



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Stop 1 – Brownhelm Horticultural Learning Center, 9459 Gifford Road, Amherst

Located on the east side of Gifford Road in the woods. Approximately ½ a mile north of State Route 113 (Telegraph Road).

Stop 2 – John Matus's Farm, 10153 Gifford Road, Oberlin

Located just south of State Route 113 (Telegraph Road) on the east side of the road. Use the south driveway.

Stop 3 – Rex Gee's Orchard, 50586 Telegraph Road, Amherst

Located on the north side of Telegraph Road (State Route 113) just west of Vermilion Road.

Stop 4 – Born Brothers' Farm, 13611 Baird Road, Oberlin

Located just north of Becker Road on the east side of Baird Road.

Stop 5 – Vermilion Valley Vineyards, 11005 Gore Orphanage Road, Wakeman

Located south of Telegraph Road (State Route 113) on the east side of Gore Orphanage Road.



2013 Lorain County Fall Farm Tour

Sponsored by
Lorain County Farm Bureau

Saturday
September 28, 2013
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 fall 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 northwestern Lorain County.



Stop 1 – Brownhelm Horticultural Learning Center

9459 Gifford Rd., Amherst

Brownhelm Horticultural Learning Center is owned by Dr. Ibrahim Eren and his wife, Mufide. The tropical greenhouses have a variety of plants, including orchids, some of which have been collected on many of Dr. Eren's trips around the world. Dr. Eren has traveled extensively and has been to Ecuador, Peru, South Africa, Belize, Burma, Thailand and Madagascar.



One of the goals of the Brownhelm Horticultural Learning Center is to encourage the young and old of the many beauties of the world of plants.

Stop 2 – John Matus' Farm

10153 Gifford Rd., Oberlin

John's farm is very unique. It is a hobby farm. He boards horses and sells saw dust bedding. He moved here in 1997 and started boarding horses in 2003. He then started selling saw dust bedding. Two separate 4-H clubs use his farm to hold meetings & work horses; the majority of them are miniatures.



John also still has Texas Longhorns, Brahmas & Scottish Highlanders. An interesting fact about John & his farm: he owned a bear that he raised since it was a cub, approximately 9 years. He just sent the bear to a sanctuary in Colorado this past June.



Stop 3 – Rex Gee's Orchard

50586 Telegraph Rd., Amherst



Dave and Nancy Gargasz own Rex Gee's Orchard which is located at the top of the Henrietta Hill where some of the areas' finest fruit is grown. On this 41 acre diversified farm, strawberries, sweet & sour cherries, red raspberries, blackberries, peaches, plums, apples, pears and grapes are grown. In addition to fruit crops, vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, summer & winter squash, pumpkins and cabbage are grown.

Rex Gee's Orchard offers U-pick cherries at the end of June through the beginning of July. They also offer



U-pick apples at the end of September through the early October. The farm market is open May to February, Monday-Saturday 9-6 and Sunday 10-5. Check them out on Facebook for additional information.

Stop 4 – Born Brothers' Beef & Grain Farm

13611 Baird Rd, Oberlin

Born Brothers' Beef & Grain Farm is owned by Bill Born & Jim Born. Bill is married to Donna Born & they have a son, Jason and a daughter, Molly. Jim has 3 sons; James, Josh and Joe and a daughter, Becky.



include corn, soybeans and wheat.

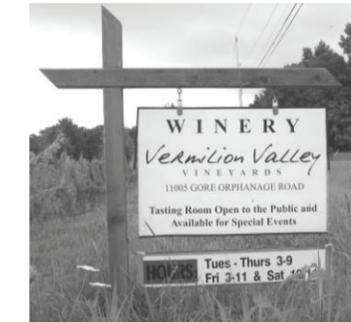
The two brothers are the third generation on this farm. Their father, Art, had a 100 cow milking herd while he was working the farm in the 1960's and 70's. Since then, the farm has been converted to a beef & grain farm. They raise mostly Holstein cattle for beef. Other crops grown on the farm



Stop 5 – Vermilion Valley Vineyards

11005 Gore Orphanage Rd, Wakeman

Vermilion Valley Vineyards is a venture owned jointly by David Benzing, Larry Gibson and John Baumann. They produce on 23 acres formerly dedicated to corn/soybeans. Some of the wines produced are from the classic "vinifera" such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Riesling. In addition to 10 acres of vines, they also grow berries and persimmons to manufacture the extensive offerings of non-grape wines.



A constructed wetland farming diverse native plants, a pond stocked with fish and an energy efficient, award winning building that houses a tasting room and production facility attest to their wish to operate a value added agricultural enterprise in an attractive rural setting. The vineyard also strives to be family friendly and to rely as much as possible on farm products purchased from their neighbors to supplement those that they grow themselves. Please visit their website at vermilionvalleyvineyards.com for information about business hours, special events and opportunities for hosting private parties and weddings.



A poster of the door prizes available will be posted at all of the stops. The 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 us at www.northcoastfarmbureau.org or call the office at 1-866-859-2415 or 440-877-0706.