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Celebrate Local Agriculture with the 2016 Calvert County Farm Festival

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Sept. 20, 2016 – Get to know Calvert County's rural community by spending a day on six working farms during the 19th annual Calvert County Farm Festival Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Purchase pumpkins and other fall produce, take a hay ride, try a corn maze, sample wines and much more. The event, held rain or shine, promises to be a great family outing at six local farms:

Double Oak Farm at the American Chestnut Land Trust (Open Sunday only.)

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick
410-414-3400 or www.ACLTweb.org

This one-acre farm owned and managed by the American Chestnut Land Trust and its volunteers uses perma-culture and environmentally friendly practices. Festival activities include tours, hands-on farm fun, produce and herb sales, beer and wine tasting and hay rides. Activities are free and donations are appreciated.

Fridays Creek Winery

3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings
410-286-9463 or www.fridayscreek.com

Fridays Creek is home to picturesque vineyards and a restored barn housing wine production facilities, a tasting room and an art gallery. Activities include wine sales and tasting, grape samples and local artwork. There is a fee for wine tasting.

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Horsmon Farm

1865 Horsmon Farm Lane, St. Leonard
443-532-5761 or www.horsmonfarm.com

Peruse fall decorative products and local, all-natural meats. Enjoy hay rides, farm animals, a pumpkin patch and a corn box. Admission is \$8.

Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery

8650 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
410-586-2710 or www.perigeaux.com

This 30-acre farm includes eight acres of grapes along with peaches and cherries. Visitors enjoy the winery, tasting room and a barn with agricultural equipment. Farm Festival activities include wine tastings, live music, corn hole tournaments, grape crushing demonstrations, vineyard and winery tours and food vendors. There is a fee for wine tasting.

Spider Hall Farm

3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick
410-610-0094 or www.spiderhallfarm.com

Visit this 362-acre working farm offering a variety of agri-tourism and agri-education attractions. Activities include an 8-acre corn maze, hay ride, petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pig races and hamster ball relays. Admission fee of \$9; additional \$5 fee for hamster ball and pumpkins sold separately by the pound.

Swann Farms (Open Saturday only.)

7740 Swan Lane, Owings
443-904-2687 or www.swannfarms.com

Pick your own strawberries, blackberries, raspberries and blueberries at this fruit and vegetable wholesale/retail farm. Come and enjoy the free pumpkin patch, hay rides and straw maze.

The annual Calvert County Farm Festival is coordinated by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development and the Calvert County Agriculture Commission. The Agriculture Commission conducts the farm festival to educate residents about farming and to provide the public with an opportunity to interact with the farming community. For more on the 2016 Calvert County Farm Festival, contact the Calvert County Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880; or via email at info@ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.