



# 2014 Lorain County Farm Tour

Sponsored by  
Lorain County Farm Bureau

**Saturday**  
**September 27, 2014**  
**12:00 – 5:00 PM**

Come and enjoy the value-added agriculture that  
Lorain County has to offer!

## How to get around?

The map on the back of this brochure shows a route for the drive-it-yourself tour. (The tour will be marked with signs starting at Stop 1.) You may create your own route or start anywhere on the tour you wish.

Inside this brochure is a description of each of the 5 stops featured on this year's farm tour.

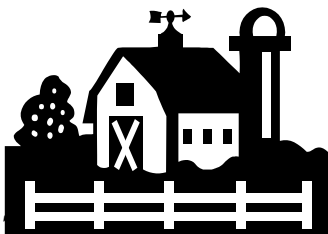
## Parking

Please observe any parking instructions at our hosts' farms/businesses. We are their guests – they are participating as volunteers.

## Door Prizes

- ◆ 4 Door Prizes for Adults
- ◆ 2 Door Prizes for Children ages 11-17
- ◆ 2 Door Prizes for Children ages 0-10
- ◆ To qualify for door prizes - Pick up a door prize card at the 1st stop you visit and have it stamped at all five stops. Please put your card, complete with name, address, and phone number, in one of the door prize boxes provided. The winners will be drawn and notified approximately 1 week after the tour

*Each stop is looking forward to having you as their guest and having the opportunity to share with you their role in Lorain County agriculture.*



*Enjoy the country view and  
beautiful agriculture showcase  
in northeast Lorain County.*



## **Stop 1 – Klingshirn Winery Inc.**

***33050 Webber Rd Avon Lake, OH***



Albert & Theresa Klingshirn (1<sup>st</sup> generation) moved to this 55 acre farm in 1922, which at that time included 8 acres of Concord grapes, that are still there today. In 1935, Albert established the winery to preserve a bumper grape crop. From the 1950's until the mid 80's, Allan & Barbara grew the winery business and gradually eliminated the livestock and grain production of the farm.



In 1985, Lee graduated from OSU with a B.S. in viticulture and enology. The vineyards were expanded to 20 acres to establish more wine grape varieties. Today, Lee and Nancy continue the winery operation and are diversifying to increase the potential of the farm. 2 pilot hoop houses have been erected and a variety of fruits and vegetables are being tested. They have also planted a selection of hops and garlic varieties to study their growing capabilities.

## **Stop 2 – Windy Ridge Farms**

***3442 Stoney Ridge Rd. Avon, OH***



Windy Ridge Farms is owned by Billy & Abby Hricovec. They have four children, Will -8, Maggie -6, Ben -4 and R.J. -2. Their farm is in the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of their family. The Rink family farmed the land since 1859! It was a working farm until 1959, when Tom & Mary (Rink) Hricovec built Tom's Country Place. Tom's Country Place is a catering and banquet facility on part of the farm land. It is now a hobby

farm with the current barn being built in 1938. The Hricovec's now specialize in producing market lamb, alfalfa and fresh produce. They use these items at Tom's Country Place.

Friends of Lorain County Jr. Fair will have a booth set-up at this stop and will be selling tickets for the raffle of a Farmall H tractor (\$10 per ticket).

## **Stop 3 – Trillium Farms**

***4431 Stoney Ridge Rd. Avon, OH***



Trillium Farms has been a family farm since the 1920's. Trillium Farms was named after the state's wildflower which grows in the woods of the farm. The farm is owned by Tom and Melanie Hricovec, who have 3 daughters; Megan, Macie & Mallory. The farm's commodities include hay, maple syrup and freezer beef. There is also a collection of antique case tractors and farm equipment. The farm has a

team of Belgian horses, along with some chickens and rabbits. The pond on site is newly constructed. Maple syrup will be available for purchase on the day of the fall farm tour.

Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District will have an informational table set up at this stop.





**Stop 4 – Willoway Nurseries Inc.**  
**4534 Center Rd (Route 83)**  
**Avon, OH**



Willoway Nurseries Inc. is family owned and been operating for 60 years. They are a wholesale grower specializing in sales to independent garden centers, landscapers and wholesalers throughout the Midwest, Plains and Eastern regions of the country. The centralized location in Avon, Ohio allows them to ship "Just in Time" fresh inventory to 27 states. Willoway prides themselves on providing quality products and services. The diverse inventory includes over 2,300 varieties of plant material. Willoway is part of Ohio's agriculture industry which is ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

Ag Credit Country Mortgages will have a booth set up at this stop.

**Stop 5 – Fitch's Farm Market**  
**4413 Center Rd (Route 83) Avon, OH**



Fitch's Farm Market is in its seventh generation of operation. Four generations can be seen working at any given time; Robert, who is 91, transplanting to the great grandchildren harvesting tomatoes. Fitch's Farm Market is known for growing fruits and vegetables from A-Z (Asparagus to Zucchini). All items are grown and harvested on their 40+ acre farm and sold in the market. They also offer a wide variety of Pick Your Own. In early summer, you can pick your own strawberries and peas. The season wraps up in early fall by picking your own tomatoes, peppers, beans and pumpkins. The market is open Monday - Friday 9-7, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-5.

Visit their website: [fitchsfarmmarket.com](http://fitchsfarmmarket.com). Also follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

Farm Credit Mid-America will have a booth set up at this stop.

***A poster of the door prizes available will be posted at all of the stops.***  
***Lorain County Farm Bureau is a member-based organization - Learn how you can become a member today! Farm Bureau volunteers will be at every stop to talk with you about current agricultural issues and Farm Bureau membership. You may also visit also visit us at [www.northcoastfarmbureau.org](http://www.northcoastfarmbureau.org) or call the office at 866-859-2415 or 440-877-0706.***

# DRIVING DIRECTIONS

**STOP 1**  
Klingshirn Winery  
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Located on Webber Rd East of Route 83 in Avon Lake

**Stop 2 – Windy Ridge Farms, 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon**  
Located on Stoney Ridge Rd south of Detroit Rd. on west side of the road

**\*\*Please access the farm from Tom's Country Place's parking lot.\*\***

**Stop 3 – Trillium Farms, 4431 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon**  
Located Southwest on Stoney Ridge Rd.

**STOP 2**  
Windy Ridge Farm  
3442 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon

**Stop 4 – Willoway Nurseries, 4534 Center Rd., Avon**  
Head South on Stoney Ridge Rd. left onto Mill Rd. From Mill Rd., first left on Center Rd. (Route 83)

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