for sale at our stand. Roddey's BBQ food truck will be at the farm on Saturday.

**Curtin Farms, LLC,** 407 N Paraham Rd**,** Clover, SC 29710

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

We are a small working farm raising beef cattle, cage-free chickens, eggs, hay, corn, and pumpkins. We also raise alpacas and use their fiber to make yarn and clothing. Sue Helkem with "The Barefoot Weaver" will be available and have live demonstrations of "Fleece to Fiber", including the spinning wheel and weaving with looms, along with live demonstrations of our Wood Miser Saw and Blacksmith. Cam Olson will also be on location showing off his skills. Other activities available will be a self-guided tour of our barnyard animals and hayrides for $2.00/person (cash only).

*Sawmill Demonstration: 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Saturday only*

*Blacksmith Demonstration: Throughout the day, Saturday only*

*"From Fleece to Fiber", Spinning Demonstration: Throughout the day, Saturday only.*

**Ferebee Farm,** 531 Neely Store Rd**,** Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

A small pasture-based farm that raises rare Gulf Coast sheep, along with heritage breed pigs, pastured poultry, and dairy goats. Visitors will be able to interact with our sheep and dairy goats; see our laying flock, broiler chickens, turkeys, and pigs; and learn about sustainable farming.

Farm products available to purchase include non-GMO pastured meats (chicken, pork, and lamb), eggs, seasonal produce, wool yarn, sheepskin rugs, and farm merch.

*Sheep and Goat Petting Zoo, Saturday, June 5: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

**Historic Rock Hill,** 258 East White Street**,** Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

We are a historic museum/house with a history of agriculture, which we will have a pop-up exhibit on as well as gardens to tour. We will also have a plant sale as well as craft vendors.

**The Peach Tree,** 2077 Filbert Hwy,York, SC 29745

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

We have lots of local farm fresh produce, pickles, jams, chow chow, soaps, ciders and more! We also have a full-service ice cream parlor that serves hot dogs, hamburgers and sandwiches!

**Rock Hill Educational Community Garden,** 349 Columbia Ave**,** Rock Hill, SC 29733

*Only Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

The Rock Hill Educational Community Garden has 22 raised beds that grows a variety of fruits and vegetables. Garden members will be on hand to provide tours of the garden and share information about gardening and how we do what we do. The garden provides a place where people raise a selection of produce and donate to other community organizations. The Rock Hill Educational Community Garden has become a place for community members to garden together.

**Springs Farm,** 1010 Springfield Parkway**,** Fort Mill, SC 29715

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

We grow strawberries, peaches, and produce that we sell at our store, the Springs Farm Market, along with homemade soft serve ice cream, our very own dessert mixes, and other local products.

**Tega Hills Farm LLC,** 1780 Zoar Road**,** Fort Mill, SC 29708

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

Tega Hills Farm uses hydroponic growing techniques in greenhouses to grow lettuce, leafy greens, microgreens, and other seasonal produce such as tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and peppers year-round.

***WEEKEND 1 | JUNE 5 + 6***

***Ancillary Sites***

**The Country Carrot,** 463 W Main Street, Suite 103**,** Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Saturday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM*

We are a local food store, sourcing only from South Carolina and North Carolina farms and small businesses. Everything ranging from vegetables to meats to salsa will be available to purchase.

**Art on Main,** 201 East Main Street**,** Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM*

Your destination for local and original art.

**Olive’s Mud Puddle,** 229 Main Street,Fort Mill, SC 29715

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM*

Pottery Studio with an Art Gallery and Coffee Shop.

**PuckerButt Pepper Company,** 237 Main St.**,** Fort Mill, SC 29715

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM*

Grower, harvester and producer of all-natural pepper, and USDA Organic pepper products. Home of the World's Hottest Pepper -- Smokin' Ed's Carolina Reaper.

**Wild Wood Chainsaw Carvings,** 4362 Old York Rd**,** Rock Hill, SC 29732

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM*

Wildwood Chainsaw Carvings offer one of a kind wood sculptures, handmade signs, and custom handmade log furniture for any occasion or location. All work is custom made by award winning artist Rusty Rayfield.

**Fort Mill Farmers Market,** 106 N. White Street (Veterans Park), Fort Mill SC 29715
*Saturday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM*

The Fort Mill Farmers Market offers the community a place to purchase local produce, farm and agricultural products, handmade and handcrafted items, bakers, local artisans, and craftsmen. We are dog-friendly and feature vendors offering pet products. Each Saturday, grab your coffee from Humble Cup Coffee when you come in, enjoy breakfast from each of our bakers, and then visit all of our unique vendors. The Fort Mill Farmers Market is open every Saturday through October.

**Old Town Farmers Market @ Legal Remedy Brewing Co.,** 129 Oakland Ave.**,** Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Saturday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM*

You can find fresh produce, local meats, and so much more available every Saturday through November. See you at the market!

***WEEKEND 2 | JUNE 12 + 13***

***Farms and Farm Stands***

**Black's Peaches,** 1800 Black Highway**,** York, SC 29745

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

We are a roadside market that specializes in fruits and vegetables. We grow strawberries, peaches, tomatoes, and a variety of vegetables. We have a lunch grill with local farm burgers, all beef hot dogs, and sandwiches. We serve Blue Bell ice cream and lots of local goodies for hometown farms. We will have our farm playground open both days. Our hit and miss 1917 John Deere ice cream maker will crank up to make homemade ice cream Saturday! We hope to have you pick your own peaches (weather permitting) both days.

**Bush-N-Vine,** 1650 Filbert Hwy**,** York, SC 29745

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

We offer you to pick your own blueberries, blackberries, and strawberries. Pick-your-own will depend on weather and the crop. We also have homemade strawberry ice cream for sell, playground for the kids, porch swings, and rocking chairs. A great relaxing atmosphere all on a local farm! We provide lots of other fresh fruits and vegetables that are grown on the farm and for sale in the store located on the farm. Y'all come see us!

**Forlines Farm on Ferndale,** 250 Ferndale Rd**,** McConnells, SC 29726

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

Our tiny family-owned, and operated blueberry farm has been harvesting since about 2010. We have early and late varieties. You are welcome to come and pick-your-own. The berries arrive in early June and bear thru late July. Berries are never sprayed so eating them right off the bush is encouraged!

**MeadowView,** 500 Garvin Road**,** McConnells, SC 29726

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

We have Longhorn cattle, hay harvesting, and an event venue. We will have a competitive kite flying group performing on Saturday along with a Longhorn Cattle Education and Breeding Discussion, which will be hourly based on demand. Tours of MeadowView events is hourly based on demand.

**Melton Farm,** 4120 Bookout Road**,** Rock Hill, SC 29730

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

We will have Highland Cattle, hayrides, and hand-crafted furniture.

**Myersart and Farm,** 1281 Legion Rd.**,** Hickory Grove, SC 29717

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

We have a 90-acre farm with walking trails by the creek and sharecropper’s cabin. A large garden features a greenhouse, where we grow a large variety of vegetables. We also grow strawberries and blueberries. In our pottery room, you can see a large display with functional and decorative pottery, as well as clay jewelry for sale. You are welcome to bring a picnic and fishing poles to enjoy the pond on the farm. Adult supervision is required.

**Sharon Hill Farm,** 1393 Hwy 97**,** Sharon, SC 29742

*Only Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)*

We pasture-raise broiler chickens, laying hens, pigs, goats, turkeys, and a small herd of mini-jersey dairy cows. You will be able to purchase our chicken, eggs, and pork while visiting. We also will have Legal Remedy Brewing's Jailbird food truck here to purchase lunch.

There will be guided walking tours of the farm, as well as a goat petting zoo throughout the day. Please see our website and social media for more details.

*Guided Farm Tours (walking), Saturday, June 12, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Old Town Rock Hill Farmers Market Vendors, Saturday, June 12, 10 AM-4:00 PM*

**Tatanka Bison Ranch,** 8088 Kays Drive**,** York, SC 29745

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

Come enjoy our sprawling and scenic 215-acre ranch with its herd of 50 wild bison, our National Mammal. Visitors will have the opportunity to see some of our bison, as well as artists and artisans demonstrating and selling their unique crafts. Food trucks will serve ice cream and bison specialties, and our premium, 100% grass-fed bison products will be on sale. Bring a cooler, a good appetite, and enjoy the day with us.

There will be ongoing demonstrations by all our artists and artisans.

**Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery,** 1860 Black Highway**,** York, SC 29745

*Both Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) and Sunday (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)*

Windy Hill Orchard is a family owned and operated boutique apple orchard and Hard Cider producer located in the upstate of South Carolina. As a licensed and bonded cidery, we have been producing Hard Cider at our orchard since 1996. Our Cider Bar will be open and serving tasting flights and pints of our Award-Winning Hard Ciders as well as our famous Apple Cider Donuts!

***WEEKEND 2 | JUNE 12 + 13***

***Ancillary Sites***

**Betwixt Studios,** 7 N Congress St, York, SC 29745

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, and Sunday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM*

Betwixt Studios is an art supply shop and working artists' studio serving artists in York County.  We offer studio space, memberships, day passes, classroom space, and art supplies to artists of all levels at our studio in York, SC. Studio spaces are available!  Please visit our website at [www.betwixtstudios.com](http://www.betwixtstudios.com/) to learn more.

**Cat’s Paw Winery,** 1567 Fayrene Road**,** Rock Hill, SC 29732

*Saturday, 12:00 PM-8:00 PM*

Winery is located in a rural area with inside seating for 40 and outside seating for 48. Wine tasting consists of five wines of the month and a souvenir wine glass.

Check us out on Facebook or our website: [catspawwinery.com](http://catspawwinery.com/)

**Sandifer Feed & Seed,** 5999 Wylie Ave.**,** Hickory Grove, SC 29717

*Saturday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM*

We have feed, seed, farm supplies, home décor, custom made swings, and benches among other pieces.

**Old Town Farmers Market @ Sharon Hill Farm,** 1393 Hwy 97**,** Sharon, SC 29742

*Saturday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM*

You can find fresh produce, local meats, and so much more!

**YORK COUNTY QUILT TRAIL**

Two new barn quilt blocks have been created for the 2021 Tour – one featuring the Blue Mountain Daisy pattern, and the other bearing the Log Cabin Chicken quilt pattern! The 4’ x 4’ quilt patterns were designed and built by members of the Oconee Conservatory of Fine Arts in Walhalla, South Carolina. With the addition of these new blocks, there are now 15 barn quilt blocks on display at farms that participate in the Ag + Art Tour of York County. The York County Heritage Quilt Trail is a part of the South Carolina Quilt Trails. The new blocks were provided by the Arts Council of York County, funded by a grant from York Electric Co-Op. More information may be found at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/agandarttour/participating_counties/york.html>

The South Carolina Ag + Art Tour is coordinated by Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service and the Olde English District Tourism Commission. Partner organizations include economic development, commerce, farm and artisan organizations, education and extension office, Visit York County, SC, the Arts Council of York County and community volunteers. The Ag + Art Tour of York County is sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA, York County Electric Co-op, and the York County Farm Bureau. Support for this project is provided by the York County Hospitality & Accommodations Tax, and by the Arts Council of York County’s Small Grants Program, the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of SC, and the SC Arts Commission, which received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. For visitor information, including lodging, contact the York County Visitor Center at 888-702-1320.