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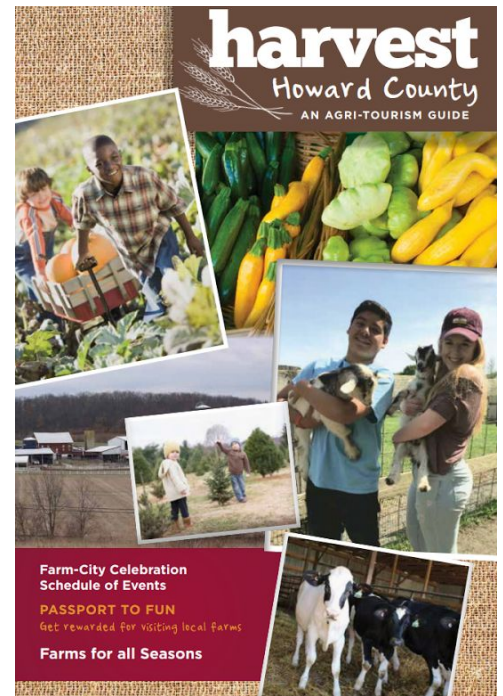
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Harvest-Howard County An Agritourism Guide

Howard County Tourism & Promotion and Howard County Economic Development Authority have partnered together to showcase agriculture in Howard County. The new *Harvest-Howard County* agritourism guide is a magazine that offers readers opportunities to explore Howard County farms during the different seasons and to make memories while purchasing the locally produced foods and products the farms provide.

“We could not be more excited about the launch of *Harvest-Howard County*,” commented Amanda Hof, Director of Community Development at Howard County Tourism and Promotion. “It will be a true resource to visitors and residents alike when it comes to all things agriculture in Howard County.”

Kathy Johnson, Agricultural Development Manager for Howard County Economic Development Authority adds “although agriculture is a \$32 million industry in Howard County its true value comes from the locally grown foods, the sustainability and the opportunity to enjoy nature while learning about agriculture. Plus Howard County farms are unique each offering their own personality and charm.”



In addition to interesting information about area farms the guide includes fun facts, kids activities, recipes, calendar listings, a growing season chart and more.

The guide’s passport program encourages readers to visit area farms. When visiting the participating farms readers should ask farms to stamp the passport portion of their guide. Stamped passports may be redeemed for a Harvest-Howard County reusable shopping bag filled with offers and goodies from participating farms and advertisers. Passports can be redeemed at the Howard County Welcome Center in Old Ellicott City located at 8267 Main Street, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

Printed copies of the guide are expected in early August and will be available at the Howard County Fair, Howard County Welcome Centers in Historic Ellicott City and Historic Savage Mill, Welcome Centers across Maryland, Howard County Public Library System branches, area farms and various other locations.

For more information stop in the Howard County Welcome Center in Old Ellicott City or call 410-313-1900 or go to VisitHowardCounty.com/Outdoors/Farms

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