A GUIDE TO LOCAL FARM PRODUCTS in Chester County

FEATURES INCLUDE:
- Chester County’s Farmer of the Year
- Fun farms to visit
- Local wool producers
- Students learning about horticulture
- Backyard farming best practices

Highlighting over 120 local farms & markets

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The Chester County Board of Commissioners recognize agriculture as the number one industry in the county, and along with the Agricultural Development Council (Ag Council), are delighted to introduce you to local producers and help you find local farm products.

This year you will meet Farmer of the Year Don Cairns, a crop farmer from Parkesburg who is committed to conservation, preservation and mentoring the next generation.

In addition, you will read about how students from the Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Learning Center are pursuing their interest in trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable plants to prepare for employment in the horticultural industry.

And for those of you who love to knit or crochet, we are featuring fiber for the first time in the Specialty Products section, as well as featuring a few of the producers involved in wool production.

We hope you enjoy the guide!

For more information on the Ag Council please visit our website at www.chesco.org/agdev or find us on Facebook and Instagram.
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Not all of us are lucky enough to discover our life’s calling at a young age, but Farmer of the Year recipient Donald Cairns is one who did. Cairns didn’t grow up in a farming family but the drive to become a farmer was there all the same. At 12-years-old, he bought his first cow, a decision that has led to a robust career growing crops on over 1,700 acres, including the 100-acre Cairns Family Farm in Parkesburg where he, his wife Kelly and their two children live.

“Large local farms such as ours are critical to the ‘Local Food’ movement even though you won’t find our farm name on a label,” says Cairns. “We supply the grains that local bakeries use. We supply the grains that local dairies and poultry farms feed to their livestock, and the resulting milk, chicken, and eggs are marketed right here in Southeastern PA. Virtually all of the corn that we grow is delivered within 15 miles of our farm.”

In addition to his critical role in local agriculture, Cairns was nominated for the Farmer of the Year award by the Chester County Conservation District for his ongoing commitment to conservation practices including no-till farming and soil improvement. During the past two decades, he has seen improved crop yields and soil conservation as a result.

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“Don has been a great advocate for improving farms county-wide, including farms that he rents from other landowners,” says Dan Miloser, Agricultural Team Leader at the Chester County Conservation District.
“He has consistently worked to improve and maintain his operation from an environmental standpoint.”

Cairns not only cares about the future of his farm, but the future of farming across the county, which is evident in all of the volunteer work he has done with organizations including the USDA Farm Service Agency and the county’s Romano 4-H Center in Honey Brook. He was appointed to the county’s land preservation board four years ago for his work assisting over 25 farms enter the county’s land preservation program, a cause near to his heart.

“Kelly and I decided to apply our home farm into the county farm preservation program about 15 years ago,” says Cairns. “I didn’t want our farm to be an island in the middle of housing developments, so I began to work with other farmers in the neighborhood to apply as well. Most neighbors were very receptive and now the majority of farmland within several miles of our farm is preserved. “

In addition to Cairns’ dedication to preserving farmland, he is equally passionate about encouraging and mentoring the next generation of farmers. He has spent countless hours coaching the Chester County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, which received top marks at the national level and even competed at the Livestock Judging World Championships in Scotland last year. Team member Kaitlin Bell recalls, “Don was the best coach we could have ever asked for, he was real inspiration to us.”

When asked what he believes to be necessary for the farming industry to continue to thrive in Chester County, Cairns says land stewardship, land preservation and encouraging the next generation of farmers are what are needed most. With farmers like Cairns around, we aren’t worried.

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Each year the Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Ag Council select a Farmer of the Year. The selection process is difficult because of the great pool of nominees. We would like to thank all of the wonderful farmers for their commitment to stewardship and sustainability. If you would like to know more about the ag awards program and past winners, visit chesco.org/agdev.
Borderland Vineyard
When most people think of visiting a vineyard, wine is most likely what comes to mind. However at Borderland Vineyard, visitors also have the opportunity to visit the herd of Babydoll sheep that graze between the grapevines.

When Janet and George Kalb purchased the farm in 1946, a flock of sheep was soon to follow. Babydoll sheep are an ideal fit for the vineyard because their shorter than average stature makes them less likely to reach the grapes overhead while they help with natural grass and weed control. More importantly, the sheep also produce soft, warm wool that produces good yarn for knitting.

Kalb’s nephew, Jay Penrose, who now runs the farm, works with a local spinning guild who processes and dyes fleece into a variety of colorful yarns. He hopes to soon offer yarn in the wine tasting room for sale. Borderland Vineyard recently hosted a fleece spinning event where visitors enjoyed a glass of wine while watching local spinners turn fleece into strands of yarn, a tradition he looks forward to making an annual event.

Grist Mill Farm Alpacas
Fiber production is not the domain of sheep alone though. Alpacas, a domesticated species of the camelid family from South America, are an increasing presence in Chester County’s agricultural landscape. Alpacas produce a naturally hypoallergenic fleece that offers special appeal to those with sensitivity to lanolin, a substance commonly found in sheep’s wool.

Terri Silvester of Grist Mill Farm Alpacas in Glenmoore was initially drawn to alpacas after encountering the gentle animals at a polo match. She and her husband had recently purchased a farm and were looking for ways to more productively use their 38-acre parcel. She was impressed by alpacas’ calm demeanor and relatively easy care requirements compared to other livestock.

“Alpacas are shy but curious animals, and are so calming to watch,” says Silvester. “I really enjoy sharing my animals with farm visitors. People are naturally drawn to them.”

Silvester listens carefully to what her customers are looking for and introduces new stock accordingly in her farm store and online store where she sells everything from yarn to clothing and home decor. “Andrea Ryan of My Oma Knits (Rising Sun, MD) helps me make color and texture decisions at the fiber mill where we send our fleece to be processed,” says Silvester. She is particularly excited about Grist Mill Farm’s upcoming line of baby blankets, an ideal use for the soft, hypoallergenic fleece.

Silkie’s Farm
Fellow alpaca farmer Marcia Silkoski of Silkie’s Farm in Chester Springs, a former dietitian whose previous animal experience had been limited to dogs and cats, was similarly new to the industry. Like Silvester, she turned to alpaca farming as a way to turn her home acreage into a more profitable venture, all while building a loyal following of fiber enthusiasts in the process. “I now have customers who request yarn made from the fleece of specific animals in my herd,” says Silkoski.
In addition to clothing and yarn, Silkroski’s inventory has expanded to include products constructed from the lesser quality alpaca fleece not suitable for yarn production. These items include dryer balls to increase laundry efficiency, felted hand soaps and nesting balls that provide strands of fleece for nesting birds. She has even found a use for alpaca droppings, which she processes into a plant fertilizer line called “Wholly Frijole.”

Whether you are looking for traditional sheep’s wool for knitting or more novel alpaca fleece offerings to keep you warm, it’s safe to say Chester County fiber producers like Penrose, Silvester and Silkroski have got you covered.

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Check out our new fiber listings section for contact information for these and other fiber farmers on page 25.
Growing a Bright Future at the Learning Center

The budding horticulturalists in Mike Walls’ prevocational program at Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Learning Center (CCLC) in Coatesville are learning more than just the fundamentals for employment in places like nurseries, greenhouses, flower shops, landscape firms and retail stores.

“My students are learning employability skills, workplace efficiency, work ethics, office dynamics, stamina and customer service,” says Walls. “We work very hard to maintain an integrity and reputation that can be an advantage for our students when they are job hunting.”

Students learn about horticulture (the science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants) and landscape gardening in a curriculum developed from sources like the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Nurserymen’s Association. They range in age from 15 to 21 and come from over 20 school districts.

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To get into the program, a student’s school district will work in conjunction with the student’s Individualized Education Plan team to determine whether a referral to CCLC’s program is appropriate. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is a document that is developed for each public school child who needs special education. The administration at CCLC reviews the referral to decide which programs best meet the student’s needs and employability goals.
Sebastian, a 17-year-old student from Gap, has been in the horticulture program for about three years. He hasn’t decided yet whether or not he’ll pursue a career in horticulture, but he says he gets a lot of satisfaction from helping to design and maintain the school’s Zen garden. “I also really like taking care of the roses,” he shares.

“Our gardens here all have a therapeutic element to their design,” says Walls. “It dovetails well with the overall therapeutic goals of our school-wide program.”

Dante, a 17-year-old student from Lower Merion, particularly enjoys participating in the class’ landscape design projects. These have included projects at the Downingtown Library and local elementary schools. Dante is especially proud of his idea to incorporate bench seating in a recent design, a concept so well received that he and his fellow students have decided to use it again in upcoming plans.

Walls and his students are looking forward to tackling an ambitious service project at the Bondsville Mill Park in East Brandywine later in the year involving the creation of a shade garden and seating areas.

When the class isn’t busy with landscaping projects, students get hands-on education in other aspects of horticulture including floral design. Students design holiday floral arrangements and grow poinsettias in the school’s two greenhouses to raise money to insure their program is self-sustaining. The floral design lab is a symphony of colors and scents during these peak times.

While in Walls’ class, many students also participate in The Discover Program, a Chester County Intermediate Unit initiative. The Discover Program offers job shadowing and coaching for students engaged in community work and volunteer settings, which allows them to further develop the skills they learn in school. Many students transition into jobs where they have volunteered or find jobs elsewhere with assistance from teachers and staff.

Walls encourages his students to get their hands dirty and explore all the intangible aspects of a project, most importantly understanding what it means to work under tight deadlines. “If you are late on a floral job in the real world, a wedding may not get its centerpieces. I want my students to learn how to work under deadlines here in a safe, supportive environment so they can be successful when they leave us.”

To learn more about the horticulture program and the Chester County Intermediate Unit Learning Center, visit www.cciu.org/learningcenter.
Olszanowski Farm

Olszanowski Farm wasn’t always a popular family destination for pumpkin picking, hayrides, birthday parties and corn maze exploration. The third generation family farm in Spring City originally raised beef cattle and crops for animal feed, but in 2000, owner and operator Tom Olszanowski decided to shake things up.

After noticing how other farms were generating extra revenue from starting pick-your-own operations, Olszanowski decided to try a small pumpkin patch on the farm, too. That first fall, he put out a few pumpkins for sale on a wagon at the end of the driveway to see what might happen.

Passers-by quickly noticed. Soon, he upgraded to a larger wagon, which eventually evolved into an on-farm store with cashiers. He and farm crew devoted more and more acreage to pumpkins as word of mouth spread. Olszanowski then got another idea: “I looked around and saw customers waiting to pay for their pumpkins with nothing else to do. That’s when I started thinking about adding a corn maze and hayrides.”

The farm now welcomes thousands of visitors during the relatively short fall season. During the week, the farm hosts school groups, including hundreds of students and their families, for a big annual fundraiser for the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation, as well as a similarly sized gathering of Girl Scouts.

When the popular Pennhurst Asylum haunted attraction opened nearby, Olszanowski was initially concerned the farm would lose business. In fact, the opposite occurred.

“Pennhurst actually brought more people to our farm because people now spend the whole day in the area, not just an afternoon. People start the day with us to pick pumpkins and do the corn maze. Then, I tell them what restaurants they can visit for a meal before heading over [to Pennhurst]. It’s really worked out well for everyone,” says Olszanowski.
Galer Estate Vineyard and Winery

Unlike Olszanowski Farm, Galer Estate Vineyard and Winery in Kennett Square is an agricultural destination for adults only. When Lele and Brad Galer planted the vineyard in 2005, they knew from the start they wanted customers to enjoy a range of experiences while appreciating their award-winning wines, hence their mission statement: “Blending nature, science and art.”

“Some wineries invite customers to do a tasting and buy a bottle to take home with them,” says Winemaker and General Manager Virginia Mitchell. “Galer Estate is a different experience. We encourage visitors to spend time with us and our wines through enjoying a local foods charcuterie board, taking a calligraphy workshop, listening to live music or attending an art show.”

The semi-annual farm-to-table dinners catered by Talula’s Table have been particularly popular with the winery’s fans. “We are wine first, always,” says Mitchell. “But I make the wine to pair with food so it makes sense to occasionally host wine pairing dinners.”

It’s safe to say Mitchell has been busy developing and coordinating new ways for visitors to experience the wine and vineyard, including acting as an Airbnb host for the onsite cottage visitors can rent for overnight stays.

“I knew there was a way to attract more customers to our beautiful property, while also generating more income,” says Mitchell. Many of their Airbnb guests are drawn to visit Longwood Gardens, so Galer Estate makes sure to mention the neighboring gardens when she creates advertising content. She also coordinates with a local restaurant to offer overnight guests a dining referral and discount if they so choose.

Whether visitors are looking to spend a family-friendly afternoon in a pumpkin patch or spend an evening tasting wines with a vineyard view, Chester County farmers and agricultural professionals are constantly innovating new and exciting ways for them to be a part of our county’s diverse agricultural industry.
From the **Backyard** to the **Farmyard:**

**Keeping Our Farms Safe**

**Backyard Poultry**

The growing interest in backyard farming pursuits like the keeping of small flocks of poultry and beekeeping has been positive for local food awareness and appreciation but it can have unintended consequences on commercial farming operations.

Dr. Sherrill Davison, laboratory director at the Laboratory of Avian Medicine and Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center, gets several calls a day from concerned backyard poultry owners. Unfortunately, she has found some poultry owners turn first to the internet instead of consulting a veterinarian familiar with poultry management best practices.

“I want to make sure poultry owners have the correct information,” says Davison. “There is a lot on the internet that could potentially be harmful or fatal to birds.”

The most frequent questions she gets are regarding common respiratory ailments. Thankfully none of these calls have involved the more lethal strains of avian flu that devastated poultry farms in the Midwest in years prior, but Davison and her network of veterinarians are always vigilant for it.

Davison cautions small flock owners to be mindful of both their home environment as well as neighboring poultry operations. Several serious poultry diseases are transmitted through contact with other birds which can be drawn to a property by bird feeders. She encourages people to take additional precautions including segregating new birds from the larger flock, limiting visitor access to birds, wearing clean clothes dedicated to your premises, and not borrowing equipment, tools, or supplies from others who have contact with poultry.

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If a poultry owner notices a sick bird, they should contact a veterinarian who understands poultry care right away to limit the potential spread of a disease within their own flock and surrounding farms, a service Davison and her team at New Bolton are well equipped to give or provide a referral for.
Beekeeping
Like chickens, beehives are another increasingly familiar sight in backyards across the county. Walt Broughton of Swarmbustin’ Honey (West Grove, PA) has seen the ranks of his fellow beekeepers swell dramatically in the past ten years.

“I always try to let people know that beekeeping is not a hobby you should neglect,” says Broughton. “Even with good intentions, people can end up doing more harm than good to the larger bee community. I find that the biggest mistake newcomers make is underestimating the time commitment beekeeping requires.”

Broughton recommends checking hives every 10 days to two weeks to make sure the bees are well fed, have enough space and, importantly, to monitor for diseases like foulbrood and Varroa mites that could transfer to other hives miles away. Since bees are known to travel widely, inattentive beekeeping poses a threat to commercial honey operations like Broughton’s. He knows of other local beekeepers who have lost thousands of dollars as a result of diseases transmitted from neighboring hives.

To help prevent the spread of pests and diseases, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture requires beekeepers register their hives so they can be included in their annual inspection program. Broughton also recommends people join the Chester County Beekeepers Association to learn best practices from other experienced beekeepers. He hopes backyard beekeepers and commercial honey producers can learn from each other and continue to grow the beekeeping community in the county and beyond.

Spotted Lanternfly
Residents also have an important role to play in preventing the spread of another devastating pest, the spotted lanternfly. This invasive species can have disastrous effects on orchards, vineyards, plant nurseries and timber operations. Although not specific to backyard farming practices per se, the fly can spread to other regions as people transport woody yard debris and firewood. It can even travel by laying eggs on cars or hitching a ride on any yard equipment stored near trees.

The spotted lanternfly
The spotted lanternfly has already appeared in multiple municipalities in Chester County, so the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and Penn State Extension are teaming up to educate residents on how to report the pest and how to prevent it from spreading farther.

Jessie Sargent, one of several spotted lanternfly contacts in Penn State Extension’s Chester County office, recommends residents familiarize themselves with what the lanternfly looks like in its different life stages and what areas of the county are already under quarantine, all information found on Extension’s website. Residents are encouraged to mail or drop off a dead specimen for identification, email a photo of the insect or even call to report a sighting to help track its movement across the region and prevent its spread.

When it comes to protecting Chester County’s farms, we all have a role to play in keeping local farms safe and profitable.
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Farmers’ markets

Farmers’ markets are often open-air venues at which farmers and producers offer their products. For the purpose of this guide, farmers’ markets are generally “producer only markets,” meaning they sell what they produce, not items they purchase from other suppliers.

❄ Markets denoted with a snowflake host winter markets at least once a month during the off-season.

 Listings with the Facebook logo have a Facebook page at the time of publication.

If you are a Chester County farmer or you sell farm products grown in the county, contact the Ag Council at 610-344-6285 or alane@chesco.org to be added to the guide.
Farm outlets

Farm outlets are on-farm structures used for the sale of agricultural products. These outlets offer multiple products from a single farm or multiple farms and may be open seasonally or year-round. Contact the outlet for hours of operation before visiting.

Baily’s Dairy of Pocopson
Meadow Farm
SOUTHEASTERN
1821 Lenape Unionville Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-793-1151
www.bailysdairy.com

Barnard’s Orchard & Greenhouses
SOUTHEASTERN
1079 Wawaset Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-347-2151

Becky’s Bakery and Produce
NORTHERN
2163 Compass Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-7745

Bethany Farm
CENTRAL
71 Fairview Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-942-4004

Brandywine Produce
NORTHERN
180 Beaver Dam Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-7817

Briar Hollow Farm Market
SOUTHWESTERN
476 Little Elk Creek Road
Lincoln University, PA 19352
610-932-0914

Brook Side Greenhouse and Produce
SOUTHWESTERN
170 Catamount Road
Oxford, PA 19363
610-932-5510

Farmer’s Daughter Farm Market Ltd.
NORTHERN
3190 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475
610-495-4555

Gladiolus Farm
NORTHERN
191 Pine Swamp Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-286-0397

Glen Run Valley View Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
280 Lenover Road
Atglen, PA 19310
610-593-5666
www.glenrunvalleyview.farm

Glen Willow Orchards
SOUTHWESTERN
1657 Glen Willow Road
Avondale, PA 19311
610-268-8743

Green Ridge Farm Store
SOUTHWESTERN
206 Octorara Road
Parkesburg, PA 19365

Highland Orchards
CENTRAL
1000 Marshallton-Thorndale Road
West Chester, PA 19380
610-269-3494
www.highlandorchards.net

Hill Creek Farm
NORTHERN
75 Creamery Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-506-3372
www.hillcreekfarm.com

Hurricane Hill Farm & Corn Maze
CENTRAL
704 East Reeceville Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-213-5944

In My Backyard at Misty Hollow
WEST CHESTER
1020 East Street Road
West Chester, PA 19380
610-717-6949
www.imbymistyhollow.com

Jack’s Farm
NORTHERN
1370 West Schuylkill Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-413-9088
www.jacksfarm.net

King’s Herb Nook of Honey Brook
NORTHERN
1060 Compass Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-4583
http://agmap.psu.edu/businesses/4084

King’s Potato Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
302 Daleville Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
610-593-5345
www.kingpotato.com

Kneehigh Farm
NORTHERN
3500 Coventryville Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
831-331-7086
www.kneehighfarm.com

Kneb’s Farm Store
NORTHERN
151 Kneb Road
Spring City, PA 19475
610-495-7841
www.knebfsfarmstore.com

Maple Arch Organic Produce Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
3418 Limestone Road
Parkesburg, PA 19365
610-593-7105

Meadowset Farm & Apiary
SOUTHWESTERN
210 North Creek Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
484-620-9132
www.meadowsetfarm.com

Milky Way Farm and Chester Springs Creamery
CENTRAL
521 East Uwchlan Avenue
Chester Springs, PA 19425
Farm: 610-827-1484
Creamery: 610-363-8500
www.milkywayfarm.com

My Garden to Table at
Four Sisters Farm
NORTHERN
3669 Coventryville Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
484-985-9393

North Star Orchard LLC
SOUTHWESTERN
3232 Limestone Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
484-502-7360
www.northstarorchard.com

Nunamaker Farms
SOUTHWESTERN
396 Valley Road
West Grove, PA 19390
610-960-8968
www.nunamakerfarms.com
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Olszanowski Farm
NORTHERN
315 Pugetown Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-476-0737

Pete’s Produce Farm at Westtown School
WEST CHESTER
1225 East Street Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-399-3711
www.petesproducefarm.com

Rt. 10 Roadside Market
NORTHERN
941 Compass Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-7793

Seven Stars Farm
NORTHERN
419 West Seven Stars Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-1949
www.sevenstarsfarm.com

SIW Vegetables
SOUTHEASTERN
4317 South Creek Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
610-398-7491
www.siw-vegetables.blogspot.com

Stoltzfus Hay and Straw
NORTHERN
579 North Manor Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-286-6047

Sugartown Strawberries
EASTERN
650 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355
610-647-0711
www.sugartownstrawberries.com

Thornbury Farm CSA
WEST CHESTER
1256 Thornbury Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-793-2933
www.thornburyfarmcsa.com

Vollmecke Orchards and CSA
CENTRAL
155 Cedar Knoll Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-383-4616
www.csachestercounty.com

The Woodlands at Phillips
SOUTHEASTERN
1020 Kaolin Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-2192
www.thewoodlandsatphillips.com

Why Not Farm
NORTHERN
3108 Conestoga Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-458-5408
www.whynotinfarm.com

Windy Hill Lavender Farm
CENTRAL
3211 East Lincoln Highway
Parkesburg, PA 19365
848-218-2949

Yeager’s Farm & Market, Inc.
EASTERN
1015 Pike Springs Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-8244

Retail outlets
Retail outlets are places where consumers may find local items but a variety of non-local items are offered as well. Many of these outlets are open year-round.

Far Away Farm’s Country Corner
CENTRAL
690 Marshall Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-942-2848
www.farawayfarmcc.com

Great Pumpkin Health Foods
WEST CHESTER
607 E. Market Street
West Chester, PA 19382
610-696-0741

Hershey’s Farm Market
CENTRAL
959 South Octorara Trail
Parkesburg, PA 19365
610-857-5053
www.hersheyestfarmmarket.com

Jim’s Market
SOUTHWESTERN
314 Chrome Road
Oxford, PA 19363
443-993-7702

Kimberton Whole Foods
EASTERN
2140 Kimberton Road
Kimberton, PA 19460
610-935-1444

429 East King Road
Malvern, PA 19355
484-324-2800

Kimberton Whole Foods
CENTRAL
150 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-793-1210
www.kimbertonwholefoods.com

Northbrook Country Market
SOUTHEASTERN
1805 Unionville-Wawaset Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-793-1210
www.northbrookmarketplace.com

Oxford Farm Market
SOUTHWESTERN
193 Limestone Road
Oxford, PA 19363
610-932-8048

September Farm Cheese
NORTHERN
5287 Horseshoe Pike
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-3552
www.septemberfarmcheese.com

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Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a partnership between the farmer and the members of that CSA. Members pay upfront for the products they will receive during the growing season. This upfront investment helps the farmer have capital for seeds and supplies and helps the farmer plan how much produce to grow. The farmer and the members share in the bounty and/or risk of the harvest.

Charlestown Farm
EASTERN
2565 Charlestown Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-917-0252
www.charlestownfarm.com

Down to Earth Harvest
CENTRAL
1585 Winfield Drive
Downingtown, PA 19335
www.downtoearthharvest.com

FarmHouse Markets CSA
CENTRAL
521 East Uwchlan Avenue
Chester Springs, PA 19425
www.farmhousemarkets.com

Highland Orchards
CENTRAL
1000 Marshallton-Thorndale Road
West Chester, PA 19380
610-269-3949
www.highlandorchards.net

Jack’s Farm
NORTHERN
1370 West Schuylkill Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-413-9088
www.jacksfarm.net

Kimberton CSA
NORTHERN
415 West Seven Stars Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
484-302-8535
www.kimbertoncsa.org

Kneehigh Farm
NORTHERN
3500 Coventryville Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
831-331-7086
www.kneehighfarm.com

North Star Orchard LLC
SOUTHWESTERN
3232 Limestone Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
484-502-7360
www.northstarorchard.com

Paradox Vineyard (wine CSA)
SOUTHWESTERN
1833 Flint Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 19350
610-255-5684
www.paradox.com

Pete’s Produce Farm at Westtown School
WEST CHESTER
1225 East Street Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-399-3711
www.petesproducefarm.com

Rambling Roots Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
7 Faggs Manor Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
484-748-0649
www.ramblingrootsfarm.wordpress.com

Rushton Farm: Willistown Conservation Trust’s CSA
EASTERN
Goshen & Delchester Roads
Newtown Square, PA 19073
610-353-2563 ext. 22
www.wctrust.org

Sankancac CSA
NORTHERN
Camphill Village Kimberton Hills
1852 French Creek Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-495-7295
www.sankancacsa.com

SiW Vegetables
SOUTHEASTERN
4317 South Creek Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
610-388-0656, 610-388-7491
www.siw-vegetables.blogspot.com

Thornbury Farm CSA
WEST CHESTER
1256 Thornbury Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-793-2933
www.thornburyfarmcsa.com

Tine and Toil Farm
NORTHERN
1340 Cold Springs Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
215-964-8960
www.tineandtoilfarm.com

Two Gander Farm
CENTRAL
110 Buck Road
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-812-2582
www.twoganderfarm.com

Vollmecke Orchards and CSA
CENTRAL
155 Cedar Knoll Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-383-4616
www.csachestercounty.com

Yellow Springs Farm (cheese CSA)
CENTRAL
1165 Yellow Springs Road
Chester Springs, PA 19425
610-827-2014
www.yellowspringsfarm.com

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www.CHESCO.ORG/AGDEV
Specialty products

These products highlight the diversity in Chester County agriculture and the value-added opportunities that exist for farmers. Some of these products are available for sale at farmers’ markets through various CSA programs, in addition to on-farm sales. Not all producers are open to the public, so it is best to contact the producers directly for specific information on availability.

Meat & Eggs

**Buck Run Farm**
(beef)

**Central**
3575 Doe Run Church Road
East Fallowfield, PA 19320
610-384-6576
www.buckrunfarm.com

**Canter Hill Farm**
(beef, lamb, pork, eggs, poultry)

**Eastern**
2138 Valley Hill Road
Malvern, PA 19355
610-827-1594
www.canterhillfarm.org

**Day Spring Farm**
(poultry)

**Central**
330 Country Club Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-563-9609
www.dayspringfarm.com

**Far Away Farm's Country Corner**
(beef, pork, poultry, eggs)

**Central**
690 Marshall Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-942-2848
www.farawayfarmcc.com

**The Farm**
(beef, lamb, pork, poultry, eggs)

**Southwestern**
276 Jackson Road
Cochransville, PA 19330
302-983-3550

**Highspire Hills Farm**
(eggs)

**Central**
709 Highspire Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-942-9634
www.highspirehillsfarm.com

**Hill Creek Farm**
(eggs)

**Northern**
75 Creamery Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-506-3372
www.hillcreekfarm.org

**The Howe Turkey Farm**
(poultry)

**Central**
152 Culbertson Road
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-384-5508
www.thehoweturkeyfarm.com

**Ironstone Creamery & Farm**
(pork, eggs, poultry)

**Northern**
3500 Coventryville Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-952-2748
www.ironstonecreamery.com

**Katt and Mathy Farms**
(beef)

**Southwestern**
267 Baker Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
610-255-1316

**Kolb's Farm Store**
(beef)

**Northern**
151 Kolb Road
Spring City, PA 19475
610-495-7295
www.kolbsfarmstore.com

**Loag's Corner Turkey Farm**
(poultry)

**Northern**
590 N. Manor Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-286-6064

**M&M Creek Valley Farm**
(beef, pork)

**Northern**
2663 Creek Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-529-9764
www.creekvalleyfarm.com

**Meadowset Farm & Apiary**
(lamb)

**Southwestern**
210 North Creek Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
484-620-9132
www.meadowsetfarm.com

**Pasture Song Farm**
(pork, poultry)

**Northern**
1333 Ridge Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
484-985-8648
www.pasturesongfarm.com

**Rambling Roots Farm**
(lamb, pork, eggs)

**Southwestern**
7 Faggs Manor Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
484-748-0649
www.ramblingrootsfarm.com

**Sankanac CSA**
(pork)

**Northern**
Camphill Village Kimberton Hills
1852 French Creek Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-495-7295
www.sankanac CSA.com

**Seven Stars Farm**
(beef, pork, poultry, eggs)

**Northern**
419 West Seven Stars Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-1949
www.sevenstarsfarm.com

**Snouts and Sprouts**
(pork, poultry)

**Northern**
400 Halteman Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
484-744-1264
www.snoutsandsprouts.com

**Vollmecke Orchards and CSA**
(eggs)

**Central**
155 Cedar Knoll Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-383-4616
www.csachestercounty.com
Walnut Run Farm
NORTHERN
(beef, lamb, pork, poultry, eggs)
284 Walnut Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-1059

Warwick Furnace Apiary
NORTHERN
(eggs)
249 Warwick Furnace Road
Elverson, PA 19520
484-614-9435

Why Not Farm
NORTHERN
(beef)
3108 Conestoga Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-458-5408
www.whynotfarm.com

Dairy

Amazing Acres Goat Dairy
NORTHERN
(cheese)
184 Grove Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-913-7002
www.amazingacresgoatdairy.com

Baily's Dairy of Pocopson Meadow Farm
SOUTHEASTERN
(milk, ice cream)
1821 Lenape Unionville Road
West Chester, PA 19382
610-793-1151
www.bailysdairy.com

Bethany Farm
CENTRAL
(milk)
71 Fairview Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343
610-942-4004

Birchrun Hills Farm
NORTHERN
(cheese)
2573 Horseshoe Trail
Chester Springs, PA 19425
610-827-1603
www.birchrunhillsfarm.com

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills
NORTHERN
(milk)
1601 Pughtown Road
Kimberton, PA 19442
610-935-0300
www.camphillkimberton.org/dairy

Conebella Farm
NORTHERN
(cheese)
337 Chestnut Tree Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-286-2967
www.conebellafarm.com

Day Spring Farm
CENTRAL
(cheese)
330 Country Club Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-563-9609

The Farm at Doe Run
SOUTHEASTERN
Unionville, PA 19375
www.chestercountycheese.org/the-farm-at-doe-run

Green Ridge Farm Store
SOUTHWESTERN
206 Octorara Road
Parkesburg, PA 19365

Ironstone Creamery & Farm
NORTHERN
(milk, cheese, yogurt, butter)
3500 Coventryville Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-952-2748
www.ironstonecreamery.com

Kolb's Farm Store
NORTHERN
(milk)
151 Kolb Road
Spring City, PA 19475
610-495-7841
www.kolbsfarmstore.com

Meadowset Farm & Apiary
SOUTHWESTERN
(cheese)
210 North Creek Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
484-620-9132
www.meadowsetfarm.com

Milky Way Farm and Chester Springs Creamery
CENTRAL
(ice cream)
521 East Uwchlan Avenue
Chester Springs, PA 19425
Farm: 610-827-1484
Creamery: 610-363-8500
www.milkywayfarm.com

September Farm Cheese
NORTHERN
(cheese)
5287 Horseshoe Pike
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-273-3552
www.septemberfarmcheese.com

Seven Stars Farm
NORTHERN
(yogurt, cheese, whipping cream)
419 West Seven Stars Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-1949
www.sevenstarsfarm.com

Shellbark Hollow Farm
NORTHERN
(cheese)
240 Lippitt Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-431-0786
www.shellbarkhollow.com

Yellow Springs Farm
CENTRAL
(yogurt, cheese)
1165 Yellow Springs Road
Chester Springs, PA 19425
610-827-2014
www.yellowspringsfarm.com
Honey

Biondi's Local Honey
WEST CHESTER
812 Sharon Circle
West Chester, PA 19382
484-432-2741
www.teslabeesupply.com

Bloomsberry Honey, LLC
SOUTHEASTERN
485 Webb Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
484-315-8083

Bryer Apiary
WEST CHESTER
447 Reservoir Road
West Chester, PA 19380
610-696-8448
www.bryerapiary.com

Carmen B's Honey
WEST CHESTER
1607 Williams Way
West Chester, PA 19380
610-436-6760
www.carmenbshoney.com

The Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
276 Jackson Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
302-983-9550

Four Bees Apiary
SOUTHWESTERN
425 Conner Road
Oxford, PA 19363
610-932-7363

Friendship Lane Honey
SOUTHWESTERN
1 Friendship Lane
Avondale, PA 19311
610-368-7172

Hound Dog Honey
NORTHERN
3125 Compass Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344
610-413-3904
robinmillershoney.com

Meadowset Farm & Apiary
SOUTHWESTERN
210 North Creek Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
610-274-8320
www.meadowsetfarm.com

Sugartown Strawberries
EASTERN
650 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355
610-647-0711
www.sugartownstrawberries.com

Swarmbustin' Honey
SOUTHEASTERN
190 Thouron Road
West Grove, PA 19390
610-384-2384
www.911honey.com

Warwick Furnace Apiary
NORTHERN
249 Warwick Furnace Road
Elverson, PA 19520
484-614-9435

Christmas Trees

Clarks Christmas Tree Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
235 Pusey Mill Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
610-358-4933
www.clarkschristmastrees.com

CT Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
175 South Church Street
Parkesburg, PA 19365
717-442-3132
www.ctfarmtrees.com

Old Stone Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
688 Strickersville Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
484-798-8413
www.oldstonefarm.com

Heylmun’s Pine Hill Tree Farm
NORTHERN
1174 Sheep Hill Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-323-8045
www.pinehilltreefarm.com

Marsh Creek Tree Farm
NORTHERN
301 Marsh Creek Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-996-TREE
www.marshcreektreefarm.com

Tricolor Tree Farm
CENTRAL
1480 Hall Road
West Chester, PA 19380
610-269-1034
www.tricolortree.com

Schmidt’s Tree Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
1741 Flint Hill Road
Landenburg, PA 19350
610-274-8560
www.schmidtstreefarm.com

Wiggins Christmas Trees
SOUTHWESTERN
1257 Westtown Thornton Road
West Chester, PA 19380
610-344-7822
www.wigginschristmastrees.com

Westlake Tree Farms LLC
NORTHERN
2421 North Hill Camp Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
800-564-TREE
www.westlaketreefarms.com

Yeager’s Farm & Market, Inc.
EASTERN
1015 Pike Springs Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-8244
Cut Flowers
Country Blooms at Oxford Village Market
SOUTHWESTERN
Downtown Oxford at 3rd and Locust Streets
Oxford, PA 19363
www.downtownoxfordpa.org

Farm and Garden Flowers
CENTRAL
1215 S. Calif Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-733-9519
www.farmandgardenflowers.com

The Farm at Oxford
SOUTHWESTERN
484-756-1694
www.thefarmatoxford.com

Hill Creek Farm
NORTHERN
75 Creamery Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
610-985-8648
www.hillcreekfarm.com

Pasture Song Farm
NORTHERN
1333 Ridge Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
484-985-8648
www.pasturesongfarm.com

Schmids’ Tree Farm
SOUTHWESTERN
1741 Flint Hill Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
610-274-8560
www.schmidsdrfigfarm.com

Seven Stars Farm
NORTHERN
419 West Seven Stars Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-935-1949
www.sevensstarsfarm.com

Sugartown Strawberries
EASTERN
650 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355
610-647-0711
www.sugartownstrawberries.com

Vollmecke Orchards and CSA
CENTRAL
155 Cedar Knoll Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-338-4616
www.csachestercounty.com

Mobile Markets and Food Delivery
Mobile market services bring local farm products to various locales throughout the county. Check their websites for delivery options and/or scheduled stops.

Farm 2 Go
www.farm2go.net

Fresh2You Mobile Market
610-873-6000
www.chestercountyfoodbank.org/fresh2you

Nourish Mobile Market
www.nourishmobile.org

Mushrooms
Mother Earth Organic Mushrooms
SOUTHWESTERN
600 North Baker Station Road
West Grove, PA 19390
610-869-3595

SOUTHEASTERN
740 Penn Green Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
610-268-5904
www.organicmushrooms.com

The Mushroom Cap
SOUTHEASTERN
114 West State Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-8484
www.themushroomcap.com

Sher-Rockee Mushroom Farms
SOUTHWESTERN
170 Sher-Rockee Lane
Lincoln University, PA 19352
610-869-8048

To-Jo Mushrooms
SOUTHEASTERN
974 Penn Green Road
Avondale, PA 19311
610-268-8082
www.To-Jo.com

The Woodlands at Phillips
SOUTHEASTERN
1020 Kaolin Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-2192
www.woodlandsatphillips.com

Windy Hill Lavendar Farm
CENTRAL
3211 East Lincoln Highway
Parkesburg, PA 19365
848-218-2949

Borderland Vineyard
(sheep)
SOUTHWESTERN
332 Indiantown Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
215-436-9154
www.borderlandvineyard.com

Day Spring Farm
(sheep)
CENTRAL
330 Country Club Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-563-9609
www.dayspringfarm.com

Silkie’s Farm
(alpaca)
CENTRAL
1418 Hilltop Road
Chester Springs, PA 19425
610-593-6694
www.silkiesfarm.com

Stone Spring Suri Farm LLC
(alpaca)
SOUTHWESTERN
18 McHenry Road
Cochranville, PA 19330
610-924-8622
www.stonespringsuri.com
Wineries

Black Walnut Winery
CENTRAL
3000 Lincoln Highway
Sadsburyville, PA 19369
610-857-5566
www.blackwalnutwinery.com

Borderland Vineyard
SOUTHWESTERN
332 Indiantown Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
215-436-9154
www.borderlandvineyard.com

Chaddsford Winery
SOUTHEASTERN
632 Baltimore Pike
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
610-388-6221
www.chaddsford.com

Galer Estates
SOUTHEASTERN
700 Folly Hill Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-793-5134
www.galerestate.com

J. Maki Winery
NORTHERN
200 Grove Road
Elverson, PA 19520
610-286-7754
www.jmakiwinery.com

Kreutz Creek Vineyards
SOUTHWESTERN
553 South Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390
610-869-4412
www.kreutzcreekvineyards.com

Paradocx Vineyard
SOUTHWESTERN
1833 Flint Hill Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
610-255-5684
www.paradocx.com

Stargazers Vineyard
SOUTHEASTERN
1024 Wheatland Drive
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-486-0422
www.stargazersvineyard.com

Stone Barn Cellars Winery
NORTHERN
3050 Pottstown Pike
Spring City, PA 19475
484-985-8077
www.stonebarncellars.com

Va La Vineyards
SOUTHEASTERN
8820-8824 Gap-Newport Pike (Rt 41)
Avondale, PA 19311
610-268-2702
www.valavineyards.com

WayVine Winery & Vineyard
SOUTHWESTERN
4374 Forge Road
Nottingham, PA 19362
610-220-0128
www.wayvine.wine

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When you engage with local agriculture...

1. **Your food may taste fresher.** This is because it can “ripen on the vine” longer, allowing for more flavor development since it takes less time getting to market and into your hands.

2. **You get to meet local farmers.** When you buy at places where farmers are selling directly, you get to create valuable connections with your on-farm neighbors and have the chance to learn how food is produced.

3. **You may be at the grocery store.** Many items in the grocery stores are the direct result of local production such as mushrooms and milk, and many other products are made with ingredients from local farms including: yogurt, butter and snack foods, including cereal bars, pretzels and sweet treats.

4. **You may be making family memories.** When you are winding your way through a haunted corn maze, picking peaches, tasting wine or finding the perfect Christmas tree, you are getting to experience local agriculture.

5. **You may find recreational opportunities.** Agriculture is not just food production. Our robust equine industry provides many opportunities to learn to horseback ride or attend sporting events.

6. **You are investing in our local economy.** You support not just the farmers but the entire industry, including agricultural service providers (veterinarians, farm supply companies, trucking companies, etc.) who make it all possible.

7. **You are supporting small businesses.** Farmers are entrepreneurs and small business owners who are more often than not, farming because they love what they do.

8. **You help retain our sense of place.** When farm businesses are economically healthy, there is less incentive for land to be turned into housing developments or other uses.

9. **You may be helping to keep local taxes down.** According to several studies, farms contribute more in taxes than they require in services, whereas most other kinds of development contribute less in taxes than the cost of the services they require.
Helpful Local Resources for Residents

Want to know how to grow your own food, be a good farm neighbor or better manage the natural resources on your property? The following local organizations provide valuable agricultural information and programs for residents, as well as to the broader farming community.

Referenced in this Guide...

Chester County Beekeepers Association (pg. 13): Provides education and mentorship opportunities for beekeepers as well as resources for swarm management. www.chescobees.org

Chester County Conservation District (pg. 4): Assists producers to develop and implement best management practices through planning (manure management and conservation plans), surveying and engineered design. Also works with producers and homeowners to design and implement creative solutions to protect water quality and preserve soil quality. In addition, reviews plans and performs checks on development where earth disturbance is greater than an acre.
Phone: 610-925-4920
www.chesco.org/conservation

Chester County Open Space Department (pg. 5): Provides information about conservation easements and easement programs, and helps owners of preserved land be good land managers and stewards.
Phone: 610-344-5656
www.chesco.org/Open-Space-Preservation

Penn State Extension, Chester County Office (pg. 13): Delivers science-based information to people, businesses and communities on a wide variety of subject areas including the Spotted Lanternfly, horticulture, agronomy, animal systems, food safety and entrepreneurship.
Phone: 610-696-3500
https://extension.psu.edu/chester-county

The University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center (pg. 12): Renowned as one of the nation’s foremost large animal hospitals. The Center offers many services including emergency care, diagnostic laboratories and rehabilitation facilities for animals of all kinds, including backyard poultry.
Phone: 610-444-5800
www.vet.upenn.edu

Get Involved...

Chester-Delaware County Farm Bureau: Welcomes those interested in agriculture and where their food comes from, whose family or livelihood benefits from agriculture or is involved in agriculture on a part-time basis.
Phone: 484-880-6431
www.pfb.com/county-fbs/county-fb-webpages/556-chester-delaware
4-H Clubs: An educational program for youth ages 8-18, designed to teach life skills, developed by Penn State Extension. There are over 30 of these clubs in Chester County including dairy, horse and small animal.
Phone: 610-696-3500
www.extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h

Future Farmers of America (FFA): To join FFA, high school students must be enrolled in an agriculture course at their school. Contact your school counselor or agriculture teacher to enroll in an agricultural education program or start your own chapter.
Phone: 317-802-6060
www.ffa.org

Pony Club: Develops character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports.
Phone: 859-254-7669
www.ponyclub.org

For Assistance with Local Food Access...

Fresh2You Mobile Market: Brings farm fresh produce to stops all over the county. They accept all forms of payment, including SNAP/EBT and WIC and Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupons. For customers shopping with SNAP/EBT or FMNP, they can offer matching dollars known as Veggie Bucks. Their website includes a list of mobile market stops and participating community food cupboards.
Phone: 610-873-6000
www.chestercountyfoodbank.org

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP): Provides seniors who meet income requirements with access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from approved farmers’ markets in Pennsylvania. For more information, contact the Chester County Department of Aging Services.
Phone: 610-344-6350
www.chesco.org/aging

WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP): Associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, popularly known as WIC. This program provides clients with access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from approved farmers’ in Pennsylvania and is run through the Chester County Health Department.
Phone: 610-344-6240
www.chesco.org/WIC

Didn’t find what you were looking for? There are many great organizations working to further agriculture in Chester County and beyond. Please contact us at 610-344-6285 or adc@chesco.org if you need help finding an agricultural resource not listed above.
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