

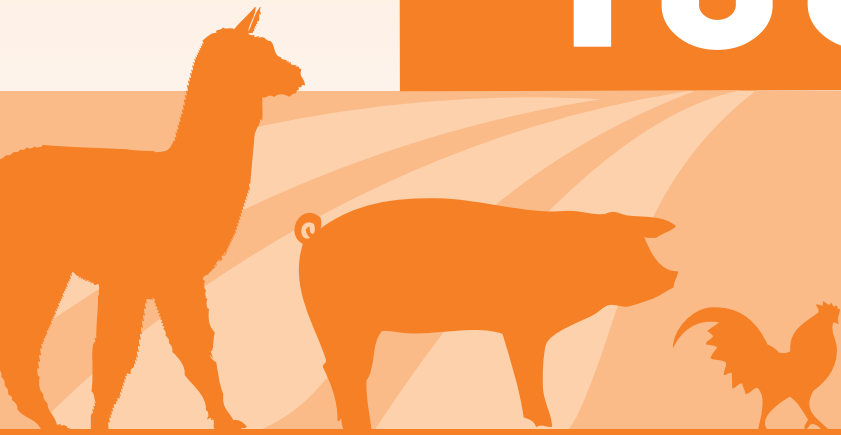
Fall 2014
Guide & Maps
13 Area Farms

7th
TOUR



Charlotte Area

Know Your Farms TOUR



September 27-28, 2014 • Sat/Sun 12-6pm



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Know Your Farms^{LLC}

Spring 2015 Tour
details coming soon!

knowyourfarmstour.com

LET'S GET STARTED!

HOW IT WORKS...

The Charlotte Area **Know Your Farms Tour** is self-guided, with farms located in clusters all around the Charlotte region for easy touring. To take the tour:



Get Ready

- **Vehicle passes are \$30 per vehicle, or \$25 when you buy in advance**, so fill your car with friends & family!
- *We are proud to offer free tour access for any retired or current military with ID.*
- Passes are available online and at various locations; visit knowyourfarmstour.com/tickets for details.

Get Set

- You may only be able to visit 3-5 farms per day. Allow 1-2 hrs per farm, depending on travel time.
- Farms have been clustered together to help you make the most of your day. Read the farm descriptions; think about picking a farm that appeals to you and planning stops nearby.
- **See back cover for our Special Interest Groupings** (organic, vegan, family-friendly, etc)
- GPS can be inaccurate in rural areas. We have included directions here and placed signs at each farm and key intersections to help you find your way. To get more detailed directions, use our Google Map at knowyourfarmstour.com/route

GO!

- Almost every farm will be offering their products for sale, so be sure to pack a cooler with ice and bring the checkbook.
- Many farms have kid-friendly activities, so don't hesitate to bring the little ones (but leave your four-legged children at home!)

CHECKLIST

Don't Forget!



- Cooler
- Brochure & Map
- Cash or checks
- Camera
- Fill the Tank!
- Raincoat
- Close-toed shoes
- Sunscreen
- Water



Restroom facilities will be provided at:

- **Good Karma Ranch**
- **Thomas Bee Farm**
- **Shady Oaks Farm**
- **Clearview Farms**

2014 Fall Tour Hours:
12-6pm *(unless otherwise stated)*

Saturday Tour:
Farms #1-6

Sunday Tour:
Farms #7-13

RULES

(Yep, gotta have 'em!)

For a Great Tour Experience...

We're actually a pretty easy-going group. But when it comes to touring working farms, there are a few things you might not know. Here are some important reminders to ensure a safe & fun event.

NO PETS (...including monkeys!)

Outside animals can be a hazard to livestock and pose food safety threats to produce growers.

WATCH 'YER STEP (& 'yer children!)

Remember these are working farms, with potentially harmful equipment, electric fences, etc. While our farmers do their best to keep guests safe, it is up to you to ensure your own safety.

WASH 'YER HANDS (& 'yer feet!)

Take time to wash your hands after petting an animal. We will provide hand sanitizer at every farm if washing facilities are not available.

You may also be asked to disinfect your shoes in a harmless vinegar solution in order to prevent farm-to-farm transmission of germs that might infect livestock.

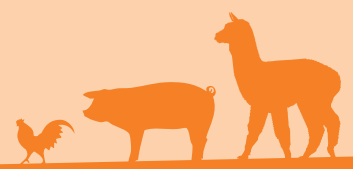
RESPECT THE FARMERS (& *their homes!*)

Observe the hours of the tour, as farmers have chores and other work that they must do outside the tour. Please do not enter private homes unless given express permission by the owner.

Remember that farmers understand the dangers of a working farm better than anyone else. Please do not wander about unless you have explicit permission to do so.

– Thanks y'all!

FALL TOUR FARMS



..... SATURDAY

1 Allee'Bubba Farms

[Facebook.com/allee.bubba](https://www.facebook.com/allee.bubba)

Bo & Wendy Sellers

3600 Wendy Ln. Concord, NC 28027

From Hwy 29 N – right Roberta Church Rd 1.7 mi; right Roberta Rd 0.8 mi; left Brookville Ave SW 0.1 mi. | From Hwy 49 N – left Stough Rd 1.8 mi; left Roberta Rd 0.7 mi; left Brookville Ave SW 0.1 mi; Cont. Wendy Ln.

Certified Organic Farm with produce, fruit, honeybees, worms, horses, endangered heritage chickens, ducks and geese located on our family's NC Century Farm. We will have meat, eggs, produce, pears and ice cream (we saved some of our organic strawberries from earlier this year), all raised on our farm and in our NC Sustainable Poultry Network.

Products: Fresh worm castings, worm casting extracts, meat, eggs, produce, heirloom pears (weather permitting), fresh churned ice cream and food samples.

Activities: Sample cooked products, horse shoe painting, feed chickens and ducks, ride horse (horse will be led on a rope) (all \$), milk our wood cow. See our worms and worm harvest and poultry brood house with youngest birds. We hope to have a honeybee observation hive on display too.

2 Thomas Bee Farm

[thomasbeefarm.com](https://www.thomasbeefarm.com)



Jason & Angela Thomas

1820 Azalea Ave. Concord, NC 28025

I-85 to Kannapolis Parkway. North on Kannapolis Parkway, then right onto Rogers Lake Rd. Right onto Oakwood Ave, then left onto Azalea Ave. Last drive way, at the end of Azalea. Note: House # are not in order on Azalea.

We are a small beekeeping family farm, in Cabarrus County. We are currently producing a few hundred pounds of Certified North Carolina honey each year. For those looking for local honey, our hives are all located with in Cabarrus County.

Products: Local honey

Activities: Observation hive and bee equipment show-n-tell.

3 Apple Orchard Farm

[appleorchardfarmnc.com](https://www.appleorchardfarmnc.com)

Art Duckworth

640 Mariposa Rd. Stanley, NC 28164

1.5 mi off Highway 27 coming in from Stanley or 1.5 mi off Hwy 16 at Lowesville, turn on Plank Road and then 4 mi to the farm - look for the windmill.

AOF is a working small farm and considered a model small farm. They are educators and mentors for other individuals who want to farm. AOF uses environmentally safe growing practices and has a long-term strategy to be totally self-sustaining including the use of solar energy and wind power. AOF raises Black Angus cattle and heritage breed hogs along with heirloom garden plants. AOF is a NC Certified Meat Handler, NC Certified Bee Keeper and is a NC Certified Roadside Farm Market. Their primary products are their all natural meats and honey. All tours are hosted and led by Farmer Art and generally take about 45 minutes to an hour. Free roaming of the farm is not allowed. We try to start group tours every hour on the hour. It is suggested that visitors try to time their arrival to coincide with the top of each hour, e.g., 12, 1, 2, 3, etc..

Products: Ground beef, steaks, roasts, sausage, pork chops, BBQ ribs, and more.

Eats: Honey sampling available.

Activities: See and feed farm animals including cows, pigs, chickens and horses. Tour also includes a teaching session about the importance of honey bees and pollination. Children will also get a free honey sample.

4 Good Karma Ranch Alpacas

[GoodKarmaRanch.com](https://www.GoodKarmaRanch.com)

Mike & Shelly Walsh

1041 Brevard Place Rd.
Iron Station, NC 28080



From Hwy 73 going west: turn onto Tucker's Grove Church Rd. At stop sign stay straight. That becomes Brevard Place rd. Go 1.5 miles; farm on the left.

From Hwy 27 going west: turn right onto Long Circle. Turn right on to Brevard Place Rd. Go about 1.5 miles; farm on the right.

Good Karma Ranch is a working alpaca farm. We raise alpacas to use their luxurious fiber to make garments, socks, throw blankets, ornaments and much more.

Products: Alpaca fiber apparel (socks, hats, mittens, sweaters, coats, sock monkeys, etc.), alpaca compost.

Activities: We will do our best to allow children to touch alpacas throughout the day. There will be coloring pages and verbal education about the process of raising alpacas.

5 Ellis Farms

[Ellisfarms.org](https://www.Ellisfarms.org)

Rick & Audra Ellis

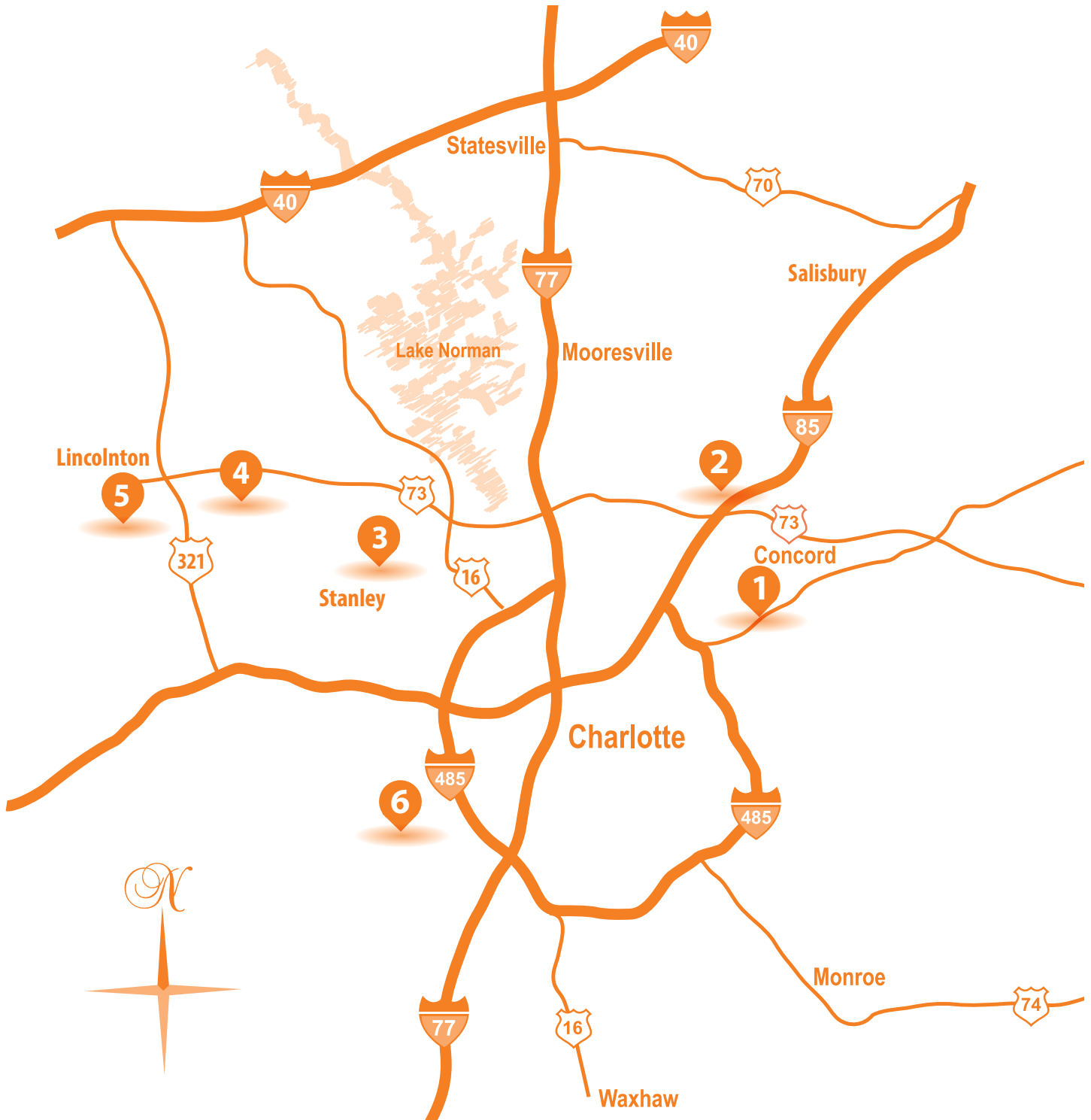
1206 Confederate Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

From Charlotte/Gastonia: I-85 S to exit 17 for US-321 N, 0.2 mi Turn left onto US-321 N/N Chester St, Continue to follow US-321 N for 9.0 mi. Take exit 20 to High Shoals/Lincolnton. Turn left onto US-321 BUS N. Go 3.5 mi, Turn left onto the N Carolina 150 E ramp to N Carolina 27 W/Shelby. Merge onto NC-150 W. Go 1.4 mi and turn left onto Confederate Rd.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 (Farms #1-6)

- | | |
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| 1 Allee' Bubba Farms | 4 Good Karma Ranch Alpacas  |
| 2 Thomas Bee Farm  | 5 Ellis Farms |
| 3 Apple Orchard Farm | 6 Wish We Had Acres |

TIP: For detailed directions and distances, use our Google Map at knowyourfarmstour.com/route



**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 28**
(Farms #7-13)

7 Birdbrain Ostrich Ranch

8 Shady Oaks Farms 

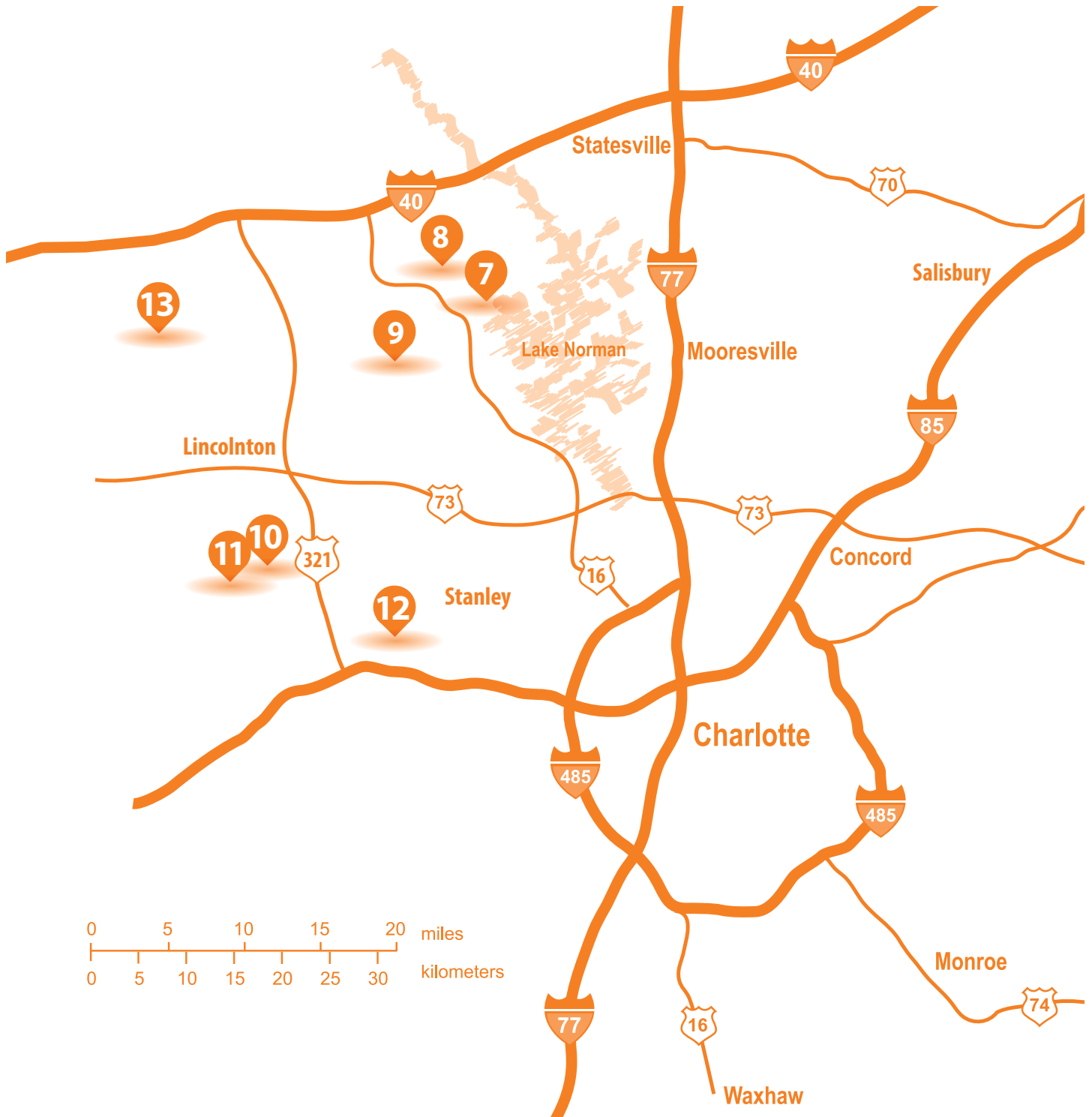
9 Devine Farms

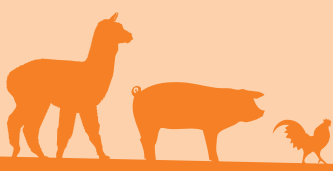
10 Clearview Farms 

11 Bader Hill Farm

12 Lineberger's Maple Springs Farm

13 Windy Wool Windings Farm





FALL TOUR FARMS

Destination will be on the right. Look for Farm Tour Parking sign at 1182 Confederate Road.

Ellis Farms is a small, family owned "farmette" located in Lincoln County where we raise chickens, dairy goats, pigs, seasonal produce, and sorghum. What began as "Let's get some chickens" has slowly evolved into a love of all things dealing with living off the land. We have fun learning, experiencing, creating, and spending time together as a family.

Products: Fall Produce- Lettuces, Kale, Cabbage, Broccoli, Fresh Eggs, etc. Ellis Farms molasses will be available for sale. Our molasses is made using traditional methods passed down over 75 years.

Activities: Visit with Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats. Milking demonstration. See different varieties of chickens and eggs. Molasses making demonstration.

6 Wish We Had Acres wishwehadacres.com

Dr. Dave Hamilton and Laura Denyes
10715 Shopton Rd. W
Charlotte, NC 28278

Main crossroads are Shopton Rd W / Westinghouse Rd. Coming from 485 take exit 4 and head south on Rt 160 take a right onto Shopton Rd W and the house is approx. 1.5 miles down the road and is the white farm house with a red out building on the left.

Wish We Had Acres is a small dairy goat farm with an emphasis on Food as Medicine. Come tour one of the last standing original farms in Charlotte Mecklenburg County. Enjoy the shade of old growth pecan and pear trees, stroll the medicinal and edible gardens, pet a goat, enjoy herbal teas wild crafted from the farm, and a variety of toxic free, locally made, hand crafted, all natural and goat milk products. Meet the goats behind the soap at Atherton Farmers Market!

Products: Our hand made goat milk soap, non-toxic natural bug spray, natural non-toxic deodorant, herbal tinctures, herbal salves, and lip balm.

Activities: Milking demo with glove ballon. Photo booth with the goats. Bobbing for pears/apples. Farm themed face painting. Feed the goats (\$)

Eats: Herbal Tea Blends (which dry herb for brewing at home will be for sale), Smoked spear/wild caught fish, Cowpea Chili grown on the farm. (\$)

We offer u-pick blueberries as well as fruit and vegetable crops, free-range eggs and honey. We do tours of the honey production house and the farm in general.

Products: Frozen blueberries, honey, free-range eggs, vegetables, squash.

Activities: We will have a bluegrass band and a gourmet cooking demonstrating among other things.

Eats: Baked goods (\$).

..... SUNDAY

7 Birdbrain Ostrich Ranch Birdbrainranch.com

Pat Roberts & Mike Todd
6691 Little Mountain Rd.
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

77N to exit 36. Hwy 150W to Little Mountain Rd (aprx. 9.5mi) Turn right onto Little Mtn. Rd. Go thru stop sign. We are about 3/4 mile on left.

Come visit our dinosaurs! Something for all ages! Feed the ostrich their dinosaur food! Learn more about an ostrich than you ever thought possible!

Products: Ostrich meat, eggs, shells, soap, dog bones.

Activities: Kids can paint a piece of an ostrich eggshell (\$). Hang it on a wall or wear it as a necklace.

Eats: Samples.

8 Shady Oaks Farms Discovershadyoaksfarm.com

Tim Roberts
3487 Yount Rd. Newton, NC 28658

From NC16 and NC150 in Denver take NC16 BUS N 1.5mi; right NC16 N 4.4mi; right Caldwell Rd 0.7mi; left Little Mtn Rd 0.3mi; right Balls Creek Rd 0.4mi; left Mt Olive Church Rd 1.3mi; right Yount Rd 0.2 mi.

9 Devine Farms

Joe & Susie Devine
2675 St. James Church Rd.,
Newton NC 28658

From Hwy. 16 N turn left onto St. James Ch. Rd. approx. 3 mi on left; Business 321 N turn right onto Prison Camp Rd. turn right onto St. James Ch. Rd., approx. 1/2 mile on right.

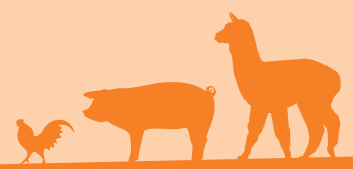
Devine Farms is a 133 acre family owned and operated farm in Catawba County. We own and operate a 6 house modern poultry facility, along with raising cattle, sheep, goats, produce, corn & several acres for pumpkins. We also open part of the farm as an educational farm where folks get a better understanding of how everything revolves around & starts with agriculture. Our hopes are that when you leave you feel like you've gained a better understanding of all forms of agriculture, how it effects your everyday life and have a greater appreciation for the American Farmer

Products: Local produce, pumpkins, Indian Corn, corn stalks and other fall decorating items.

Activities: Farm animals & scavenger hunt through the educational barn, wagon ride through pumpkin field, play on the farm play yard, pumpkin life cycle activity. Corn maze (\$).

Eats: Pre-packaged snacks & drinks (\$).

FALL TOUR FARMS



10 Clearview Farms

myclearviewfarms.com

Duane & Cindy Digh

605 Lynch Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092



From Charlotte area via I-85: take Dallas, 321-N exit, turn left; take High Shoals exit and turn left onto Gastonia Hwy. Turn left onto Long Shoals Rd. Then left onto Lynch Rd (if you reach Rash Rd you have just missed Lynch Rd). Farm is on the left-hand side of Lynch Rd.

We are a small family owned and operated farm. We do not use antibiotics or hormones or preservatives in our animals. Our animals live as stress-free of a life as we possibly can provide. Our egg laying chickens roam freely during the day and settle in for the night on their roost. We close the door to this area for predator protection. We use segmented pastures to rotate our animals as much as possible to prevent parasitic diseases.

Products: Chicken, pork products, lamb products, cheese products, eggs, rabbits, and beef.

Activities: Children can see the chickens, sheep, turkeys, and pigs.

Eats: Free samples and food (\$).

11 Bader Hill Farm

[Facebook.com/baderhillfarm](https://www.facebook.com/baderhillfarm)

Itzik & Teisha Bader

507 Landers Chapel Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Traveling West on High Shoals Rd toward Strawberry CT 2.8 mi; turn left onto Long Shoals Rd 0.7 mi; turn right onto Landers Chapel Rd 1.2 mi; Farm is on your left. Coming from US-321 Bus S/Gastonia Hwy: turn right on Long Shoals 1.9 mi; turn right onto Gaston Webbs Chapel Rd 1.8 miles; turn left onto Landers Chapel Rd 0.8 mi; farm will be on your right.

We are a family owned and operated 18 acre farm, raising chickens, ducks and quail for their eggs. Our chickens free range on over 10 acres of wooded area and pasture. Our ducks have a large pond and plenty of space to roam. We believe that happy birds = yummy eggs and we try and provide the most natural and peaceful environment for all of our animals. We also have 4 pet goats and 2 donkeys, a dog and a cat... and everyone gets along :) We look forward to your visit!

Products: Fresh chicken, duck and quail eggs.

Activities: Children are free to visit and pet all of our animals - our donkeys and goats are very friendly. If there are eggs to be collected they might help with that.

12 Lineberger's Maple Springs Farm

Harold, Patsy & Ethan Lineberger

3906 Dallas-Stanley Hwy
Dallas, NC 28034

Take I-85 S to exit 20 for New Hope Road. Turn right on NC 279W/New Hope Rd for 4 mi. Turn right onto NC-275 E.

We are a local family-owned farm committed to growing high-quality produce while keeping prices affordable. We grow strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, plums, nectarines, pumpkins, vegetables, melons, muscadines, and greens. We use Integrated Pest Management and the latest technologies to ensure our farm is an environmentally-friendly as possible. With our grandson, Ethan, training to take over the business, we are looking forward to providing fresh local food to Gaston County for many years to come.

Products: Carving and cooking pumpkins, decorative gourds, muscadines, prize-winner pumpkins.

Activities: Hay rides, farm-themed playgrounds including swings, slides, and sand pits, educational exhibits about farming, picnic shelters.

Eats: Cider, slushies, cakes, jams, jellies, salsas, candies (\$).

13 Windy Wool Windings Farm

Susan, Junior & Van Proctor

5247 Plateau Road, Vale, NC 28168

From Hwy 10 at Propst Crossroads turn onto Plateau Road. Go 5 miles, the farm is on the left. Propst Crossroads is identified with an Exxon fuel station, Lutz Farm and Garden, and a Medical practice immediately at the crossroads traffic light.

The Proctor family farm has been in the Proctor family for 95 years. The farm has specialized in high quality Holstein Dairy cows for over 30 years. There is a working dairy on the farm as well as 8 commercial chicken houses, sheep raised for both meat and fine wools, as well as feed crops of corn, wheat, soybeans, oats, alfalfa hay and grass hay. We also have a flock of Montadale and Romeldale sheep which are grazed on the solar farms of Apple, Inc to cut down on the amount of fuel exhaust produced by lawn mowers. The sheep are brought home for lambing then returned to the solar fields.

Products: Frozen lamb and mutton. Some raw wool fleeces, some yarns.

Activities: Farmer guided educational tours and close animal viewing.

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“SPECIAL INTEREST” FARMING*

Quick Reference Guide

For additional details, please visit:
knowyourfarmstour.com/route/suggested-routes/

*Based on information from farms; subject to change without notice.

	SATURDAY TOUR	SUNDAY TOUR
Vegan <i>No animal products on farm.</i>		Lineberger’s Maple Springs Farm: Fruits, vegetables, greens
Vegetarian <i>Farm does not harm animals, but animal products may be available or sold.</i>	Thomas Bee Farm: Honey Good Karma Ranch Alpacas: Wool Wish We Had Acres: Milk, soap	
Family Activities <i>Farm offers special activities for children and families.</i>	Allee’Bubba Farms: Horseshoe painting, feeding chickens & ducks, horseback ride, “cow” milking Good Karma Ranch Alpacas: Petting, coloring, education Ellis Farm: Milking demonstration, molasses making demonstration Apple Orchard Farm: Honey sampling, feed animals Wish We Had Acres: Milking demonstration, photos with goats, bobbing for pears/apples, face painting, feeding goats	Bader Hill Farm: Petting donkeys and goats, hunting for eggs Lineberger’s Maple Springs Farm: Hay rides, farm-themed playground, educational exhibits, picnic shelters Birdbrain Ostrich Ranch: Feeding, painting Shady Oaks Farms: Bluegrass band, gourmet cooking demonstration Devine Farms: Scavenger hunt, wagon ride through pumpkin field, play yard, corn maze
Special Interest <i>Farm uses organic or environmentally-friendly methods, or has heritage/ heirloom products.</i>	Allee’Bubba Farms: Certified organic, endangered heritage chickens Apple Orchard Farm: Environmentally safe, solar/wind power, heritage hogs, heirloom plants	Clearview Farms: Antibiotic and hormone-free, free-range eggs Bader Hill Farm: Free-range eggs Lineberger’s Maple Springs Farm: Integrated pest management Shady Oaks Farms: Free-range eggs
Prepared Foods <i>Farm will have prepared food available for purchase and on-site consumption.</i>	Allee’Bubba Farms: Cooked farm products, fresh-churned ice cream Wish We Had Acres: Herbal tea, wild-caught fish, chili	Shady Oaks Farms: Baked goods Devine Farms: Packaged snacks and drinks

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