



Get Farming! Keep Farming!

Farm Tour Series: Visit the Pros

Get a close look at some of northwest Michigan's finest sustainably managed farms and gardens. Whether you are a veteran farmer or just starting out, you'll learn how farmers cultivate healthy products while protecting the land and enjoying profitable, long-term success.

All tours are free!

Space is limited,
so please
pre-register by
calling Jim Sluyter
at the
Michigan Land
Use Institute,
231-941-6584, ext. 15,
or email
jimsluyter@mlui.org

Thursday, June 24
10 a.m. to noon

Shetler Family Dairy
5436 Tyler Road SE, Kalkaska

Observe the bottling process, their distinct direct-marketing approach, and the basics of a sustainable dairy farming operation.

Saturday, June 26
2-4 p.m.

Bardenhagen Farms
7881 E. Pertner Rd, Suttons Bay

Specializing in cherries and apples, with tarts moving toward certified organic, this farm sells wholesale and at farmer's markets.

Sunday, July 11
1-3 p.m.

9 Bean Rows Farm at Black Star
10844 E. Revold Road, Suttons Bay

A hoophouse, an artisan bakery, CSA, and farmer's markets make this a very successful collaboration.

Monday, August 2
1-3 p.m.

Ware Farm
9094 Alkire Road, Bear Lake

This big operation shows how an "industrial farm" can transition to supplying local markets with berries, asparagus, mixed vegetables, and mushrooms.

Sunday, September 12
1-3 p.m.

Five Springs Farm
3480 Potter Road, Bear Lake

This small, diversified vegetable farm in Manistee County operates off the electric grid with wind and solar power.



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