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Dapple.farm

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Sells onsite approximately June-July (call first for blueberry picking times). U-pick blueberries and winery/restaurant.

Earth Wind and Fleece 13833 Berlin Turnpike Lovettsville

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Susan Trask (703) 946-7759 EarthWindandFleece@gmail.com EarthWindandFleece.com

Sells onsite, online and at Butterfly Hill Farm Store. Alpaca fiber, yarn, scarves, hats and other fiber products. Art classes and events.

EarthJoy Farm

19075 Ebenezer Church Road Round Hill

Brenda Krieger & John Carhart brenda@earthjoyfarm.com Facebook: EarthJoy Farm

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Farmer John's Fruit CSA and Vegetable Market

15520 James Monroe Hwy Leesburg

(703) 939-7456 farmerjohnsmarket@gmail.com facebook.com/FarmerJohnsMarket

Sells onsite mid-June -Thanksgiving, AM-sunset. Large selection of seasonal fruits, vegetables, honey and more. U-pick orchard.



Farmed with Care at Long Stone

By Catherine Fisher, PEC Community Farm Specialist

quick browse on Long Stone's website will tell you this farm is "owned and farmed with care" by Casey and Justin Wisch and their four young children. Although a simple phrase, the magnitude of that care is apparent after just a short conversation with these farmers who produce non-GMO pastured pork, beef, chicken and eggs on over 300 acres in Lovettsville.

Leaning on Justin's background in livestock management and Casey's overseas introduction to permaculture and grazing, the couple launched Long Stone in 2011 as a grass-based operation. "I truly believe large land can be sustainably managed with livestock," says Casey. "We have worked to establish chemical-free systems that really are the core of who we are and how we manage our farm for

In their interconnected grazing systems, manure has found a second life in their farm orchard as fertilizer for Long Stone's latest passion project: Blue Wall Cider & Wine, which has begun with single-varietal smallbatch cider experimentation. While livestock is the Wisch's main passion, a heirloom apple orchard has finally found a place at the farm, a dream since 2010. The orchard itself, like the rest of the property, is part of a long-term soil building project.

"Our goal in the orchard is to integrate livestock to help us manage the orchard soil and fruit production. We've been running livestock over orchard ground for the last five years to prepare the soil," says Casey. For example, the couple has been planting cover crops and spreading self-sourced manure, while continuing to move cattle and poultry

A Farm Less Ordinary Leesburg

(202) 810-FARM info@afarmlessordinary.org www.afarmlessordinary.org

Sells at Leesburg Farmers Market and through CSA membership. Vegetables, fruits, flower bouquets, jams and pickles. Employs individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to grow and sell highquality, chemical-free produce.



soil health and clean proteins."

Implementing these grazing systems has involved working with the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resource Conservation Service to help provide year-round forage for livestock. Casey and Justin have a few dedicated fields of annual forage amongst perennial forage fields. "What happens in the hog field isn't the same as what happens with the cattle, but what stays consistent is the goal to prioritize animal, soil and ecosystem health," Casey says.

Casey enjoys the years-long challenge of bringing cattle onto previously degraded hay fields they lease and watching the fertility improve through soil tests. "We know the hay we're growing is clean and weed-free because of how we're managing our land. We know exactly what our cattle are eating and pooping out. We understand and have control over it all," she says.

through the orchard to help manage fertility and pest pressures.

Long Stone Farm is a beautiful mosaic of people, animals, forages, seasons and habitats. Experience it yourself and learn what it means to farm with care during the spring and fall Loudoun County Farm Tours, a Sunday Supper, or their new series of events connecting agriculture and holistic health. Better yet, stop by their **year-round on-site** farm stand in Lovettsville, 8 AM - 8 PM, or their seasonal off-site Route 9 Market and tasting room in Paeonian Springs, open April-December. To sign up for a CSA, purchase bulk meat shares, and learn more, visit longstonefarmva.com.

"To find multiple proteins in one place is really valuable to [customers]," says Casey. "Visitors can see us working with our family on the farm. People care about that. It's a very transparent way to buy."

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Farrah's Farm 34994 Williams Gap Road Round Hill

(703) 777-8132 farrah@farrahsfarm.com Farrahsfarm.com

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Fields of Athenry Farm

7 W. Washington Street Time Middleburg

Elaine Boland (703) 300-5765 FOA@fieldsofathenryfarm.com www.fieldsofathenryfarm.com

Sells online and onsite at farm shop; wholesale to local retailers and restaurants. Grass-fed beef, pork, poultry, cheese, eggs, spices, bone broths, deli, and farm-to-table prepared meals.

Fields of Flowers 37879 Allder School Road

Purcellville Patty & Nat Craley (540) 338-7231 info@loudounfieldsofflowers.com

www.loudounfieldsofflowers.com

Sells onsite mid-May through mid-October.

U-pick flowers and greenery.

Fireside Farm Waterford

stacey@farmfireside.com farmfireside.com @farmfireside

Leesburg Saturday Farmers Market year-round, George's Mill Farmstand, on-farm and local pizza events promoted on social media. Wide variety of high-quality vegetables, herbs and grains grown with organic and regenerative methods. Fireside Pizza made using farm-grown and locally-sourced ingredients.



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eggs. Bered Galoway cuttle, pygniy and fainter goats, mini donkeys, and mixed breed chickens. Hair sheep (Katahdin, St. Croix, Dorper and Black Bellied sheep) ram rental, bred ewes and bottle lambs. Offers onsite slaughter/ethnic accommodations.



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Lovettsville Molly Kroiz (571) 442-7444

georgesmillcheese@gmail.com georgesmillcheese.com Sells at self-service farm store 24/7 vear round, through local retailers

and restaurants, and online. Fresh chevre (plain & flavored), bloomy rind cheeses, feta, raw milk aged cheese, blue cheese, goat milk caramel, gelato, and soaps.

Great Country Farms LLC

18780 Foggy Bottom Road Bluemont Mark & Kate Zurschmeide

(540) 554-2073 askthefarmer@greatcountryfarms.com www.greatcountryfarms.com

Sells at the farm market starting late March, by CSA, U-pick, and online. Seasonal produce, including strawberries, blackberries, peaches, apples, and pumpkins; locally-source

strawberries, blackberries, peaches, apples, and pumpkins; locally-sourced honey, eggs, baked goods and more.

Gum Tree Farm 21980 Quaker Lane Middleburg

Franny Kansteiner (540) 592-9561 goods@gumtreefarmdesigns.com www.gumtreefarmdesigns.com facebook.com/gumtreefarmdesigns Sells onsite by appointment and online. *Ultra-fine Merino wool collection for the home and body.*

Happy Morning Farm \checkmark 15 Running Brook Ln Sterling

(703) 884-7505 hello@happymorningfarm.com BuyFreshEggs.com

Sells onsite, Monday-Friday 8 AM-9 PM, online, and through CSA membership. Pasture-raised, soy-free, non-GMO eggs and honey.

Hidden Creek Apiary

(304) 261-3237 facebook.com/p/Hidden-Creek-Apiary

Sells at Leesburg Farmers Market. Seasonal vegetables, berries, fruit, shiitake mushrooms, locally harvested honey and beeswax candles.

Higgly Farm

35283 Hillock Lane Round Hill CarlaGay Higgins &

Michael O. Lyon (703) 587-5196 higglyfarm@rstarmail.com www.higglyfarm.com

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12117 Harpers Ferry Road Hillsboro (540) 751-8088 info@homestead1870.com www.homestead1870.com facebook.com/homestead1870

Sells online and onsite at selfservice farm store 7 AM-9 PM. Homemade jellies and jams, sodas, duck and chicken eggs, baked goods, produce, and other local farm products. Raw goat milk herdshares available.



18035 Lincoln Road Purcellville Lily Florenz (917) 517-3174 lilysherbgarden@gmail.com Sells through CSA and local restaurants. Heirloom tomatoes, culinary herbs, specialty salad greens, squash, cucumbers, peppers, and more!

Long Stone Farm 38212 Long Lane Lovettsville

Casey & Justin Wisch (540) 454-2505 info@longstonefarmva.com www.longstonefarmva.com facebook.com/longstonefarmva

Sells onsite at farm store, Route 9 Market, and by CSA membership. Pasture-raised pork, chicken, beef, chicken and duck eggs, Chesapeake Bay Rogue oysters, and Blue Wall Cider & Wine.

Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum

21668 Heritage Farm Lane Sterling

(571) 258-3800 hfmuseum@gmail.com www.heritagefarmmuseum.org

Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM; Sunday 11:30 AM-4:30 PM. Interactive historic farming

displays, events, and community garden space.



FRUIT & VEGETABLE AVAILABILITY CALENDAR

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In addition to the standard fruit and vegetables you see on this chart, Loudoun farmers and farmers markets offer an even broader variety of produce to pick from. Explore your farmers' websites and other online sites to find recipes that might appeal to your family.



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Mill Road Farm 19440 Dunlop Mill Road Leesburg (703) 777-4210 beefhatch@aol.com facebook.com/MillRoadFarm

Sells at Leesburg Saturday Farmers Market (year round), Cascade Farmers Market, and onsite by appointment. Grass-fed Angus beef, eggs, and pastured lamb.

Misty Meadow Mushrooms

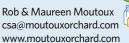
15960 Limestone School Road Leesburg

(703) 939-7456

mistymeadowsmushrooms@gmail.com www.mistymeadowmushrooms.com

Order online for onsite pickup by appointment or at Farmer John's Market. Gourmet mushrooms serving local chefs, restaurants, farmers markets, and CSAs.

Moutoux Orchard 15290 Purcellville Road Purcellville



On-farm whole-diet, full year CSA program. Register online or by email. Fruits, vegetables, pastured eggs,

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grass-fed meats (beef, pork, chicken), dairy, herbs, flours, and dry goods.



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Oakland Green Farm and Bed & Breakfast 19192 Oakland Green Road Leesburg

Sara Brown (540) 338-7628 sarabrown8@aol.com www.oaklandgreen.com

Place orders by email, phone, or online form. Naturally raised Anaus beef available by the cut, quarter, or half, Weddinas and events as well as Bed & Breakfast.



Round Hill Joe & Chery (540) 554-2498 Joseph@Guirreri.com www.OldAppleVallevFarms.com

facebook.com/OldAppleValleyFarms Sells online and through Facebook. Vegetable and herb seedlings in spring (April - June). Organically grown seasonal fruits, vegetables, garlic, chestnuts and honey.

Permaculture Gardens 41558 Stumptown Road

Leesburg Nicky & Dave Schauder permaculturegardens@gmail.com www.permaculturegardens.com

Instagram @permaculture_garden Sells online.

Microgreens and permaculture gardening workshops.



42461 Lovettsville Road

Beverly Morton Billand (540) 822-9017 info@patowmackfarm.com www.patowmackfarm.com facebook.com/patowmackfarm Sells through on-farm retail market by appointment. Seasonal produce and restaurant.

Potomac Vegetable



Hana Newcomb (540) 882-3885 hana@potomacvegetablefarms.com

www.potomacvegetablefarms.com Market style CSA, Vienna and Purcellville Farmstands

(July-October) and Leesburg Farmers Market. Ecoganic vegetables and herbs: other local products available in our farmstands including local meat, cheese, fruit, flowers, eggs, pies, and cider.



schoolhillgarden@gmail.com www.schoolhillgarden.com

Summer: Mon.-Sat. 8 AM-6 PM; CSA Winter: Mon.-Sat. 8 AM-4 PM Sixth generation family farm offering beef, pork, chicken, turkey, duck, lamb, fresh produce, seasonal fruits, bedding plants, eggs, jams, pickles and salsas. Also offering locally sourced cheeses and a variety of other local products.

Second Spring Farm 38205 John Wolford Road Purcellville

David Giusti (703) 915-2173 david@secondspringcsa.com www.secondspringcsa.com

Sells through CSA June -October. CSA pickup locations in Leesburg, Purcellville, and around the DC suburbs. Ecologically-grown 'staple' vegetables including tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, potatoes, onions, peppers, spinach, lettuce, and more.

Silcott Springs Farm

19027 Silcott Springs Road Purcellville

Sam & Teresa Grant (703) 973-0033 sam@silcottspringsfarm.com www.silcottspringsfarm.com

Sells at Purcellville Saturday Farmers Market and online. Pastured and grain-fed beef and heritage pork (retail cuts and custom orders), and free-range chicken and eggs.

Spring House Farm 16848 Hamilton Station Road Hamilton

Andrew & Liz Crush (540) 822-0556 info@springhouse.farm www.springhouse.farm

Sells online, onsite (8 AM-8 PM, self-serve), and through CSA membership. Pasture-raised and forest-finished pork products, grass-fed beef, goat, and lamb, pasture-raised chicken and eggs. Other locally-sourced goods offered at the farmstand.

Sprouting Roots Farm 🦸 15669 Limestone School Road

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Leesburg (571) 226-0824 Sproutingroots.farm

Farm visits and U-pick by appointment; CSA membership. Regeneratively-farmed, seasonal Indian ethnic vegetables, greens, roots, herbs, and flowers.

Stoneybrook Organic

Farm and Market 37091 Charlestown Pike Hillsboro

Matt Scott (540) 668-9067 info@stoneybrookfarm.org www.stoneybrookfarm.org

Sells on-farm and at Market. Produce, grass-fed beef, free-range poultry and eggs. Hay and grains. Variety of locally-sourced goods, fresh-baked goods, and prepared foods offered in the Market.

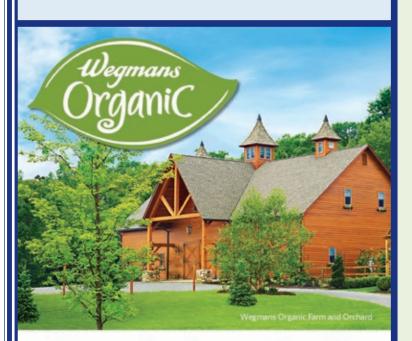


(703) 261-9953 info@sweetpiedmont.com sweetpiedmont.com Instagram: @sweetpiedmont Facebook: /sweetpiedmont

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Romanesco, **Catalan Roasted Pepper** & Tomato Spread

Shared by Casey Gustowarow, Fireside Farm



School Hill Garden 34788 Bloomfield Road Round Hill Terri & Annie Teeter (540) 454-5065

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We partner with growers near our stores to bring you a deliciously fresh variety of fruits and veggies. We're so committed to organics, we have our own organic farm and orchard, in Canandaigua, NY.



INGREDIENTS

11/2 lbs. Italian roasting peppers	1-2 cloves garlic				
1 lb. tomatoes (Romas work best but	1 tsp. smoked paprika				
other types will suffice)	1 deseeded Fresno or Cayenne peppe				
1 cup almonds	2 tsp. lemon juice 1 tsp. red wine or sherry vinegar				
1/4 cup parsley					
1/4 cup olive oil	Salt and pepper to taste				

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Cut out the stems and seeds from the peppers and roast them with the tomatoes in the oven under broiler until the skin is blackened. You will need to rotate them to char all sides. It will probably take about 5-8 minutes. This can also be done on a charcoal grill for a smokier flavor.
- 2. Put the peppers in a bag or covered bowl for 15 minutes and then peel the skins. Peel the skins off the tomatoes and cut out the core.
- 3. Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor together and process until smooth. Adjust flavoring with vinegar and salt. Add more olive oil if you want a smoother consistency.

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(703) 779-9372 templehallfarm@nvrpa.org www.novaparks.com/parks/ temple-hall-farm-regional-park facebook.com/templehallfarm

Sells on site April-November, Tuesday-Sunday 9 AM-4:30 PM. Farm tours, equestrian trail, pumpkin patch, annual Fall Festival and corn maze, nature trail, local farm products, heritage livestock, hay, straw, non-GMO grains, pasture raised pork and beef, and fresh eggs.



Philomont (571) 233-5820 thousandhillsfarm@live.com

Sells by appointment only; delivery available. Grassfed (and finished) beef, forages, hay, straw, pastured poultry, rotation of field crops. Managing acreage in Loudoun & Clarke counties. Beef

Trout Lily Garden Middleburg

(301) 788-4759 troutlilygarden@gmail.com facebook.com/troutlilygardensflowers Instagram @troutlilygarden

Cut flowers for all occasions, available to cut your own by appointment, cut flower orders, and market bouquets.

View of Heaven Farm and Bakery

18061 Yellow Schoolhouse Road Round Hill Katie Conaway

(540) 454-3036 Info@ViewofHeavenFarm.org www.viewofheavenfarm.org

Farm market at Tree of Life -115 E Main Street, Purcellville May through mid December -Saturday 9 AM-1 PM. Winter pickup market - sign up for newsletter to get weekly offerings and to order. View of Heaven is a farm that provides meaningful employment to people of differing mental and physical abilities, pays a living wage and grows food using environmentally sustainable processes. Offering eggs, produce, baked goods, dried herbs and jams/jellies.

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Wegmeyer Farms at Oatlands, 7 miles south of Leesburg on Route 15 **U-pick strawberries**

Wild Wind Farm Round Hill

(703) 203-3633 wildwindfarm.nova@gmail.com facebook.com/WildWindFarmLLC

Sells on site by appointment. Non-GMO, pasture-raised chicken and duck eggs; organically grown vegetables and fruit.

Willow Hawk Farm 11985 Rolling Hills Lane

Lovettsville Ashley Wells & Greg Treado

(703) 980-2866 sheep@willowhawkfarm.com www.willowhawkfarm.com facebook.com/WillowHawkFarm

Sells onsite by appointment. Washable sheepskins, yarns, fleeces, roving, and other wool products.



www.willowsfordfarmcsa.com CSA

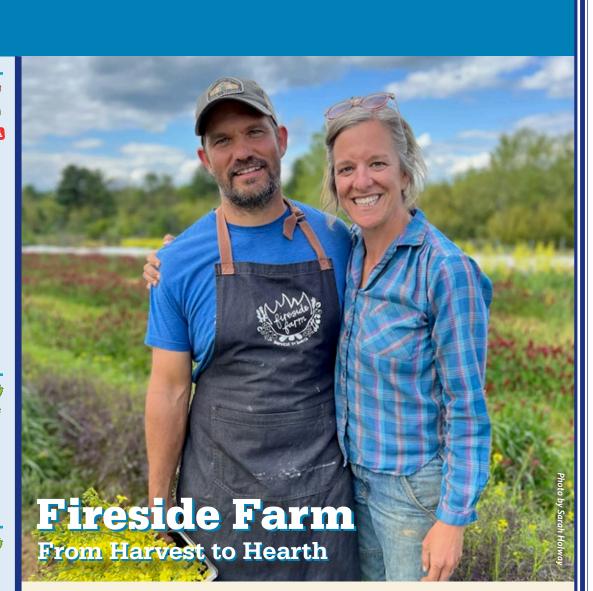
the Boat House Farmstand in Aldie and The Farm Stand in the Grange in Ashburn. Seasonal produce and fruit, honey, eggs, local grass-fed meats, dairy, and baked goods.

Woodtrail Graziers

17990 Tranquility Road Purcellville

Janet & John Bailey (703) 608-9151 john@woodtrailgraziers.com woodtrailgraziers.com

Call for order details and availability. ss-fed/arass-fi



by Catherine Fisher, PEC Community Farm Specialist

or Stacey Carlberg and Casey Gustowarow, good food is more than just a meal. It's a gateway to building community, experimenting in the kitchen and creating healthy soil that nurtures fresh produce. This ethos is what first connected the couple when they met in 2009 and guided them as they managed Potomac Vegetable Farms and The Farm at Sunnyside over the course of a decade. In 2021, that shared passion became the heart of Fireside Farm on land they lease in Purcellville and Lovettsville, where they grow organic vegetables and wheat to make wood-fired, seasonally inspired pizzas.

Good soil health is a top priority at Fireside, and it's through methods such as cover cropping, minimizing tillage and using locally made compost that they can grow the highest quality crops and steward Loudoun county's rich farmlands. However, it's Casey's lifelong love of cooking that inspires the vibrant colors and unique vegetable varieties quintessential to Fireside's farmers market displays.

"We love to share unique vegetables with our customer base and tell people how we cook it," says Casey. "It's fun to experiment in the kitchen and deal with new flavors people aren't necessarily accustomed to." While selling at farmers markets, Fireside staff are eager to share tips for preparing vegetables, and customers often come back the next week having enjoyed something new.

radicchio, sweet potato, winter squash, beets and other toppings that people might be hesitant to try. "Our customers have to gain trust in us that we'll come up with a fun flavor combination," says Casey. That trust is easily won after a first bite.

In 2024, Stacey and Casey purchased 42 acres in Waterford, where they just broke ground that will become Fireside's main growing property and gathering space for both customers and local farmers.

"People can come to have a pizza, understanding that we grew all the veggies and grain and then got cheese and meat from other local farms in Loudoun," says Stacey. "There is all this wonderful food being grown right here, and we want to support farmland preservation by showing that there are viable farms right here. And we're one of them."

Like a summer bonfire or a wood-burning stove in winter, a fireside is somewhere you return to throughout the seasons, somewhere you visit to nourish your body and mind and fill you with the warmth of community. Fireside Farm stays true to its name as a place where you can come with an open mind and leave with a full belly.

You can find Fireside produce year-round at the Leesburg Farmer's Market and George's Mill Farm Store, and seasonally at the Gateway Farmers Market in Maryland. For a full list of local stores and restaurants that feature Fireside products, visit *farmfireside.com*. To enjoy a Fireside pizza, follow their social media or visit their website for upcoming events and pop-ups.

Quality Assurance (BQA) Certified.



Ashburn (571) 297-6900 farm@willowsfordfarm.com

facebook.com/willowsfordfarm Sells online, through CSA, at

> Enriching cooking and eating experiences also drives the couple to top pizzas with

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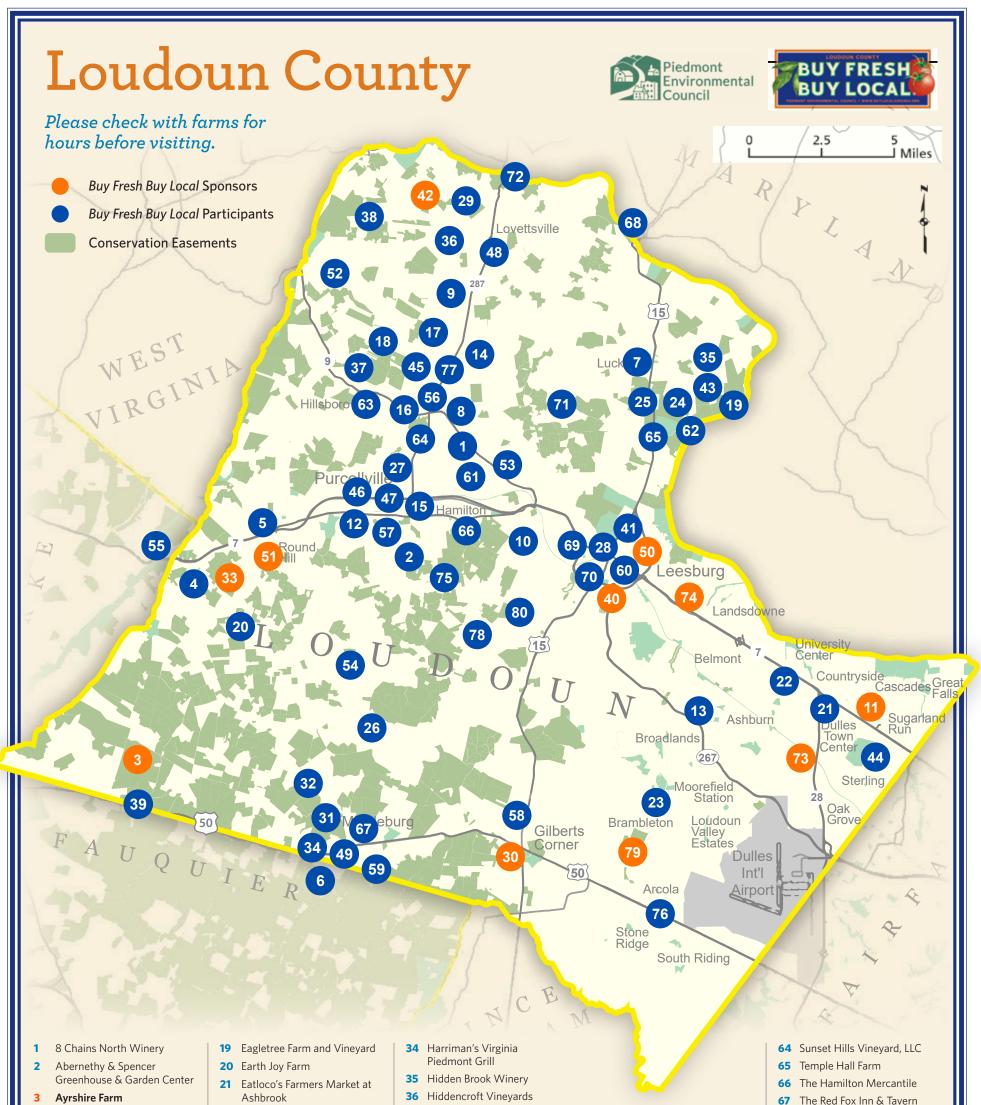
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We are a dedicated group of volunteers representing every major agricultural sector active in Loudoun and we are working hard for YOU!

Join us in our efforts to support the thriving agricultural community in Loudoun and build a sustainable rural economy for the future.

Loudoun County Farm Bureau

540-751-1111

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plants, eggs, jams, pickles, and salsas. Also offering locally sourced cheeses and a variety of other local products.

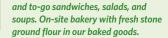
8 AM-6 PM; Winter hours:

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Sixth generation family farm offering

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fresh produce, seasonal fruits, bedding



Seasonal produce, eggs, dairy, meat,

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Monday-Thursday 7 AM-8 PM;

Farm Market hours -

Sunday 11 AM-8 PM;

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Willowsford Boat House Farmstand 41025 Willowsford Lane, Aldie

March-mid-May, select dates, see website. Mid-May-October, Thursday 4-6 PM. November - February, Thursday 4 - 6 PM, biweekly.

Farm Stand in the Grange 23595 Founders Drive, Ashburn

Mid-May-October, Thursday 4 - 7 PM. Saturday 9 AM - 1 PM.

Seasonal produce and fruit, honey, eggs, local grass-fed meats, dairy, and baked goods.



NEWS FROM PEC

Partnering with farmers to bring back grassland birds

ative grasslands have suffered more intense impact by humans than any other North American land-based ecosystem, and remaining grassland birds have now adopted hayfields and pasturelands as surrogate habitat. Grassland bird conservation, therefore, falls largely on private landowners and farmers in particular.

The Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative (VGBI) — a partnership of The Piedmont Environmental Council, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes, American Farmland Trust, and Quail Forever — is working with farms in the 16 counties of the Shenandoah Valley, Blue Ridge, and Northern Piedmont to address the ongoing decline of grassland bird populations in Virginia. By providing cash incentives to farmers to implement a suite of best management practices on working landscapes, VGBI strives to:

- 1. stem the tide of grassland bird decline
- 2. improve the resiliency of working landscapes
- 3. positively impact the livelihoods that depend upon those lands.

Summer Pasture Stockpiling

How it works: Rotate cattle off select fields by April 15 and withhold livestock, tractor/UTV activity, mowing, and other disturbances such as herbicide and fertilizer applications until July 1 or later.

Benefits: Bridges the summer dormancy gap by providing standing forage in late summer without the risk and cost of planting summer annuals. Provides the opportunity to rest and prepare other fields for fall/winter Photo by John Teel stockpiling with the goal of reducing hay feeding days and annual feed cost.

Delayed haying

How it works: Delay the first spring cutting of hay on select fields until July 1 or later and withhold livestock, tractor/UTV activity, and other disturbances such as herbicide and fertilizer applications during this time.

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Benefits: Allows producers to strategically spread out labor requirements and could lead to potential for marketing farm and products as bird friendly. Higher fiber, more mature hay is suitable for feeding dry cows, horses, and retired animals, as well as for mushroom hay and bedding. Land stays eligible for agricultural land use tax deferral.

VGBI's financial incentives program supports farmers interested in adopting delayed spring haying and/or summer pasture stockpiling into their long-term production goals but who might be hesitant about the financial risks involved. VGBI offsets the initial costs of piloting these best management practices so farmers can eventually make a full transition. In the program's first three

> years, 45 producers formally enrolled 3,000 acres of land in the program. What farmers are telling us:

"I've been hearing more bobwhites than ever before. This incentive program has reached much further than the fields we enrolled. I hope better habits and understanding are occurring and that this will continue in future years."

> — **Patty Lane**, an employee of Eldon Farms in Rappahannock County

"The best part of Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative participation was how little impact it had on my normal grazing schedule. I delayed grazing the field until mid-July with no negative impact, and the morning visits from the birders were discreet and pleasant."

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ith the generous contributions of many local food and community sponsors, The Piedmont Environmental Council is proud to produce and

The more than 451,350 acres of conserved land within our nine-county region now accounts for nearly 20 percent of the region's entire land area—more than twice the size of Shenandoah National Park. The story of conservation in the Virginia Piedmont is one of the most dramatic private land conservation success stories in America.





mail *Buy Fresh Buy Local* to some 320,000 households in our nine-county region, from Clarke and Loudoun counties in the north to Albemarle County in the south.

Since 1972, The Piedmont Environmental Council has worked to protect and restore the lands and waters of the Virginia Piedmont, while building stronger, more sustainable communities. A core tenant of our work is to educate and empower community members with the information they need to engage in local planning and decisions for positive outcomes.

Rooted in the four pillars of our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, we are dedicated to:

- conserving land in the Virginia Piedmont
- supporting local farmers and food systems
- championing smart land use decisions
- improving wildlife habitat and water quality
- increasing public access to nature
- building well connected towns with ample trails and transportation options
- advocating for policies that protect and preserve our rural landscape and economies

PEC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, grassroots organization and accredited land trust supported by members who care about the Piedmont. If you're not already a member, we invite you to join PEC today to show your support of local farms and food in and around our region.

Learn more about our work in your area and how you can get involved by visiting our website at *pecva.org*.



Become a member: www.pecva.org Find us on Instagram: @piedmontenviron Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/pecva — **Sam Grant**, who leases pastures at Francis Mill Farm in Loudoun County

Learn More

Visit **vagrasslandbirds.org/incentives** for more resources.

Reach out to VGBI co-coordinator October Greenfield by email at **ogreenfield@pecva.org** or by phone at **(540) 347-2334 x7051**. A team member will then schedule a site visit.

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NEWS FROM PEC

Soil is a living and life-giving force

ealthy soils and the stewardship of soil are the cornerstone and foundation of a resilient, sustainable food and farm system. When we support local businesses and growers who manage healthy soils, we help support local soil health.

The Piedmont Environmental Council is a proud member of the **Virginia Soil Health Coalition** and supporter of its **4theSoil** campaign to raise general awareness of soil as a critical resource. While soil is complex, taking care of it can be simple. Coalition members follow and promote four core principles of soil health:

- **1. Keep soil covered:** It's the first step in protecting it from erosion, but also buffers soil temperature, slows rainfall runoff and aids rainfall infiltration.
- **2. Minimize disturbance:** Both physical and chemical. This proactive measure can heal and protect properties of the soil and ultimately enhance the biological component of soil life.
- 3. Maximize living roots: Doing this longer throughout the year fuels biological activity and contributes to improved soil structure.
- 4. Energize with diversity: Use different crop species and integrate livestock where possible for specific purposes to enhance chemical, physical and/or biological aspects of the soil. It improves the whole system.

We all have a role to play in taking care of our soil. Whether we care for the soil on our farmland, urban gardens, front lawns and backyards, or when purchasing produce and meat at the store, we all influence soil health. Join the movement. Take the pledge: *www.4thesoil.org/take-the-pledge*



Connecting People and Food at PEC's Community Farm at Roundabout Meadows

t the intersection of U.S. Routes 15 and 50 in Loudoun County lies PEC's Community Farm at Roundabout Meadows. It's an 8-acre, volunteer-fueled, cropbased agricultural initiative PEC launched in 2019 to improve local access to fresh, healthy produce for those in need, while also creating community connections to farming and land conservation.

Meeting local needs

While Northern Virginia is one of the wealthiest metropolitan areas in the nation, some 30,000 Loudoun County residents experience food insecurity (Feeding America, 2022). During the global pandemic, that number skyrocketed as schools closed and more families turned to local food banks for help. Since the Community Farm's first season, PEC has grown, harvested, and donated over 184,000 pounds of sustainably grown produce to hunger relief organizations in Clarke and Loudoun Counties.

Conserving land at risk

Beyond the Community Farm, the fate of the larger Roundabout Meadows area at this gateway into western Loudoun County was almost vastly different than the rolling pastures, meandering trail and meadow, and vibrant produce farm that exist there today. Because of its strategic location, Roundabout Meadows was on the verge of massive transformation with a pending installation of a clover-leaf style highway interchange, hundreds of thousands of square feet of strip malls and a housing development. A group of concerned community members came together to protect Roundabout Meadows from its grim fate, purchased the property, and donated it to the Piedmont Environmental Council for permanent

protection. PEC has spent the past decade working to create public access on trails, historic sites, and the farm; return biological diversity to the property; improve water quality; and, through the Community Farm, create more equitable access to locally grown fruits and vegetables in the region.

Uniting people and nature

The need for a place where people can come together, connect to their environment, and make a measurable difference in their community has played a critical role in the development of the Community Farm. PEC believes that building connections to nature creates opportunities for fresh perspectives and inspires individuals to make positive changes in their communities. Volunteers at the



School day at the Community Farm. Photo by Mitchell Pittman

Community Farm work together as a group, bonding with neighbors over shared tasks such as planting and harvesting fruits and vegetables and caring for our orchard, berry patch and native plant gardens while making a measurable impact on their community. Since 2019, volunteers of all ages have donated over 7,200 hours of service at the Community Farm.



Photo by Hugh Kenny

Photo by Sophia Chapin

To learn more and sign up to volunteer, visit **pecva.org/farm**







By the Numbers in 2024

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n each of our nine counties, PEC's dedicated staff work relentlessly to advance land conservation, sound land use planning, the protection of natural resources and better climate and energy policy. We help landowners navigate easement transactions and forge strong partnerships that promote water and soil health, wildlife restoration and agricultural productivity. Our staff are deeply engaged in development proposals, zoning and comprehensive plans as a means of advocating for conservation and smart growth. And, we equip the public with tools and information needed to participate in the democratic process during critical decision-making moments. PEC's commitment to community engagement, combined with an active citizenry, fosters stronger, more resilient communities.



The Piedmont's natural areas are vital to thriving communities, supporting diverse wildlife and contributing to the state's economy. Thanks to PEC's comprehensive conservation strategies, which focus on safeguarding key lands, rivers, and streams, **over 25% of the region is now permanently protected**, making the Piedmont a national model for conservation.

Easements

As an accredited land trust, PEC holds conservation easements that protect over 13,100 acres of vital rural land in the Piedmont. In addition to our own conservation efforts, we dedicate significant time and resources to supporting other organizations in advancing complex conservation projects. Through ongoing collaboration with our partners, we actively engage with landowners across the region to promote and facilitate conservation opportunities. 50 total conservation easements 19,989 total acres 2024-2025 PEC easement pipeline, either closed or anticipated to be closed **29 projects | 6,278 acres**

Emerging easement projects 14 projects | 7,824 acres

> PEC supported easements being pursued by partners 7 projects | 5,887 acres

🦾 Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative

The Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative — a partnership of PEC, Smithsonian's Virginia Working Landscapes, American Farmland Trust, and Quail Forever — is pioneering new approaches to reversing the decline of grassland bird populations on working lands in the Virginia Piedmont, Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Valley. The program offers financial incentives to farmers who adopt delayed haying and rotational grazing practices, helping to protect grassland birds and enhance landscape resilience. **1,500 acres** enrolled in 2024, a **58% increase** from 2023

18 landowners participated from across the region

1,000 additional acres enrolled, without incentive payments

Protecting Farms with ALE Funding

Since 2018, PEC has capitalized on the federal Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) program to purchase conservation easements on productive family farms. These easements safeguard some of Virginia's finest agricultural soils while enabling farmers to reinvest funds into their operations, land stewardship practices and the local agricultural economy. Since 2018, our staff have secured **over \$9 million** in federal and state grant funding to purchase ten easements **covering a total of 3,419 acres**.

1,000+ acres of productive farmland preserved in 2024 through the federal ALE program

Spreading the Word

PEC conservation staff participate in outreach and educational events throughout the year. These dedicated professionals have connected with community members through 50 events between January and September 2024.



LOUDOUN COUNTY Community Gardens

Community Farm at Roundabout Meadows, PEC www.pecva.org/about-us/properties/ gilberts-corner/community-farm/

Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum Community Garden heritagefarmmuseum.org/gardens **Town of Leesburg Community Garden Plots** www.leesburgva.gov/departments/parksrecreation/programs/community-garden-plots

Round Hill Community Garden www.roundhillva.gov/round-hill-outdoorscommittee/round-hill-community-garden

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Land Use

A balanced approach to land use planning is essential for preserving the Piedmont's health and vitality, ensuring growth and development align with the protection of natural and cultural resources. PEC actively plans for the present and future, challenges incompatible projects and works to enhance livability while strengthening communities.

A Presence in **L** Our Communities

Our highly localized approach to land use enables our staff to monitor, weigh in, and impact important decisions across our nine-county region, which leads to better land use decisions in these communities. These totals include PEC's commitment and leadership on the data center issue in our region and beyond in 2024.



9 comprehensive plans | 26 local ordinances | 8 transportation plans

Keeping You Informed

PEC plays a vital role in keeping communities informed on land use issues. In 2024, our land use team's efforts included:



47 mentions or quotes from PEC in local and national news publications

E PEC's Data Center Campaign

Virginia is undergoing a massive economic, technological, and environmental transformation, all centered around the activities of one industry: data centers. In response, PEC has sounded the alarm of the cumulative impact of data centers and increased energy demands on communities, natural resources and the climate. PEC is leading local initiatives in our region and a statewide reform coalition. Our work has changed perceptions and understanding of the data center industry in Virginia and beyond and is influencing media coverage and conversations at all levels. In 2024, we accelerated our work on this issue in the following ways:

- Engaged as a litigant and supported allies in three legal interventions: the Wilderness Crossing proposal in Orange, the Digital Gateway Project in Prince William and the approved Amazon data center in the Town of Warrenton.
- Filled comments in three cases before the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) on transmission lines and rate setting.
- Tracked 25 transmission line proposals affecting the Piedmont and beyond.
- Voiced concerns with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor planning process.
- Engaged in 20 data center applications in PEC's service area, maintaining a database of over 300 data centers statewide featuring an interactive map.
- Maintained an interactive map of 4,000 backup diesel generators serving data centers in the region.



At the State Level

PEC's work at the state level is guided by our broad perspective on the issues that ultimately affect this region, including land use, conservation of land and water resources and the health of local economies. In 2024, PEC engaged with over 150 pieces of legislation (including budget amendments) introduced in the General Assembly. We provided direct testimony (including letters), initiated action alerts, and met with legislators and staff.

46 land conservation-related bills engaged by PEC

105 land use-related bills engaged by PEC

🗱 Community Farm

PEC's Community Farm is a place for people of all ages to come together to learn about sustainable agricultural practices and the importance of rural land and community service. Our fresh produce was donated to support food-insecure communities in Loudoun and Clarke counties.

49,000 pounds of produce grown, harvested and donated to local food pantries. A 93% increase from our growing season in 2020

569 volunteers contributed over 1,900 hours planting and harvesting produce



FARM BREWERIES, DISTILLERIES **& CIDERIES**

Catoctin Creek Distilling Company 120 West Main Street Purcellville

Scott & Rebecca Harris (540) 751-8404 info@catoctincreek.com www.catoctincreekdistilling.com

Crooked Run Fermentation 22455 Davis Dr. Suite #120 Sterling (571) 375-2652

www.crookedrunfermentation.com

Dirt Farm Brewing 18701 Foggy Bottom Road Bluemont

(540) 554-2337 info@dirtfarmbrewing.com www.dirtfarmbrewing.com FB/Instagram @dirtfarmbrewing

Harvest Gap Brewery 15485 Purcellville Road Purcellville (703) 431-5696 www.harvestgap.com

Henway Hard Cider 18780 Foggy Bottom Road Bluemont (540) 554-8439 www.henwayhardcider.com

Mount Defiance Cidery & Distillery 495 E. Washington Street Middleburg (540) 883-3176 www.mtdefiance.com

Wheatland Spring **Farm Brewery** 38506 John Wolford Road Waterford (540) 687-0035 info@wheatlandspring.com www.wheatlandspring.com

Wild Hare Cider Cabin 106 South Street SE Leesburg (703) 402-7956 www.wildharecider.com





SATURDAYS / SUNDAYS | 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

www.pecva.org/gcmarket | 39958 Little River Turnpike, Aldie, VA 20105

Leesburg Farmers Market VIRGINIA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER

EVERY SATURDAY (RAIN OR SHINE) MAY - OCTOBER | 8-12 PM NOV. - APRIL | 9-12 PM

Cascades **Farmers Market** SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT IN STERLING

SUNDAYS (RAIN OR SHINE) MAY - OCTOBER | 9-12 PM



FARMERS MARKETS

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Cascades Farmers Market Parking lot of the Senior Center 21060 Whitfield Drive Sterling (540) 454-8089

info@loudounfarmersmarkets.org loudounfarmersmarkets.org/cascades facebook.com/CascadesFarmersMarket May - October, Sundays 9 AM - 12 PM

EatLoco's Farmers Market at Ashbrook

(formerly One Loudoun) 44505 Atwater Drive Ashburn (703) 737-0311 info@eatloco.org eatloco.org/ashbrook Year-round, Saturdays 9 AM - 1 PM

EatLoco's Farmers Market at Brambleton

Corner of Olympia & Legacy Park Drive Brambleton (703) 737-0311 info@eatloco.org eatloco.org/brambleton Year-round, Sundays 9 AM - 1 PM

EatLoco's Open Air Market

at Dulles Town Center (JC Penney's parking lot at the Dulles Town Center) 21030 Dulles Town Circle Sterling (703) 737-0311 info@eatloco.org eatloco.org/dulles March - October, Sundays 9 AM - 2 PM

Gilberts Corner Farmers Market Intersection of Route 50 and Route 15 39958 Little River Turnpike Aldie

pecva.org/gcmarket facebook.com/gilbertscornerfarmersmarket @gilbertscornermarket Year-round, Saturday and Sunday 10 AM - 3:30 PM

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Leesburg Farmers Market

Virginia Village Shopping Center 30 Catoctin Circle SE Leesburg (540) 454-8089 facebook.com/LeesburgFarmersMarket info@loudounfarmersmarkets.org www.loudounfarmersmarkets.org/leesburg-saturday Year-round, rain or shine May - October, Saturday 8 AM - 12 PM; November - April, Saturday 9 AM - 12 PM.

SNAP

Middleburg Farmers Market

Middleburg Town Hall 10 W. Marshall Street Ali MacIntyre amacintyre@middleburgva.gov www.middleburgva.gov/297/Farmers-Market May - October, Saturday 9 AM - 1 PM

Purcellville Farmers Market

142 E. Main Street Behind Nostalgia Boutique

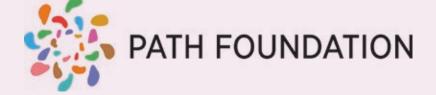
purcellvillefarmers@gmail.com www.purcellvillefarmers.com facebook.com/purcellvillefarmers April - October, Saturday 8 - 11 AM

Stone Ridge/Wellness Connection Farmers Market

Parking lot of Stone Springs Hospital 24440 Stone Springs Blvd, Dulles

(703) 327-0335 marketmgr@wellnessconnectionllc.com www.wellnessconnectionllc.com/farmers-market facebook.com/FarmersMarketWC April - October, Saturdays 9 AM - 12 PM





he PATH Foundation proudly supports Buy Fresh, Buy Local's initiatives to connect consumers with nutritious, locally grown food. Our mission is to strengthen the health and vitality of our community, and one way we work toward our mission is by supporting the Fauquier Education Farm—a nonprofit dedicated to food access and agricultural education. The farm grows fresh produce for local food banks and pantries and offers hands-on programs like the New Farmer Incubator Program to educate the community on food cultivation.

Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Contact **bfbl@pecva.org** for more information.



Last summer, PATH interns planted 500 feet of zucchini and harvested 793 pounds of produce, which was donated to Fauquier FISH, Fauquier Community Food Bank, Rappahannock Food Pantry, and the Culpeper Manna Program. Previous interns also painted a mural on one of FEF's sheds, symbolizing the produce grown and agricultural nature of our community.



To learn more about the PATH Foundation and our grants and programs, visit *pathforyou.org* or follow us on social media at @pathforyou.

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Piedmont Farm Tours & Festivals 2025

Visit **www.pecva.org/events** for more information on regional events throughout the year!

Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival April 27 - 28

Annual Sheep Sheering, James Monroe's Highland, Albemarle April 27

Lincoln Strawberry Festival, Loudoun May 16 - 18

> Lovettsville Mayfest, Loudoun May 17

Loudoun Spring Farm Tour May 18 - 19

Delaplane Strawberry Festival, Fauquier May 25

VA Black Bear Festival, Standardsville June 7

> Grace Farm Tour, Albemarle June 7

Orange County Fair June 25 - 28

Loudoun County Fair July 22 - 26

Greene Farm & Livestock Show July 31 - August 2

Louisa County Fair July 31 - August 2

VA Ag Expo, Locust Grove August 7

> Taste of Leesburg August 9

Bluemont Fair September 20 & 21

Culpeper Harvest Days Farm Tour September 20 - 21

Lovettsville Oktoberfest, Loudoun September 26 - 28

Rokeby Fall Festival, Oak Spring Garden Foundation, Fauquier September 27

Rappahannock Farm Tour September 27 - 28

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Land Bee<mark>r,</mark> Loudoun Grown

by Hugh Kenny, PEC Multimedia Specialist

eer is an agricultural product. We think a lot of people forget that." Bonny and John Branding, co-founders of Wheatland Spring Farm and Brewery, pride themselves on making beer that reflects the distinct agricultural region of Virginia's Piedmont — a concept they call "land beer."

Wheatland Spring is an "estate brewery," a concept distinct from the many farm breweries in our area. While farm breweries usually rely on commodity ingredients in their beers, Wheatland Spring sets itself apart by growing much of its own grain on-site, cultivating barley and wheat varieties specifically adapted to Virginia's climate and using other local ingredients when that's not possible.

The idea of "land beer" was inspired by the Brandings' time living in Europe, where they visited breweries that have been growing grain and developing their signature styles for centuries across the countrysides of Germany and France. They were inspired by how connected these beers and their brewers were to local agriculture and growing conditions; they felt they could truly grasp a sense of place through the beer.

Back in the United States, Bonny and John

set out to create a similar experience here in Loudoun County. Crucially, though, they didn't aspire to replicate the beers they had enjoyed in Europe, but rather to create a local tradition of beer that tastes like the agriculture of our region. "We want to connect people with farmland through food and beverage."

The results speak for themselves. The beer is delicious. From their signature Farmhouse Ale to a variety of IPAs, each of their beers is well-balanced, crisp and original. There truly is something for everybody.

When you start to get a little hungry after a beer or two, Wheatland Spring offers a menu of classic brewery food (think pretzels, sandwiches and burgers); they also frequently host other food vendors on weekends throughout the year. They host movie nights on Fridays and often have live music and other fun events.

Looking toward the future, Bonny and John hope Wheatland Spring can serve as a platform for the local agricultural community and an example of regenerative agriculture in the beer world. "We think community matters. We think small farms matter. We think healthy food matters. We think integrity matters. We think regional identity matters. We think all these things are important, not just for us, but for our kids and our kids' kids."



Albemarle County Fair July 31 - August 2

Culpeper Madison Rappahannock Farm Show July 10 - 14

> Fauquier County Fair July 16 - 19

> Madison County Fair July 16 - 19

Purcellville Wine and Food Festival, Loudoun July 19th

> Greene Farm & Livestock Show July 31, August 1 & 2

A Celebration of VA Craft Beer & Cider, Downtown Orange September 27

> Fauquier County Fall Farm Tour October 4

Loudoun Fall Farm Tour October 18 & 19

> Waterford Fair October 2 - 5

Graves Mountain Apple Harvest Festival, Madison 1st 3 weekends of October

Two Up Wine Down Festival, Charlottesville November 15

* check websites for 2026 dates



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(540) 751-9511 info@thebarnsathamiltonstation.com www.thebarnsathamiltonstation.com

Blue Wall Cider & Wine 40614 Charles Town Pike Paeonian Springs (540) 454-2505 www.bluewallcider.com

Bluemont Vineyard 18755 Foggy Bottom Road Bluemont (540) 554-8439 contact@bluemontvineyard.com www.bluemontvineyard.com

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contact@boxwoodwinery.com www.boxwoodwinery.com

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Casanel Vineyards & Winery 17956 Canby Road Leesburg

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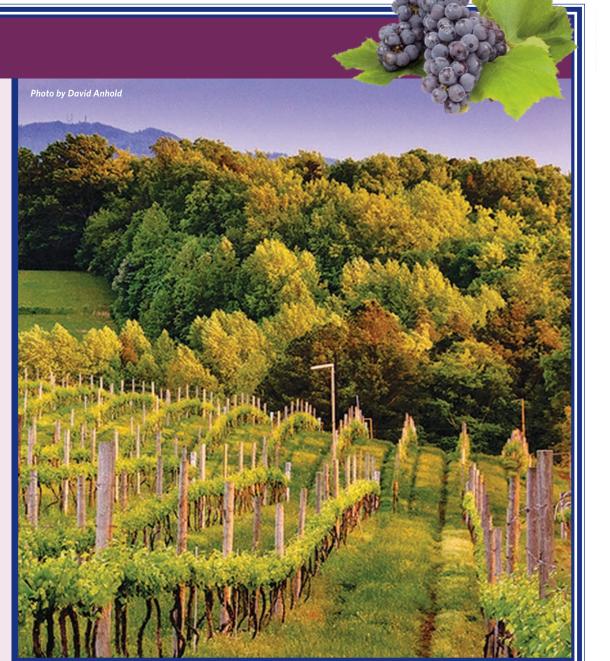
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