

Agritourism Tour



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NOTE: you must be pre-registered for the tour. Due to space limitations, you must be pre-registered for the tour. Attendees cannot join the tour group the day of. Thank you for understanding.

This tour will highlight a variety of agritourism opportunities in Indiana. The intent is to allow participants to hear directly from the farmers about how and why they decided to open up their operations to the public. We will be visiting three very different locations, a bee keeping operation, a vegetable farm and a vineyard. Lunch will be enjoyed in some of the event space at the winery. Our goal is for participants to go away with a greater appreciation for agritourism, a better understanding of the legal liability when engaging in such activities and maybe even some ideas to take back to their own operations!

We will be joined by Mr. Rusty Rumley, a senior staff attorney at the National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas, where he has been practicing and teaching for 11 years. Rusty specializes in land owner liability, which includes agri-tourism ventures. He has presented many times to the North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association. Rusty will accompany the tour and give a formal presentation at Mallow Run.

Registration cost includes transportation between locations and lunch. The tour will depart from the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, where the Indiana Small Farm Conference is being held.

Participating Locations: (actual order of stops is still being finalized)

Hunter's Honey Farm, 6501 W Honey Ln, Martinsville, IN 46151
www.huntershoneyfarm.com

Hunter's Honey Farm is a family operation that has been keeping bees in Indiana for over 108 years. Ross Hunter is the 5th generation and is currently teaching beekeeping in Guinea, Africa with the Peace Corps.

The farm is currently managing 800 hives and produces honey, pollen, wax, propolis, and bees, along with pollinating apples and watermelons in Indiana and almonds in California. Bees spend their winters in Florida where the warm weather allows Hunter's Honey Farm to build the bees stronger.



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Hunter's enjoys using the products of the hive to make value added products such as Honey Barbecue Sauce, Honey Ice Cream, Honey Jalapeno Relish, Beeswax Deodorant, and more. The Hunter family's favorite part of the honey farm is agritourism - sharing the honey farm with the public, teaching the consumer where their honey comes from and how it gets from the hive to the jar. Thousands of visitors tour the honey farm each year to watch the family extract and bottle honey, dip beeswax candles and for the very brave, visit and open a live beehive to find the queen. Guests can also make their own beeswax candle and bottle their own honey bear with their name on it to take home.

Chandler's Farm and Country Market, 2849 S 825 E Fillmore, IN 46128

www.chandlersfarmmarket.com

One of the best ways to describe Chandler's Farm is as a friendly, homegrown family farm. In 1975, Jerry and Vyanne Chandler bought a grain farm in Fillmore, Indiana and converted it into an orchard. The farm had a very meager start with the first 230 trees grafted by hand in 1975 and then planted in the orchard in 1976 with some basic farm equipment. After over 37 years of hard work and the help of parents Elmer and Marguerite, and oldest son Matt and his wife Lisa, Jerry turned this family owned and operated orchard into what it is now: 52 acres of land, 17 of which are dedicated entirely to apples. At one time, the orchard was home to over 250 varieties of apples. The orchard has a beautiful country store located on US 40 run by Jerry's sister, and a second farm owned by Matt Chandler, about six miles down the road. Matt, his wife Lisa, and children Elijah, Cort, and Noelle, are proud to spend their time helping out on the farm our family proudly built.

The highlight of the family farm is their apples. Matt, his father Jerry, and Grandfather Elmer are three generations of men with experience growing apples. The farm not only raises and sells apples, but also offers raspberries, pears, tomatoes, sweet corn, honey, and other locally grown produce.

One of the highlights is the unique horse-drawn and tractor-drawn wagon rides. The hayrides feature Percheron draft horses, known for their size and beauty. Hayrides start in September and give participants a unique look at the orchard grounds and provide a trip to the pumpkin patch or to U-pick apples. They also offer other fun seasonal features like pumpkin picking, bonfires, and straw mazes.

Chandler Farms prides themselves on being family-oriented and knowledgeable about what they do.



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Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd, Bargersville, IN 46106

www.mallowrun.com

Mallow Run Winery & Vineyards began as a vineyard with the intention to grow grapes and sell to other wineries and winemakers in the state. At that time, wineries were slowly beginning to open around the state, and the owners, having recently moved back to the family farm, saw an opportunity. The first vines were planted in 2000, but it soon became apparent that there was more opportunity and potential than just growing grapes. With a talent for wine-making and a vision for becoming a community place for events and bringing people together, the tasting room was opened in 2005.

The tour will highlight the agricultural side of Mallow Run - the 12 acres of vineyard that makes up a small part of the family's 200 acre farm - as well as the business that has grown alongside those grapes. The tour will include the historic tasting room in a restored 19th century barn, as well as our production building where the wine is made, bottled and stored.

If you have questions regarding the tour, please contact Laura Ingwell (lingwell@purdue.edu) or (765)-494-6167.