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Badger Farms LLC | 9122 N Elyria Rd West Salem, OH

BADGER FARMS LLC is owned and operated by Jerry and Staci Badger along with their sons Kyle and Kaleb. Their family has been farming in Wayne County for 3 generations. Jerry's grandfather, Clifford Badger, was a large Yorkshire pig breeder in the 1940's.

The Badger family now produces corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, pumpkins, and sweet corn on the farm. They currently farm 250 acres and have beef, show pigs, and show goats. Both the House and the barn were built in 1879.

Be sure to visit the pumpkin patch and sample pumpkin donuts as well as kettle corn during your visit.



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Ross Maple | 9076 Stair Rd West Salem, OH

RANDY AND FREDA ROSS produce maple syrup with the assistance of their son Nathan Ross and Freda's brother and nephew, David and Derek Wise. The farm has been in Freda's family since 1939 when the family moved there from Dover. Originally it was owned by Freda's grandparents Luther and Maggie Wise and was eventually transferred to Freda's father, Frank, who was 1 of 11 children. Freda's parents, Frank and Margarete, met when Margarete came to Wayne County as an exchange student in 1951.



Randy and Freda run tubing throughout their woods to collect sap. This sap is run through a reverse osmosis system before boiling. The boiled sap is then transferred to a diesel-fueled evaporator before bottling. In addition to learning about maple syrup production, attendees during the Farm Tour can enjoy a walk through the woods as well as the 6 acre lake on the property. There will also be maple syrup for sale.

Handicap parking will be available closer to the sugar house but general parking will be at the edge of the property off the road. A wagon will be available to assist attendees in getting back to the sugar house if they choose not to walk.

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Yoder Farm and Greenhouse | 5454 Ruff Rd. West Salem, OH 44287

THIS FARM was bought in early 2000 as bare land. Since then, a new set of Amish buildings have been erected. A small greenhouse business was started, and today it has grown to 2 30 X 96 greenhouses that sell a large variety of flowers and vegetable plants in the spring. In combination to this we started to sell mum flowers in the fall. This fall we have a mum field of more than 13,000 mums.



Visitors during the Farm Tour will have the opportunity to drive around the mum field which overlooks the Killbuck Bottoms. We will be offering a pumpkin and mum sale in addition to corn stalks, straw bales, gourds, freezer jams, and lots more.



This stop will only be open Saturday



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YODER HARDWARE was started in the Amish Community in 1995 by a man that saw the need to stock a few hammers and tape measures for the construction workers in the area. In 2011 the business was put up for sale and was then bought by Joe Yoder. As business picked up, it outgrew the real estate. In 2020 we started looking for other options, by 2022 the business merged with Yoder Produce from Apple Creek and moved to a new location. Today we have more than 15,000 sq ft. of roof space and a lot of outside storage.



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By touring this stop you will see what products are offered and how much effort is put in place to make it possible for the small farmer to raise produce in a wholesale - commercial setting. Yoder Hardware now offers seed, potting soil, greenhouse, plant transplant, harvesting, boxes and trackability for the produce growers throughout. See what it takes to prepare food that is bought in the store every day. In addition to greenhouse and produce supplies, Yoder Hardware also offers general hardware. Snacks will be offered during the farm tour and include coffee, homemade donuts and chips.

This stop will only be open Saturday