

Athens Farmers Market - Farmer For a Day Farmer Host List

Interested in farming? Want some hands-on experience at a local working farm? Be a Farmer For a Day. Contact one of the following Athens Farmers Market farmers and make arrangements for a working visit.

Laura Berry, Sticky Petes Maple Syrup
18216 S. Cannon Rd
Athens Ohio 45701

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Sticky Petes is a 2000 tap maple operation run on tubing. Nov and Dec work involves repairing and replacing tubing, making drops and general woods work. March and April work involves cleaning tubing, mainlines and gathering tanks. Working with the maple trees in the woods these two times of the year would give you an overall view of the process of maple syrup production.

Jeffrey Brock, High Bottom Farm
20861 Henderson Rd.
Guysville Ohio 45735

hibofa@gmail.com 740-541-7524

We mainly have pasture raised chickens for eggs plus a few sheep, goats and pigs.

Jobs include helping with chores, feeding animals, collecting and washing eggs.

Neil Cherry, Cherry Orchards
10290St. Rt. 669 NW
Crooksville, Ohio 43731

740-982-0976

We raise fruit (apples, peaches, plums, grapes), vegetables and bedding plants.

Jobs would include pruning, thinning fruit, weeding, picking apples depending on the season.

Ronda Clark, Blackberry Sage Farm
15282 Linscott Run Rd.
Amesville Ohio 45711

blackberrysagefarm@gmail.com 740-448-7318

We grow veggies and berries.

Participants will be helping with garden maintenance such as planting, cultivating, weeding, mulching and harvesting depending on the season. You can take some of the harvest home for your reward. It is hard manual work.

Caty Crabb, Wildfire Herbs
34316 Beech Grove Rd
Rutland Ohio 45775

wildfireherbs@gmail.com

I grow herbs and make extracts, salves and powders.

Jobs include planting, weeding, harvesting and processing herbs, making tinctures, making compost.

Greg Howard, Gibson Ridge Farm
41329 Gibson Rd
Albany Ohio 45710

We fully mineralize the soil and use organic methods to grow veggies, blueberries, apples and pears. We also have 3 beef cattle.

Jobs include planting, weeding, picking veggies, picking fruit, building fence, cutting firewood depending on the season.

Henry Jochem
Primaterra Farm
6475 Township Rd 154 NE
New Lexington, OH 43764

primaterrafarm@gmail.com 614-915-4145

We are a first generation farm focused on sustainably raising a diverse array of vegetables and herbs, as well a pasture-raised poultry and eggs. Our produce is grown naturally, our soil is amended with natural compost, and we grow without chemical sprays or fertilizers.

Farmer for a day volunteers can expect to experience various areas of the farm, including planting, weeding, and harvesting veggies, and feeding our chickens and ducks and collecting eggs.

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Elise McMath, Far Corner Farm
12788 New England Rd
Amesville, OH 45711

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I grow a large garden of vegetables and berries and also manage a shiitake and oyster mushroom operation and a high tunnel for winter greens. I have personal livestock (goats, pigs, chickens, ducks)-- meaning that I don't sell their products at the AFM. I use machinery sometimes, but I do a lot of work with hand tools.

Tasks for a FFD: irrigation system maintenance, fence maintenance, prune and tie berry canes, care for livestock, hoe, mulch, weed, harvest, haul and spread manure, eat lunch.

Nick Nolan, Laurel Valley Creamery
930 Laurel Rd.
Gallipolis Ohio 45631

laurelvalleycreamery@gmail.com 740-245-9044

We milk 20-30 cows year-round and make fresh and aged cheese on the farm. We also raise beef cattle and hogs for pork products.

Jobs include helping with milking, cheese making and other farm chores.

Ed Perkins, Sassafras Farm
10940 Lightfritz Ridge Rd
New Marshfield Ohio 45766

sassafras2233@earthlink.net 740-664-3370

We raise veggies, herbs and berries using organic methods and have hoop houses for winter greens production.

FFD visitors can help with preparing garden beds, planting, weeding, mulching, harvesting and making hay.

Pete & Marjie Shew, Shew's Grass Fed Beef
3915 S. Elliot Rd.
Stockport, Ohio 43787

shewpm@gmail.com 740-557-3032

We raise beef cattle on pasture and free-range eggs.

FFD visitors will help with moving cattle to fresh pasture. brush clearing, calving if you are there at the right time. You will learn about grass-fed beef production.

Paul Tomcho, Creekside Farm
15049 Mansfield Rd. Athens, Ohio

creeksidefarmathens@gmail.com

Creekside is a pasture based goat dairy. We milk 25 dairy goats and make various cheeses, drinkable yogurt and soap with the milk. We have a small flock of laying hens, a shiitake logs operation, and a quarter acre of blueberries and blackberries. We also have a quarter acre garden for home vegetable and cut flower production.

Possible tasks include milking goats, moving the herd to new pasture, moving hen houses, weeding berries, soaking shiitake logs, harvesting shiitake mushrooms.

Brian and Beth Duffy, Find A Way Farm
36789 Buzzard Den Rd
Langsville, Ohio 45741

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We produce Katahdin lamb reared on grass without any chemicals or antibiotics.

A visit to the farm will center on sheep husbandry and farm management depending on the season.

In spring there is lambing and pasture planting; in summer focus would be on managed intensive grazing of the sheep; in fall there is lamb finishing, ewe breeding and fall pasture planting; and in winter there is farm upkeep and ewe care. In addition the visitor would experience the day to day homesteading activity such as timbering, wood cutting and home food production.