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2016 Ag + Art Tour of York County Farm Sites

*A Part of the South Carolina Ag + Art Tour*

YORK COUNTY, SC – The Ag + Art Tour returns this June bigger and better than ever! Each weekend, farm sites in counties across the state of South Carolina will host the Ag + Art Tour. The nine counties participating this year are Chesterfield, Darlington, and Horry (June 4-5), Lancaster and York (June 11-12), Fairfield and Kershaw (June 18-19), and Chester and Union (June 25-26). On Saturdays, visitors will be able to stop by farms and farm stands from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and on Sundays, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. The South Carolina Ag + Art Tour is the nation’s largest, free, self-guided farm tour designed to generate interest in local farms, fresh foods, and locally made traditional arts.

Ag + Art Tour of York County Kickoff Event | http://onlyinoldtown.com/do/featured/9/eat-fresh-be-fresh

Each county participating in the South Carolina Ag + Art Tour will host kickoff events leading up to the Tour. The Ag + Art Tour of York County kicks off on Thursday, June 9 at the Old Town Farmers Market, located adjacent to Fountain Park, 300 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. The Old Town Farmers Market is Rock Hill’s only all-local market. It features fresh, seasonal produce, farm products, handmade goods, live music, kids’ activities, food trucks, free yoga sessions and more!

Guinness World Record Holder Chef Smokin’ Ed Currie of PuckerButt Pepper Company will be our guest speaker for the kickoff. Chef Smokin’ Ed will speak from 5:30 – 6:00 PM. Chef Currie will fill us in about how he came to grow peppers and win the 2013 Guinness World Record for the world’s hottest chili pepper. Chef Smokin’ Ed will also have a few of his pepper creations available for sampling.

Ag + Art Tour of York County | agandarttour.com

Take a trip along York County’s country roads during the 2016 Ag + Art Tour. The Tour originated in York County in 2012, and has grown annually. This year, the Ag + Art Tour of York County includes 19 farms and farm stands and 21+ artisans including painters, potters, quilters, sewers, musicians, fabric artists, storytellers, and more.

*Farms and Farm Stands*

Anne Springs Close Greenway Gardens, 250 Dairy Barn Lane, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Baker Farm, 2494 Greenwood Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Black’s Peaches, 1800 Black Highway, York, SC 29745

Bush-n-Vine, 1650 Filbert Highway, York, SC 29745

\*only open Saturday, June 11, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Catawba Cultural Preservation Project, 1536 Tom Steven Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Children’s Educational Garden, 954 Constitution Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC 29730

The Garden: Happy from my Head To-ma-tos, 2399 West Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Historic Brattonsville, 1444 Brattonsville Road, McConnells, SC 29726

J & J Family Farm, 1077 Wayfield Road, Clover, SC 29710

Ketchen Place, 3218 Cedarvale Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Myersart and Farm, 1281 Legion Road, Hickory Grove, SC 29732

Peach Tree, 2077 Filbert Highway, York, SC 29745

Rock Ridge Farm, 542 Ridge Road, Clover, SC 29710

Roger Ridge Ranch | 4700 Canaan Church Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Sanders Peaches, Highway 321, Filbert, York, SC 29745

Stowe Dairy Farm, 169 Stowe Dairy Road, Gastonia, NC 28052

Tega Hills Farm | 1780 Zoar Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708

Windy Hill Orchard, 1860 Black Highway, York, SC 29745

*Ancillary Sites*

Cat’s Paw Winery, 1567 Fayrene Rd., Rock Hill, SC

PuckerButt Pepper Company, 235 Main Street, Fort Mill, SC

 Saturday, June 11 | 10 AM – 6 PM; Sunday, June 12 | 1 – 5 PM

Springs Farm Fresh Market, 1010 Springfield Pkwy., Fort Mill, SC

 Saturday, June 11 | 9 AM – 5 PM; Sunday, June 12 | 1 – 5 PM

York Veterinary Services, l889 Highway 321 Bypass, York, SC

 Saturday, June 11 | 9 AM – 5 PM; Sunday, June 12 | 1 – 5 PM

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.

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, Rock Hill/York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, farm and artisan organizations, education and extension office, the Arts Council of York County and community volunteers. The Ag + Art Tour of York County is sponsored by AgSouth 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 visitors’ information, including lodging, contact the York County Visitors Center at 888-702-1320.

For more information on the 2016 Ag + Art Tour of York County, contact Sonja Burris at 803-329-5200. For more information on the 2016 South Carolina Ag + Art Tour, contact Ben Boyles at 803-981-3021 or visit [www.AgandArtTour.com](http://www.AgandArtTour.com) for details.

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