



2023 Lorain County Fall Farm Tour

Sponsored by
Lorain County Farm Bureau

Saturday
September 23, 2023
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 4 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

- ◆ 5 Door Prizes for Adults
- ◆ 3 Door Prizes for Children ages 11-17
- ◆ 3 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 2 weeks 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 northern Lorain County.



Stop 1 – Klingshirn Winery, Inc – 33050 Webber Rd, Avon Lake

Klingshirn Winery is a third-generation family farm winery established in the fall of 1935. A large surplus grape crop prompted Albert R. Klingshirn to begin wine commercially in twenty 50-gallon wooden barrels in the cellar of his home.



Five years later the winery was built. Albert's son, Allan, purchased the farm and winery in 1955 and began expanding the product line. Small barrels were replaced by larger wooden casks and stainless-steel tanks. In 1978 the winery was expanded to four times its original size.

Allan's youngest son Lee graduated from The Ohio State University in 1986 with a Bachelor's in Viticulture and Enology. He and his wife Nancy purchased the winery and continue in the family tradition.

You can visit our website
klingshirnwine.com

The Sustainable Agriculture Program at Lorain County Community College is excited to see you at this stop. Please

visit for prizes and to learn more about the Sustainable Agriculture Program at LCCC.



Stop 2 – Pinehaven Garden Center and Greenhouses, Inc. – 39424 Detroit Rd, Avon



Niels and Sally Jensen started Pinehaven Garden Center and Greenhouses, Inc. in 1966. In 1985, Pinehaven moved to our current location in Avon. Bryan and Bruce Jensen became the new owners. In 2014, Bryan Jensen became Avon's new mayor and stepped down from the family business. Chris Jensen took Bryan's spot as the new co-owner with his father, Bruce Jensen. We pride ourselves on being a family owned and operated business.

Lorain County JVS FFA Chapter, as well as, Ag Credit will each have an informational table at this stop.

Stop 3 – Pickering Hill Farms Market – 35669 Detroit Rd, Avon

Currently Pickering Hill Farms is operated by Jay and Lill Pickering and their son Jason Pickering (Jason is 6th generation). The Avon farm has been in the family since the mid 1800's. We have been growing and selling produce for well over 140 years at our Avon location. We are continuing the produce growing tradition started in the late 1800's by Jay's great grandfather Frank (2nd generation). Frank would take horse drawn wagon loads of his produce up and down the streets of Cleveland's western suburbs to sell directly to the residents as well as selling on Detroit Rd in Avon. Pickering Hill Farms is a fruit and vegetable farm with a farm market. We grow strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, herbs and pumpkins on 50 acres (10 acres at the Avon Market farm and another 40 acres on our Grafton Township (Belden) farm.

We also help support over 75 other local growers by buying and selling their produce. In addition to what we grow we carry a full line of other locally grown and sourced items such as beans, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, apples, melons, blueberries, honey, maple syrup just to list a few. We also sell Troyers' meats, cheeses, jellies, jams, local baked goods including Mama Jo's pies and more.

Our focus is locally grown and sourced so we open the market the 1st weekend in June, when our strawberries are ready and remain open 7 days a week until a few days after Halloween. Our hours are from 10am to 5pm daily.

We also hold a fall festival every Saturday and Sunday in October prior to Halloween (from 12 to 5pm). You can take a complimentary hayride to our pumpkin field to pick a growing pumpkin. We also have a 1 acre corn maze and thousands of other fall decorating items such as gourds, corn stalks, colored pumpkins and mums. There is no admission fee for the festival.



You can visit our website Pickeringhillfarms.com

The Ohio State University Extension- Lorain County and Lorain County Stormwater Management District will have an informational display at this stop.

Stop 4 – FCA Kids Farm – 4969 Stoney Ridge Rd, North Ridgeville



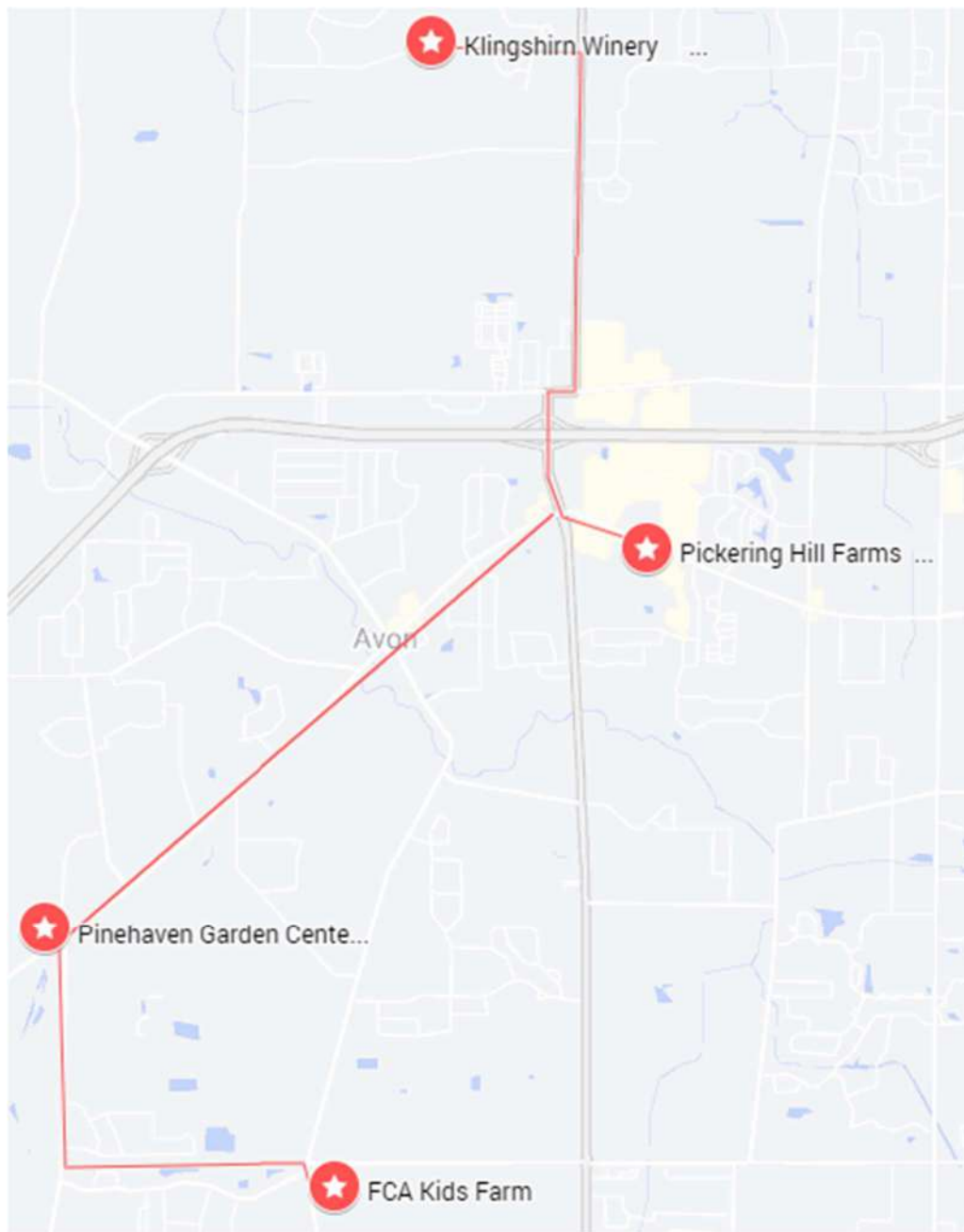
FCA Kids Farm is owned by Frank and Donna Krupka. They run the farm along with their three sons Frankie, Christopher, and Andrew. The farm has been in the Welter family since the 1930's John and Edith Welter started the farm, passing it on until the Krupka's took over 5 acres in 2005. Since then they have added the remaining property to what is now a 12 acre farm.

Dr. Frank Krupka is a small animal and exotics veterinarian at the Avon Lake Animal Health Campus. For the last 16 years he has been an active Boy Scout Leader with troop 153 in North Ridgeville, has coached several levels of mens soccer (for 15 years), and is a volunteer with the Lorain County Fair. Donna is a middle school teacher at St. Peter Catholic School (North Ridgeville) and a 4-H

advisor for the Forward Bounce club and has been since its inception.

Their son Frank is heading to vet school this fall and is an Eagle Scout and 4-H advisor, as well as a past Jr. Fair Board Vice President. Christopher is in charge of nutrition and breeding on the farm and is a 2nd year student at Akron University studying mechanical engineering, as well as an Eagle Scout. He also loves bull riding and was 2022 Jr. Fair King. Andrew is in charge of maintenance of all equipment on the farm and is a senior at Elyria Catholic High School. He is finishing his Eagle Scout project this fall, plays varsity soccer, varsity hockey, varsity tennis, runs cross country, and bowls. He is also a Jr Fair Board executive member, showing pigs, goats, and pigeons at this year's fair. He is also in charge of the current farm stocks daily care as he is the only son around during the school year. The farm is primarily a livestock farm, with Nubian goats, Boer goats, market hogs and market lambs. They also keep a variety of pigeons and 3 beehives in which they use to produce honey. The Krupka's also grow vegetables and have a small fruit orchard on the property. The Krupka's have also lent their property for community uses including scouting and 4-H events and other team building activities.





Stop 1- Klingshirn Winery, Inc
33050 Webber Rd, Avon Lake

Directions from Stop 1 to Stop 2

Head east on Webber Rd
 Turn right onto OH-83 S/Avon Belden Rd
 Pass by Arby's (on the left in 1.2 mi),
 Turn right onto Chester Rd,
 Turn left onto Center Rd,
 Turn left at the 3rd cross street onto Detroit Rd
Stop 2 will be on north side of road.

Stop 2 – Pinehaven Garden Center and Greenhouses Inc.
39424 Detroit Rd, Avon

Directions from Stop 2 to Stop 3

Head northwest on Detroit Rd toward Avon Commons Dr
 Turn right
Stop 3 will be on south side of road.

Stop 3 – Pickering Hill Farms Market
35669 Detroit Rd, Avon

Directions from Stop 3 to Stop 4

Head south, Turn right
 Turn left onto Detroit Rd
 Turn right onto Case Rd
 Turn left onto Avalon Dr.
 Turn right onto Stoney Ridge Dr.
Stop 4 will be on the left/ west side of road.

Stop 4 – FCA Kids Farm
4969 Stoney Ridge Rd, North Ridgeville