

Volusia County Farm Tour

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Volusia County Farm Bureau

Celebrating our nation's agricultural industry, the week before Thanksgiving is designated national Farm-City Week. In Volusia County, we conclude the week with a Farm Tour, an annual tradition since 1981.

The tour showcases various agricultural businesses, products and activities throughout the county. This is the one day a year local growers open their doors to the public for an up close look at how agricultural operations work. This is a self-guided driving tour so participants can pick and choose the operations they want to see, which are only available at specific times.

According to a 2008 impact study, this county's agricultural industry has a \$781 million annual economic impact and generates more than 8,300 jobs. There are about 1,114 farms covering 242,218 acres producing citrus, vegetables, cattle, timber, sod, fish, honey and horticultural plants.

We look forward to you joining us and continuing this educational, informative and fun tradition.

Mark your calendars for the **Friday before Thanksgiving** every year!



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If you would like to be on the Farm Tour, please fill out an application and return it to the above address no later than September 30TH of this year.



Volusia County Farm Tour APPLICATION



If you have an agricultural business and would like to share your knowledge and experience with the general public, please complete this form and return it to the below address no later than September 30TH of this year.

Farm Tour is attended by folks of all ages and usually draws a big crowd. Families pack into the van, friends carpool and some groups even rent busses. You can expect 30 to 60 vehicles to converge on your property all at once. Parking is one of our biggest issues, so please be sure you can accommodate the guests safely.

The tour runs all day with about 10 to 14 different stops all over the county. However, we only ask you to open up your operation for a designated time frame. Your tour would be about an hour which should be the only time attendees will be stopping by. During that time, you will be introduced by an UF/IFAS, Volusia County staff member and given a portable microphone, if necessary. You can then tell the visitors about your operation, give a tour of the highlights, let them sample or purchase your products and answer questions.

Please fill out the following so we have the information we need:

Name _____

Company _____ e-mail _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

_____ web site _____

What is the best time for you? AM PM

Basic directions on how to get there from a main highway or street:

Short paragraph of what of what people will see and learn about your operation during their visit:
(it may include some history, interesting facts, and products produced)

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