

DUFFERIN FARM TOUR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2019



YOUR TOUR PASSPORT

Rain or Shine! from 9:00am to 4:00pm we welcome you to our host farms! Inside you will find a map and bio on each of our farms, along with what to see or expect whilst you are there. Feel free to start at any farm you wish and follow the recommended tour route.

Throughout the day take lots of photos and share! Please tag Dufferin Farm Tour and use the hashtag #dufferinfarmtour. You could be the winner of the best shot of the day and win Dufferin Farm Tour swag!



ADMISSION WITH DONATION

We ask you bring a donation of a non perishable food item that will go directly to the local food banks. Enjoy the day and do some good! Donate at the first farm you visit.

THE FARMERS

- Our Tour Hosts are committed to sharing information regarding their passion for their craft, and meeting the challenges of farming today.

THE FARMS

- Today you have the opportunity to see how the agricultural industry operates through the lives and businesses of several different farm families. We hope this exchange will enhance public awareness and efforts to meet emerging challenges. **Please DO NOT bring your dog** out of respect for all the other farm animals...your dog may stress them out.

A NOTE FROM THE LADIES

- Hay! (that's what we eat sometimes) Thanks for coming...our barn is clean and healthy. If you have germs remember to wash or sanitize your hands before and after visiting us...and watch your step. You never know what you might step into....sorry



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HOCKLEY HILLS SCHOOL OF HORSEMANSHIP – DAVE AITCHISON & JULIE HUPPE 246063, COUNTY ROAD 16, MONO

Dave Aitchison and partner Julie Huppé operate Aitchison Show Horses and Hockley Hills School of Horsemanship (HHSOH) out of their dream location. Dave and Julie take great pleasure in seeing their hard working and dedicated clients attain high point and reserve high point championship titles in various events. Dave has a keen eye for talented young horses and potential horses for his clients. One of Dave and Julie's favourite classes to watch and show in is the Two Year Old Western Pleasure, as they love taking a young horse and building their foundation from the ground up to turn them into a winner in the show pen.

Aside from showing at a pro level they run a full time facility situated on 89 acres of rolling land. Our facility offers 20 box stalls, a 60 x 120 indoor arena, 400 x 400 outdoor arena with numerous jumps, a round pen, 18 paddocks with automatic waterers, heated viewing room and washroom.

HHSOH offers lessons in the two most popular styles of riding, Western and English. Hour long lessons run year-round and are available at flexible times. Parents and friends can watch comfortably from a heated viewing room. Lessons are offered to riders of all levels of abilities and are structured to meet the student's area of interest. This can range from developing the basic skills needed for recreational riding, to obtaining different levels of certification, to preparing a student for the show ring. HHSOH also offers an excellent riding summer camp program, taught by certified coaches, in both Western and English disciplines in a fun, safe and friendly environment.

HHSOH is constantly adding to the program, coming in 2020 is Equine Assisted Learning.

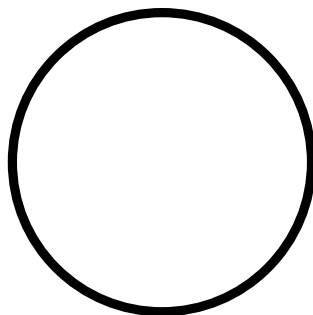
DID YOU KNOW

Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up.

Horses have approximately 205 bones in their skeleton...and humans have 206!

There are approximately 23,000 horses in the Headwaters Region.

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CHECK OUT...

- **EAT!** Enjoy some of Dufferin County's finest baked goods from Landman Gardens & Bakery out of Grand Valley
- Meet members of the Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance
- Take a fun photo and share it with all your friends

Thank-you to all our farm hosts, volunteers and sponsors! Without your generosity of time and effort the Dufferin Farm Tour would not be possible

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ERIC POTT FAMILY BEEF FARM

ERIC & THERESA POTT, KRISTEN & GRANT POTT

394077 COUNTY RD 12, AMARANTH ON

Do you know where your beef comes from?

At Eric Pott Family Beef Farm, they have 55 Simmental beef cows on 140 acres. The farm was originally started in 1977 by Eric Pott when he was 21 years old with his wife Theresa Pott. They have two kids that are both married, and their son Grant helps on a regular basis.

The Pott family has a passion and a love for animals as they all grew up farming and wanted to continue the rewarding hobby.

The farm has 3 main buildings, a cattle barn and two sheds for machinery, hay, and straw storage. The new cattle barn was put up in 2016 to make it easier to move the cattle in and out.

The cows are all grass-fed and live happily in the pasture during the summer-fall months and live in the barn/barnyard during the colder months of the year.

Each year the calves from the farm are sold. Eric Pott and family look forward to welcoming you to experience what beef farming entails.

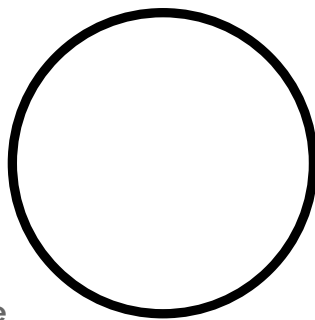
DID YOU KNOW

There are over 520 Farms in Dufferin, and almost 50% of the land is for farming.

Dufferin produces over \$25.6Million in beef .

Are there are more cows than people in Dufferin County?

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CHECK OUT...

- Meet the Dufferin Bee Keepers and learn about your local honey
- Try some local goats' milk cheese made famous at last year's event
- EAT! Chance to grab a bite from our local partners
- Learn about chickens, cattle and grain

Cattle are large grass-eating mammals with two-toed or cloven hooves and a four-chambered stomach.

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HOCKLEY VALLEY FARM - VIKKI AND JASON HUCK & FAMILY **307509 HOCKLEY ROAD, MONO**

Hockley Valley Farm is 93 acres of pasture, Christmas tree fields and maple sugar bush on the Niagara Escarpment. Settled late in the 19th century, the farmland served to raise sheep and cattle. The bank barn was raised in 1905 and the house was constructed on the property shortly after. Christmas tree planting began on the farm in the 1990's and during the 2000's the farm was opened during the Christmas season to customers. The Huck's purchased the farm in the fall of 2016 and moved from East Gwillimbury with their family and Percheron horses.

The primary use of the 93 acres is the ongoing cultivation of Christmas trees. Seedlings are planted twice per year, one planting in the spring and one in the fall. Later in the spring, the trees are fertilized and throughout the summer months, grass is cut between the rows so as not to compete with the trees for nutrients or sunlight. Late summer pruning is done to shape the trees and ensure uniform growth. Fall planting takes place in September and tree sales begin the 5th Saturday before Christmas.

The Huck's have had their Percheron horses, Ike and Duke since 2011. Ike and Duke joined the family as pleasure horses pulling wagons or sleighs for leisure. Since moving to Hockley Valley Farm they've become an integral part of creating an old fashioned Christmas experience for customers. Ike and Duke stand 18.1hh and 18.0hh respectively and each weigh about 2000lbs.

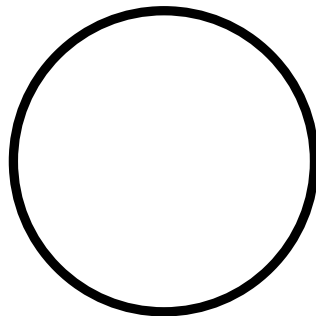
During the Christmas season, the barn serves to house up to 30 artisans who bring locally made crafts and goods to sell in the Christmas store. Customers are also treated to a hot chocolate bar and can roast marshmallows with donations going to local charities.

DID YOU KNOW

That Christmas tree farms make up a \$55.2 Million industry in Canada.

There are approximately 70,000 acres dedicated to Christmas tree farming in Canada.

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CHECK OUT...

- Wagon Rides
- Santa Claus 10am
- Organic Honey, Jams & Preserves
- Pollinator Education
- EAT!
- Equine Decor
- Pumpkins

One acre of Christmas trees produces enough oxygen for 18 people per day

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SEVENHILLS HOLSTEINS – THE OVERGAAUW FAMILY 334104 7TH LINE, AMARANTH ON

The Overgaauw family operates two dairy barns; the new barn being toured today plus the home farm across the road. The new, high-tech barn was built in 2018 and took almost 8 months to complete. The barn is setup with two robotic milkers which can each milk up to 60 cows per day. Currently they are milking about 100 cows at this location and each cow is milked about 3 times per day, it has capacity to have a third milker added and the barn could accommodate up to 160 cows.

Paul and Marion Overgaauw immigrated to Canada from Holland in 1993 and purchased the home farm on the 7th line of Amaranth. Paul had previously experienced farm life in Canada as he did a summer coop term with a dairy farm near Ingersoll Ontario. Both Paul and Marion's families had dairy farms in Holland, however there were challenges starting or expanding farms in Holland and there was opportunity in Canada to purchase land and start a dairy herd of their own.

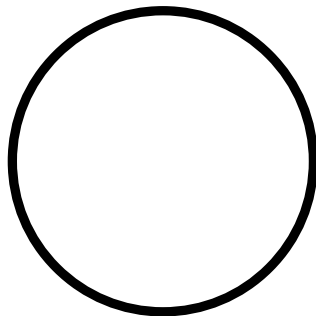
Paul and Marion have 3 sons, David, Kevin and Mark. David and his wife Sam have a 1 year old named Dawson and they help milk 120 cows at the home farm using a double 10 milking parlour. Mark helps on the farm when he can and is currently at the University of Guelph taking Agriculture Science. Kevin and partner Tori operate the barn being toured today.

The Overgaauw family farms approx. 700 acres of which 100 to 150 is cash crop (wheat or beans) and the remainder is in corn or hay and is grown as cattle feed.

DID YOU KNOW

A cow that is milking will eat up to 100 lbs of feed a day and drink approximately 40 gallons of water.

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CHECK OUT...

- Tour the dairy barn and talk to some of our dairy educators
- Try some local dairy products like milk and yoghurt!
- Get a chance to see BIG farming equipment up close
- Sheep Shearing!

The average dairy cow weighs approximately 1,500 lbs

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AM BRAIGH - JAMIE RICHARDS
873393 FIFTH LINE MONO EHS, MONO ON

Am Braigh Farm is a one acre intensive four season vegetable farm.

For the last 10 years our farm has been producing food year round from our outside beds and our move-able greenhouses with minimal supplemental heat.

Over one half of our harvest occurs during the "backside of the calendar" from November thru early June.

Visitors on the farm tour will see not only the last of our summer crops but also our fall crops as well as the crops that have been planted for the winter. The bulk of our produce is sold at our farmgate store. As well we provide vegetables to a number of local restaurants.

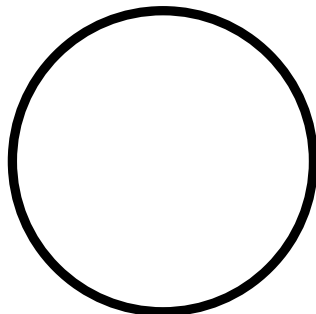
Following the organic methods pioneered by Eliot Coleman, we intensively grow our crops using complex crop rotations, green manures, and lots of compost. Visitors will also be able to see how we integrate our chickens into our vegetable production through our movable chicken tractors. Taken together these practices constitute what is known as regenerative agriculture which has allowed us to increase both our productivity as well as our soil health.

We will also have a display of both modern market garden tools as well as tools and equipment that were used on farms in Mono a century ago.

DID YOU KNOW

Greens are how you get your vitamin K...and vitamin K plays a role in blood clotting, bone metabolism, and regulating blood calcium levels.

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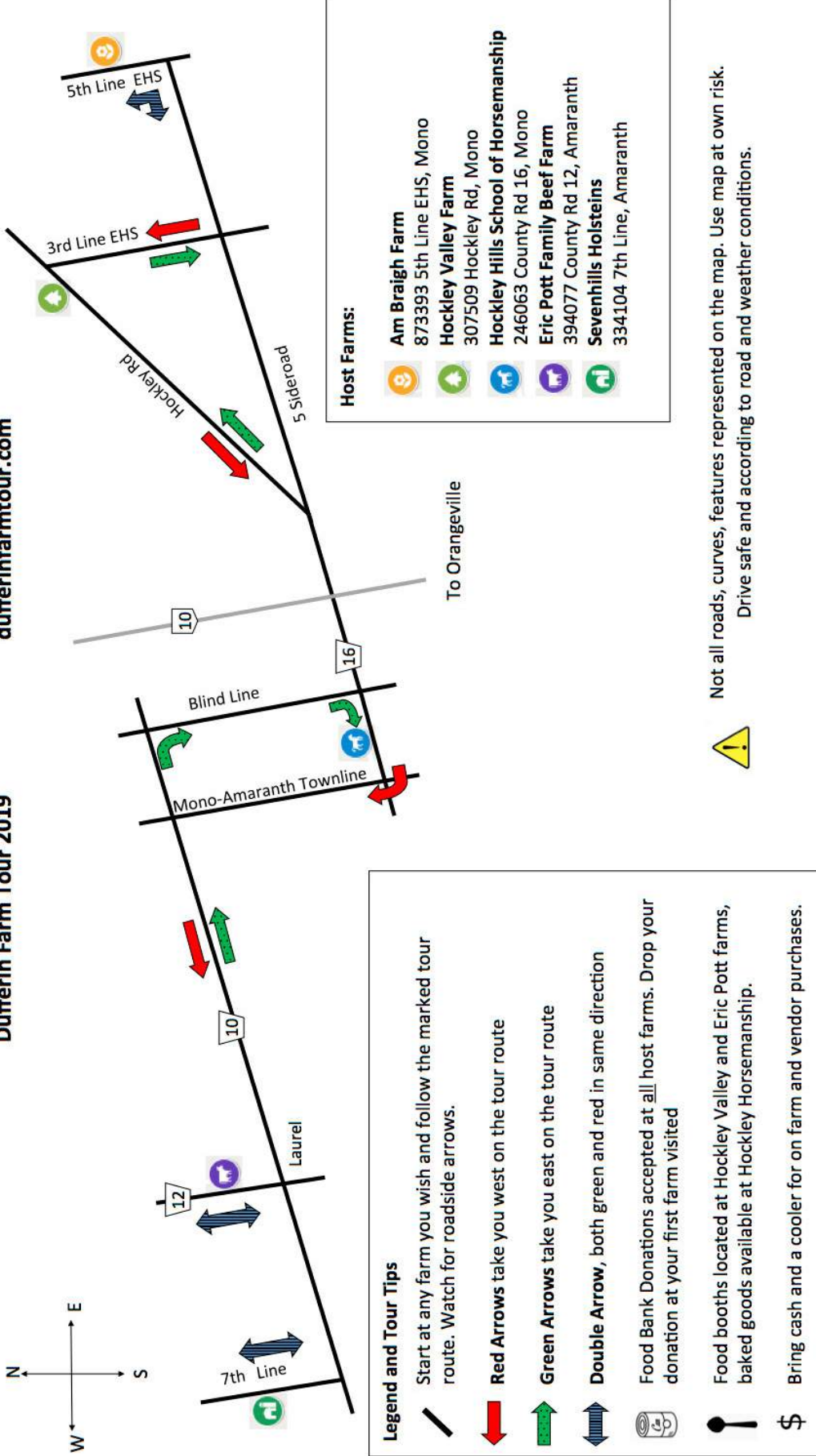
CHECK OUT...

- Some of Dufferin's finest antique farming equipment...see what farmers' used to work with and sample some local greens

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**Please do not park on the road.*

Start which ever farm is closest to you.

Have fun, take photos, and enjoy a day on the farm!





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