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OPEN FARM DAY RETURNS TO MADISON COUNTY

*Free Farm Tours, Animal Encounters, and Hands-On Agriculture
Experiences Across the County, July 25–26, 2026*



MADISON COUNTY, N.Y. — Madison County farms are throwing open their gates this summer as Open Farm Day returns on **Saturday and Sunday, July 25–26, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension Madison County (CCE Madison County), this free, family-friendly event invites visitors to tour local farms, meet the farmers behind their food, interact with animals, sample farm-fresh products, and discover the breadth of agriculture woven into Madison County's identity.

Participating farms span the county and represent a diverse cross-section of agriculture — from dairy and wagyu beef to mushrooms, honey, craft spirits, and more. Confirmed 2026 participants include Critz Farms, Kriemhild Dairy, Swiss Mountain Farms, Fruit of Fungi, Moon Bee Honey, Old Home Distillers, Madison County Distillery, Deer Hill Wagyu, Dizzy Lizzies, Brownson Family Farm, Mosher Farms, G&M Farms, Sorbello's, Morrisville State College's Arnold R. Fisher Dairy Complex, and others.

*Note: Check the official passport and social media for updated listings as some farms are open Saturday only. This can be done at **visitopenfarmday.com***

“Open Farm Day is a perfect opportunity to step into our communities and connect with the people who grow and raise the food on your table,” said Larkin Podsiedlik, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension Madison County. “Madison County’s farms are a cornerstone of our community, and this event brings that story to life in the most hands-on way possible.”

How It Works

Visitors are encouraged to pick up a free Open Farm Day Passport — available at Hamilton and Oneida Price Chopper/Market 32 stores, local Madison County libraries, the Madison County DMV lobby, and CCE Madison County — to plan their route and track farm visits. Each listing includes farm descriptions, available activities, and accessibility icons. The passport also doubles as a stamp card: collect 3 stamps at participating farms to earn a free prize.

Visitors can also use the **Goosechase app** for an interactive scavenger hunt across farm stops by using code **OFD26**, and complete a short post-event survey for a raffle entry. Open Farm Day is a rain-or-shine event.

Some farms offer products for sale; bring cash, as not all locations accept cards. Pets should be left at home; contact farms in advance if a service animal is required.

Plan Your Visit

For a full list of participating farms, the downloadable passport, and event updates, visit www.visitopenfarmday.com. Follow **@openfarmdaymadco** on Instagram and Facebook for updates and behind-the-scenes content.

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About Madison County Tourism

Visit Madison County, NY is the official Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) of Madison County, New York, promoting the region's natural beauty, rich heritage, and diverse attractions for over 30 years. As a designated New York State TPA, the organization promotes more than 300 attractions across the county. According to Tourism Economics, tourism generated \$146.4 million in direct visitor spending in Madison County in 2024.

Nestled in the heart of Central New York, Madison County is where adventure seekers, history buffs, antique lovers, foodies, and couples searching for the perfect wedding destination all find their place. Home to Chittenango Falls, the International Boxing Hall of Fame, the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum, Oz-Stravaganza®, and the legendary Madison-Bouckville Antique Week, Madison County delivers authentic experiences and small-town charm that keep visitors coming back. Plan your visit at www.visitmadisoncny.com.