

The Bounty From The Land

Cropland has declined over recent years primarily due to urban development and this rate of decline is increasing. Farmland is an essential component of agriculture. In our rapidly developing County, farmland makes up an increasingly important part of the county's open space. It provides an important balance to development and adds diversity to the county's urban environment. This tour provides an opportunity to recognize the contribution that small-scale family farms make to the economic and social well being of our communities.

We invite you to enjoy the unique attributes of the farms and families that have graciously opened their doors for this tour and hope you will gain from this experience the importance of maintaining and supporting these valuable working landscapes.



Visit one or all sites, bring friends, family and carpool. These are real working farms, so please be mindful of where you step.

Watch your children and dress appropriately. Due to the various farm animals on the tour,

PLEASE NO PETS

Please use caution, some roads are curvy and narrow. Enjoy the rural landscapes and country road drive.

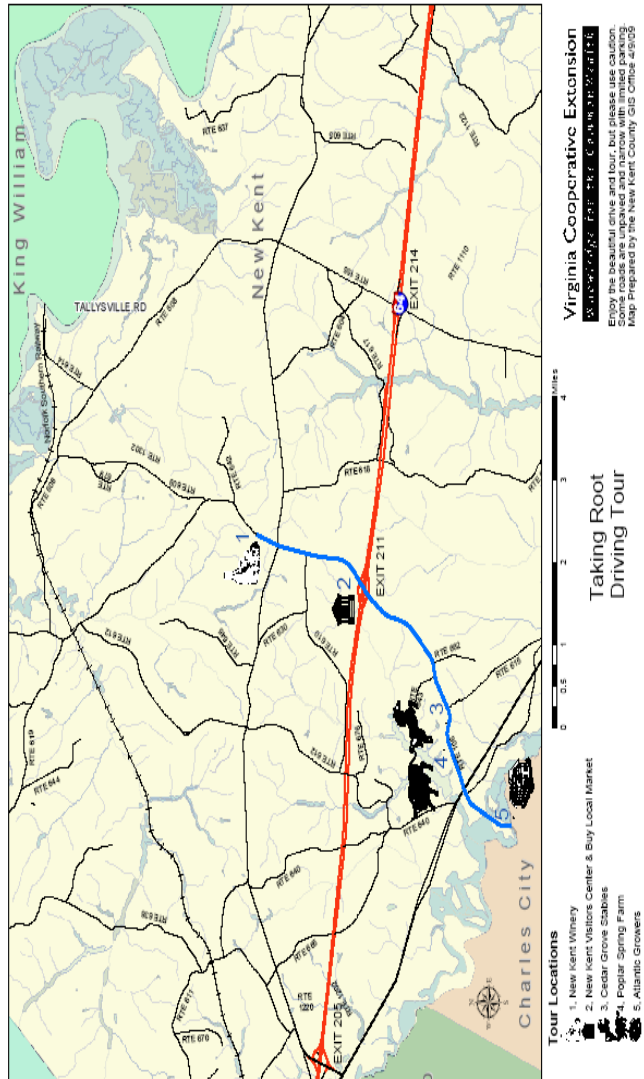
If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the New Kent Extension office at (804/966-9645) during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

DIRECTIONS

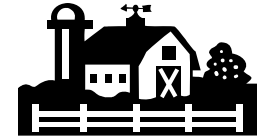
From Interstate 64

Take Exit 211 (106 Talleysville/Roxbury). All Farm Tour sites are conveniently located on or near Rt. 106, and clearly marked with signage.

NOTE: Addresses are provided for each site, you may prefer to MAPQUEST (www.mapquest.com) the farms you choose to visit from your home address for more accurate directions.



Taking Root Farm Tour



Self-Driving Tour

SUNDAY
June 28, 2009
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Visit 5 Diverse Farms/Businesses
 and Learn About Agriculture
 In Your Community

Featuring:

New Kent Winery Cedar Grove Stables
Poplar Springs Atlantic Growers
New Kent Visitors Center
Buy Local Market

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New Kent Winery & Vineyards

**8400 Old Church Road
New Kent, VA 23124
(804) 932-8240**

The New Kent Winery is one of the newest wineries in VA and one of the "greenest buildings on the East Coast". The winery is constructed of antique recycled building materials.

The 1st planting of rootstock took place in 2001 with 7.5 acres of Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Franc vines. Additional plantings have included: the French Hybrid-Vidal Blanc & the native VA grape-Norton. Each year additional vines have been planted and today the vineyards total more than 26.5 acres in size. The ultimate goal of the winery is to plant up to 40 acres of vines.

The New Kent Winery offers seven wines to its guests; two distinctly different Chardonnays, a Merlot, Vidal Blanc, White Norton & "Sweet Virginia". The wine industry is one of the fastest growing segments of agriculture in VA. Today there are close to 300 vineyards that supply grapes to 148 wineries.

Poplar Springs Farm

**Jimmy & Regina Talley
5756 Emmaus Church Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-2266**

Poplar Springs Farm is a Virginia Century Farm. The Virginia Century Farm Program recognizes and honors those farms that have been in operation by the same family for at least 100 years. This small diversified farm, operated by the Talley family, comprises approximately 100 acres of owned and rented land. It is primarily a beef cow/calf operation and certified as a "Virginia Beef Quality Assured" producer. The commercial cow herd is Hereford based and Angus bred to produce "black baldy" calves. Hay, grown for sale to horse, cattle and goat owners, has won local, state and national awards. The farm and some of its cattle have won awards and championships at the State Fair. Walking tours, along with educational displays will be featured. Milk Soap made from the milk of their small Jersey herd will be for sale.

CAUTION: Manure happens – don't wear good shoes.

Cedar Grove Plantation & Stables

**Lynn Barbini
5900 Emmaus Church Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) (804) 512-0849**

An historic working plantation and childhood home to Letitia Christian Tyler, American First Lady, wife of John Tyler, 10th President of the United States. The farm features the 1700 circa home that is available to the public for Weddings and special events. Tennessee Walking Horses are raised at the farm today. They are known for their smooth easy gait and gentle disposition and were a popular breed during the plantation era. Boarding, training, lessons, trail rides and a summer riding camp are offered on this beautiful farm. The farm is also home to the "Roxbury Riders 4-H Saddle Club", who will feature riding demonstrations throughout the day. This 165 acre farm also features an orchard and several original buildings. The site will include pony rides (fee), tours, historic sites, riding demonstrations and a new foal.

New Kent County Visitors & Commerce Center

**7324 Vineyards Pkwy
New Kent, VA 23124
(804) 966-8787**

The New Kent County Visitors and Commerce Center opened in September 2007. The Center was constructed and financed by the New Kent Farms, LLC, developer of the New Kent Vineyards Planned Unit Development. The primary function of the facility is to support the Counties Economic Development and Tourism programs. The County's Economic Development Department, Economic Development Authority, and the Chamber of Commerce utilize this facility for office space and meetings. The facility is also used to provide information to the public on New Kent history, attractions, and events. Many of the County's existing attractions involve agritourism. Agritourism is a very important industry in New Kent and includes berry farms, vineyards, a winery, stables, community gardens, and much more.

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VA Cooperative Extension-New Kent County
and
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For More Information:
Call (804) 966-9645 or visit www.jccwmg.org

Atlantic Growers

**Tom Watson & Stephanie Potts
2000 Barnetts Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7670**

After 10 years of developing their horticulture skills, Tom and Stephanie opened Atlantic Growers in August 2005. It took six months of cleaning the nearly one acre greenhouse before the first crop of garden mums, pansies and poinsettias were planted, grown and offered for sale to the public. Atlantic Growers offers a full line of potted plants: annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, foliage plants, strawberries, and a large assortment of hanging baskets to retail, wholesale and contract customers. Plans to expand into pick-your-own fruits are being considered. Activities include: a potting table for kids, greenhouse tours, planting tips and design information.