

Welcome to the Land of Goshen Community Market's Know Your Grower Farm Tour Day!

We would like to invite you and your family to experience the sights, sounds, and tastes that abound on the small farms that surround the Edwardsville area and that supply you with fresh market produce through the summer. Although you may have come to know your local farmer on market Saturdays, during the rest of the week, they are hard at work. On June 22nd, these Goshen vendors would like to invite you to visit their farms. At participating farms, you will learn more about the latest sustainable farming practices, the personal challenges of being a family farmer, and the ecological diversity of our region. Children will love visiting with the farm animals at each location.

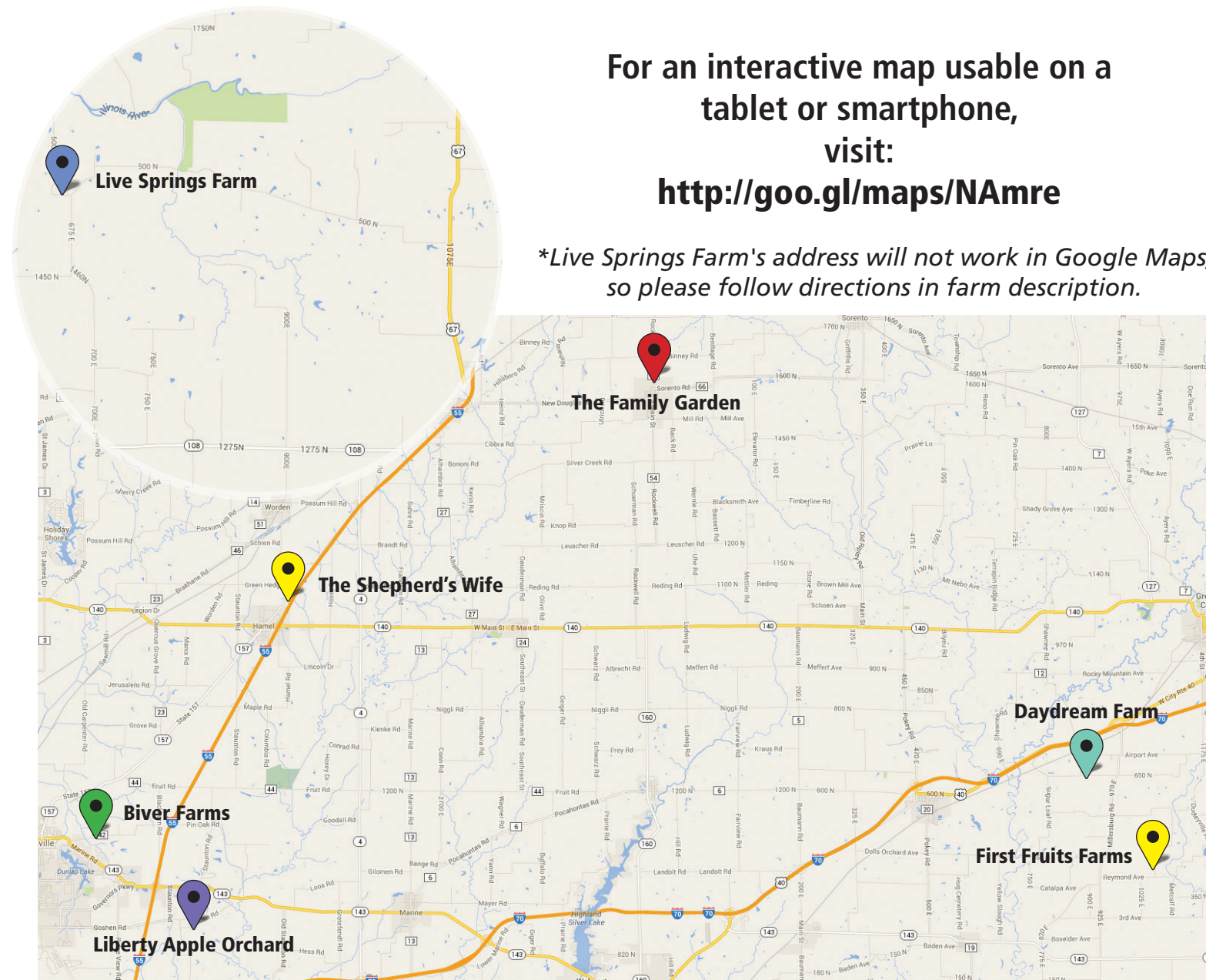
This year we have seven participating farms. In addition to the descriptions in this brochure, now through June 22nd, details about each site will be available on the Goshen Community Market Facebook page. **An interactive, smart-phone capable Google Map can also be accessed at: <http://goo.gl/maps/NAMre>.** We encourage you to browse the brochure, the map, and Facebook to plan a route that interests you. Whichever farms you choose to visit, you will have a unique, inside look at your favorite Land of Goshen Community Market Farms.

How to Know Your Grower

Gather your friends and family, locate farms on the map, and decide which route you'll take. By the time you factor in driving and actually touring the farm, you'll need to budget 1 to 1.5 hours for each stop. Some farms are offering special programs. See our Facebook page for detailed information, and also examine the passport's descriptions. Some farms allow picnicking, so plan your tour in order to end up at one of these locations at lunchtime. We've planned the schedule to tour farms closer to Edwardsville in the morning and those in Greenville in the afternoon. Live Springs Farm has chosen to do a 2 ½ hour tour for which you must RSVP (see farm description for more details).

Make sure that you have the farms you visit stamp your market passport. If you visit any of the farms on the tour, you can show your stamped passport to the attendant at the Land of Goshen Community Market stand the following Saturday to enter your family in a drawing for Market Merchandise.

We will also have a contest for the best picture taken during Know Your Grower Day. Bring your camera, and post your photos to the Land of Goshen Community Market Facebook page. The winner will receive \$20 in Market Money.



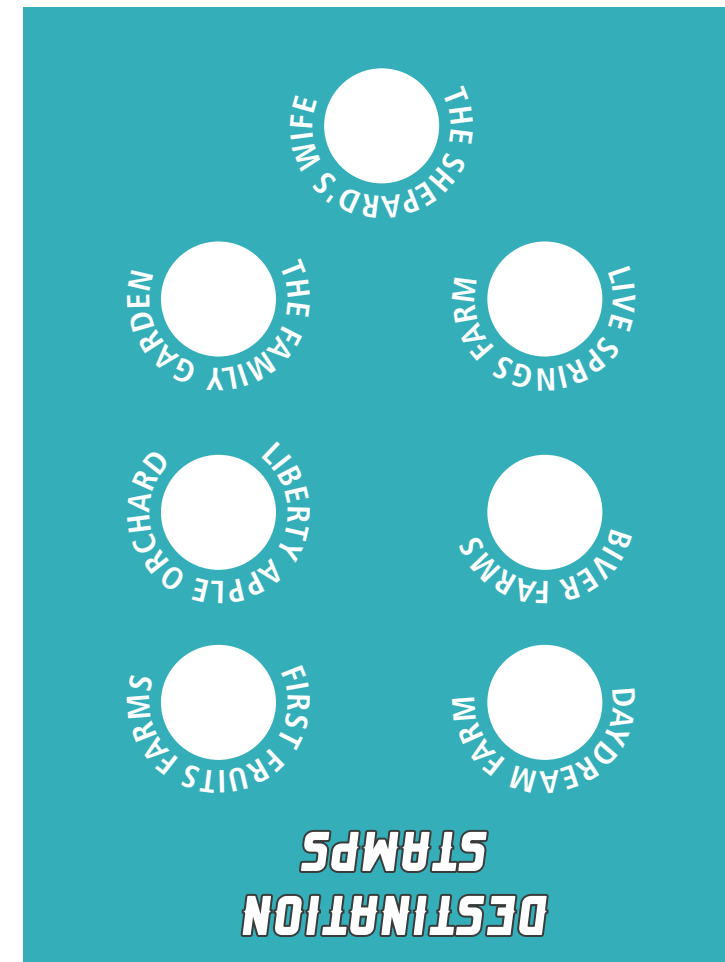
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**Live Springs Farm's address will not work in Google Maps, so please follow directions in farm description.*

TIPS

- The tour will be held rain or shine—dress appropriately for the weather, and we strongly recommend sturdy, closed-toe shoes! Hats and sunscreen are also a good idea.
- Don't wear perfume or heavily scented products on tour day. (The bugs and bees may find you oh so tasty!)
- Bring personal water bottles, and pack a picnic and picnic blanket, if you'd like.
- Please don't bring pets to the farms.
- Take advantage of convenience store restrooms along the way. Most of the farms do not have facilities available.
- Bring a cooler and some cash! Most of the stops offer on-farm sales, and you'll be able to purchase produce, eggs, meat, and other farm products.
- Bring a camera—take pictures and videos, and later share them with our Land of Goshen Community Market Facebook page.
- Each farm lists the hours during which they will be accepting guests; please do not visit outside of these hours.
- Understand that life changes quickly on the farm; the descriptions of produce below will be based on availability.



1) First Fruits Farms     

Ron and Sharon Brinker
422 Olde Cabin Rd.
Greenville, IL 62246
Phone: (618) 664-9547
E-mail: ronbrinker@sbcglobal.net

Open Hours: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Directions: Take Hwy 70 east to Exit 30 for Pieron. Turn right off the exit. Turn left at the stoplight onto highway 143. Go east through two small towns (about 9 miles) until Millersburg Rd. There is an abandoned brick church on top of a hill immediately before Millersburg Rd. Turn left on Millersburg Rd. Take the second right onto Reymond Rd. Turn left on Olde Cabin Rd. First Fruits Farms is the first place on the right with a grey house and a red shed.

Description: First Fruits Farms has been in Sharon Brinker's family for over 50 years. Sharon and her husband Ron have lived on the farm, which consists of 58 acres of woods, pastures, and farm fields, since 1985. The Brinkers grow vegetables all summer long. Ron, Sharon, and their daughters Angela and Alicia were at the first market with lettuce and Sharon's pies. The Brinkers have only missed a handful of market days since then. The girls have grown up coming to market every Saturday to help with the set up and sale of produce. Now, Angela works for the Missouri Botanical Garden and Alicia is earning her Masters and teaching certification in Chemistry. In June, First Fruits Farm will have lettuces, beets, radishes, broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, and onions, as well as pie cherries. The farm also has a dog, a very shy cat, and two laying hens. Special programs will include tours of the garden and a scavenger hunt.

2) Daydream Farm  

826 Cottonwood Ave.
Greenville, IL 62246
Phone: (618) 780-1298

Open Hours: 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

Description: Daydream Farm has a flock of free-range chickens as well as a substantial, naturally grown garden with myriad fruits and vegetable. In mid-June, Bruce will have fresh kale, onions, lettuce, beets, and more. Some early tomatoes will just be ripening around the June tour date. Visit with Bruce to learn more about his sustainable gardening practices and how to care for free-range chickens.

3) The Shepherd's Wife    

6655 W. Frontage Rd.,
Worden, IL 62097
Phone: (618) 447-3276

Open Hours: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Directions: Take 157 to Hamel. Go straight at the 4-way stop onto Frontage Rd. Travel .8 miles. The farm is on the left.

Description: The Riddle Family lives on a bucolic farm in Worden, IL where they raise sheep and goats. Tracy Riddle uses their wool to spin and dye her own yarn and make lotions and soaps. The farm has sheep, border collies, dairy goats, a horse, and chickens. Steve will be sheering sheep throughout the day, and Tracy will have freshly spun yarn and soaps for sale. Travis from Complete Cycle Composting will also have plants and produce for sale.

4) Biver Farms    

7307 Pin Oak Rd
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Open Hours: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Directions: From Edwardsville, take IL-143 E for approximately one mile. Turn left on Pin Oak Rd. Drive a half-mile, and the farm is on the left-hand side. The mailbox says Biver.

Description: Keith Biver is a long-standing vendor at the Land of Goshen Community Market. His farm is certified to sell organic produce of several specialty and organic varieties. Biver's organic vegetable and herb transplants are specially suited to the weather and growing season of this region. During Know Your Grower Day, Biver Farms may have eggs, produce, and vegetable transplants for sale. In addition to farm tours, Biver Farms has horses, a cow, geese, ducks, cats, and dogs.

5) Liberty Apple Orchard   

8308 Kuhn Station Road,
Edwardsville, IL 62025
Phone: (314) 308-4310
Website: <http://libertyappleorchard.com>

Open Hours: 1:00 am-4:30 pm

Directions: From the Meyer YMCA (Edwardsville): Head east on Goshen Road approximately two miles, turn right on Staunton Rd., cross the bike trail, turn left on Kuhn Station Rd. Liberty Apple Orchard is down the road about .25 miles on the right.

From I-55: Take Exit 23, travel east on Route 143 (.25 miles). Turn right on Staunton Rd. At the "T" with Goshen Rd., turn left and then take the first right back onto Staunton Rd. Cross the bike trail, then turn left on Kuhn Station Rd. the Orchard is down the road .25 miles on the right.

Description: Liberty Apple Orchard is a family-owned, u-pick orchard serving communities in the Edwardsville area. Opened in 2013, Liberty Apple Orchard is conveniently located in the Metro East, but situated in a rural setting. The orchard is well mowed, easily accessible, and ideal for photos of your family. The trees are small so even the littlest of hands can reach the fruit. The orchard offers opportunities for field trips, fundraisers for youth and mission groups, and a source of healthy snacks for your fall festival. Although the apples won't be in season during the tour, the orchard is a lovely place for a picnic where you can learn more about growing apple trees, and there may be an ongoing beekeeping demonstration the day of the tour.

6) Live Springs Farm     

Rural Route 3 Box 167
Carrollton, IL 62016
Phone: (217) 942-5060
Website: <http://www.livespringsfarm.com>

Open Hours: Guided tour at 1:00 pm (see information to RSVP below)

Directions: From Carrollton, IL, go west on 108, 4.1 miles to 700E; turn right from 108 onto 700E; go 2 miles and bear right at the fork; go one more mile and turn left at the fork; one more mile and the farm will be on the right. Pull up to the gravel drive by the white farmhouse.

Description: Live Springs Farm is a diversified biodynamic farm outside Carrollton, IL. The 610 acre farm was started in 2009 as a partnership between couple Alex Weber and Bobbi Sandwisch with a slow money investor. The farm is focused on soil health and producing highly nutritious food. Live Springs Farm specializes in biodynamic and organic farming practices in combination with holistically planned, intensive rotational grazing. The day of the tour, Live Springs Farm will have pasture/woodland raised pork and pasture raised chicken and eggs for sale. **Because of the vastness of the farm, Live Springs is offering one 2 ½ hour guided tour for visitors that will leave at 1:00 pm. Please RSVP to customerservice@livespringsfarm.com by June 19, 2014 if you plan to attend.** On the tour, visitors will see pigs in the woods, cows managed on holistically planned grazing, and chickens on pasture.

7) The Family Garden    

706 N. Main St.
New Douglas, IL 62074
Phone: (217) 456-1267


Open Hours: 1:00 am-4:30 pm

Directions: Head North on Interstate 55. Take exit 37 for New Douglas. Head East on New Douglas Rd for approximately 5 miles. At the stop sign, turn left onto N. Main Street. Go approximately .5 miles. The Family Garden is on the right. There is a two-story grey house with a wraparound porch and a picket fence.

Description: The Family Garden started as a small part of the Mills's family owned farm, operating in Du Quoin, Illinois. In 2010, the family purchased a small 100 year old farm in New Douglas to grow fruits and vegetables. The Family Garden is family owned and operated. They grow and harvest their produce by hand, prepare it, and bring it to market. The Mills started The Family Garden because they have always treasured the luxury of going out to the garden for that just-picked lettuce, tomato, or corn-on-the-cob. The Mills have realized that not everyone is able to have their own garden, and they would love for you to take this special opportunity to come out to the farm at The Family Garden. They may have blueberries, pie cherries, onions, peas, green beans, and lettuce for sale. The family also has ducks, horses, cats, dogs, and a rabbit. The tour may include beekeeping demonstrations, vegetable picking, and a guided tour of portable laying chicken houses.

 Kid-Friendly

 Farm Sales

 Special Programs

 Picnic Area

 Farm Animals

 Restrooms