



**FARMS
&
HARVEST
GUIDE**



Southwest
MICHIGAN
IN & AROUND ST. JOSEPH

This is where
good-for-you
meets
delicious.

The same Lake Michigan that lures you into its sparkling fresh waters is the reason we harvest a large variety of fruits and vegetables in Southwest Michigan. The lake tempers our climate. It delays our blossoms from budding until after the late spring frosts. Keeps our autumns milder so we have more time to pick before it snows.

These good growing conditions are why so many of our farms have been owned by families for generations. Today, dozens of them welcome passersby to stop and enjoy their orchards and fields. See where their food is grown. Give them recipes from their kitchens. Let them handpick the freshest, sweetest, crispest produce and bring it home to their tables. You're invited, too.

In and around St. Joseph, eating healthy is a given. The flavor is what's exceptional.



Blueberries

DeGrandchamp's Blueberry Farm

76241 14th Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090-9425
phone: 269-637-3915 web: degrandchamps.com

Vincent and Beatrice DeGrandchamp purchased the family blueberry farm in 1958. Visitors can taste the legacy they've left. Pick plump, sweet blueberries from the bushes or ready-picked from the store in July-August. Come in October-November for fresh cranberries. Or stop all year to bring home frozen berries, jars of preserves, sauces, mustards and butters, fresh-baked goods, fudge and more.

Farm fun: Check DeGrandchamp's website for the one day in mid-October when they give hayrides out to the cranberry bogs and visitors can watch workers harvest a sea of red berries.



Starbuck's Blueberry Farm

9245 Gast Road, Bridgman, MI 49106
phone: 269-465-4745 web: starbucksblueberryfarm.com

Farm stand open 7 days a week, early July-mid-August
This family-owned farm near the shores of Lake Michigan grows six varieties of blueberries including popular Blue Crop and Jersey. Their farm stand offers already-picked berries, jams, jellies and honey. Visit their website, too, for delicious recipes and baking, cooking and preserving tips.

Farm fun: Bring a picnic and enjoy a quiet, peaceful day in the country.

The Blueberry Patch

7015 Blackwell Dr., Sawyer, MI 49125
phone: 269-426-4521

facebook.com/TheBlueberryPatchSawyerMichigan

This farm, within minutes of Warren Dunes State Park, offers u-pick and already-picked juicy, sweet blueberries. Here you can get Elliot blueberries, the only variety that ripens and sweetens after picking. They also keep up to two weeks in the refrigerator (although most will be eaten before that!). Check out The Patch's blueberry items: pottery, soaps, preserves, serving trays and stationery.

Farm fun: Children and adults find that it's easy to pick blueberries. Avoid the small, hard or white ones. Go for the bigger berries, they're sweeter!

Certified Organic & CSA

Granor Farm

3480 Warren Woods Road, Three Oaks, MI 49128
web: granorfarm.com

The farmers at Granor Farms are committed to keeping their land healthy for the 70+ varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers they grow. Drawing on historical and modern practices, they nurture the soil with crop rotations, inter-cropping, the use of green manures and other organic soil enhancements. You get flavorful, naturally authentic foods bursting with flavor.

Farm fun: Individuals and families can purchase shares in the farm's Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) program. Each week of harvest, members will receive a portion of what's ripe.

Christmas Trees & Decorations

Pinecrest Christmas Tree Farm

4403 Spring Creek Road, Galien, MI 49113
phone: 269-545-8125
web: pinecrestchristmastreefarm.com

From the end of November until late December, ride out in a tractor-pulled wagon daily or a horse-drawn wagon on weekends to cut your holiday tree. Or choose a pre-cut tree outside the Christmas shop. Pinecrest offers seven varieties of trees, wreaths, swags and garlands, plus a Christmas shop brimming with decorations and items made by local artisans. Let this memory-making place become a holiday tradition.

Farm fun: After finding a tree, warm up with a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate. The shop also features a large selection of personalized ornaments for children's and adults' collections.

Dairy

Shuler Dairy Farms

10823 Date Road, Baroda, MI 49101
phone: 269-326-0366 web: shulerdairyfarms.com

See the girls and how they produce milk from moo to you. This farm's innovative barn design, robotic milking, unmatched cow comfort and environmentally sustainable farming practices come from five generations of dairy know-how. Shuler welcomes large groups, but please call to arrange your visit. Also, only some parts of the tour are wheelchair accessible.

Farm fun: Take a tour, enjoy ice cream and the petting zoo.



Fruits, Vegetables and Much More

Big Dan's U-Pick 'em & Farm Market

65980 66th Avenue, Hartford, MI 49057

phone: 269-621-4037 web: bigdans.com

Experience life on a working farm. You'll find a variety of u-pick and already-picked fruits and vegetables. Gather up juicy peaches. Bring home lots of crisp apple varieties for eating, making sauces or butter, and baking. Buy a gallon of fresh-squeezed cider. Fill bags with sun-ripened tomatoes, sweet corn, ornamental gourds, kale, carving and pie pumpkins, sweet and hot peppers and so much more.

Farm fun: Free wagon rides out to the pumpkin patch and apple orchard are available in September and October. Need ideas for what else to do in Southwest Michigan? Ask at the farm stand.

Bob's Barn Farm Market & Bakery

4858 Coloma Road, Coloma, MI 49038

phone: 269-849-2247

facebook.com/bobsbarnfarmmarketandbakery

Located in the heart of Southwest Michigan's fruit belt, you'll be delighted with Bob's Barn's high-quality fruits and vegetables. The market also specializes in gourmet honey, jams, salsas, Amish bacon, cheesecake and muffin mixes, and candies. There's a wide variety of tempting pies, glazed pie slices, cookies, muffins and pumpkin rolls in the bakery, too. It's a great place to get gifts and treats!

Farm fun: The market offers hand-dipped ice cream from South Haven's iconic Sherman's Dairy.

Fruit Acres Farm Market & U-Pick

3452 Friday Road, Coloma, MI 49038

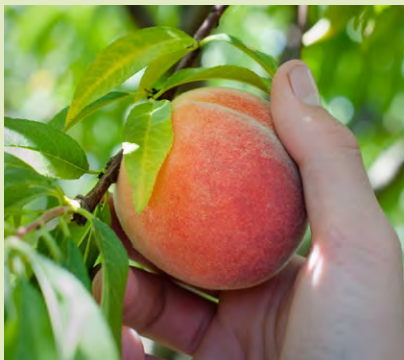
phone: 269-468-3668 web: fruitacresfarm.com

The family settled this 200-acre farm in Coloma in

1846. The fifth generation proudly grows black sweet cherries, tart pie cherries, some of the sweetest peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots, pears and crisp apples you'll find in the area. You can pick from the orchard or buy ready-to-

bring-home from their large, open air market. Among the other choices in the market are frozen fruits and fruit pies.

Farm fun: Farm fun: Fruit Acres Farm Market is renowned for giving out free samples ... yes, visitors get to eat the whole, delicious fruit!



Grandpa's Cider Mill

2941 Friday Road, Coloma, MI 49038

phone: 269-468-3700 web: grandpascidermill.com

Watch cider being made! The cider press is easily viewable through a 50' glass wall. Visitors will learn the full process from picking apples to choosing the right blend of varieties to filling the jugs to take home. The fresh-made donuts are amazing! In addition, the mill offers Jollay Orchards jams and jellies, local honey, pies and their famous Michigan Melts.

Farm fun: The cider bar lets guests choose from regular or Honeycrisp™ cider plus 25 other flavors including amaretto, caramel, cherry, coconut, grape, fudge, maple, eggnog, peach and strawberry.



Jollay Orchards

1850 Friday Road, Coloma, MI 49038

phone: 269-468-3075 web: jollayorchards.com

The Jollays have been perfecting fruit growing for 160+ years! Your visit includes a unique blend of farm life with entertainment. A playground, hayrides, pond fishing and picnic area with charcoal grills add to the fun of picking cherries, peaches, apples and pumpkins. The market features signature jams and jellies, BBQ sauces, apple cider donuts, cider and more. Plan a day of playing in the country!

Farm fun: The Jollays love Halloween. Explore the corn maze. Search for ghosts in the Haunted House. Then ride the hay wagon to the 10-acre pumpkin patch and find the perfect one.

Lehman's Orchard

2280 Portage Road, Niles, MI 49120

phone: 269-683-9078 web: lehmansorchard.com

This farm has been family-operated since 1929 and offers one of the biggest selections of pick-your-own fruits in Southwest Michigan. U-pick options include strawberries, sweet and tart cherries, raspberries, currants, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, pears and apples. The winery makes and sells 10 fruit wines, two grape wines, meads, plus apple, ice and hard ciders. Well-behaved pets are welcome.

Farm fun: The farm's small nursery sells 50 different varieties of dwarf-size heirloom and disease-resistant apple trees. Visitors can bring one or more home to grow in their backyards.

Lemon Creek Fruit Farm & Winery

533 East Lemon Creek Road, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
phone: 269-471-1321 web: lemoncreekwinery.com

Come visit one of Southwest Michigan's largest fruit farms which continues a tradition that began more than 160 years ago! Farm-fresh, high-quality fruits are available seasonally for u-pick or for choosing in the market. This is a popular place in September and October for getting grapes for jellies, jams and making wines.

Farm fun: Robert Lemon was a pioneer in growing European wine grapes in Michigan. Come for their reserved barrel tastings, kits for making wine at home and fall celebrations.

J.W. Morlock & Girls LLC

5000 North M-140, Watervliet, MI 49098
phone: 269-463-5500
facebook.com/jwmorlockgirls/

This family farm grows over 40 different varieties of mouthwatering fruits and vegetables. The "girls" keep the farm stand along M-140 (2 miles north of I-94 Exit 41) well-stocked with this week's delicious picks. It's a long-time, local favorite stop for picking up fresh produce for cookouts at home, the cottage, campground and beach or to yummy-up school and work lunches.

Farm fun: The Morlock girls recently started Mo's Pies LLC. Visitors can get a taste of paradise with their combinations of local Sherman's ice cream and homegrown fruits or handmade pies.



Nye's Apple Barn

3151 Niles Rd, St Joseph, MI 49085
phone: 269-429-0596 (call May-Nov. for hours)
web: nyesapplebarn.com

Five generations have lived and worked on this farm. They welcome visitors in-season to pick cherries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, grapes and apples fresh from their trees and bushes. The Apple Barn, just minutes from I-94, Exit 27, is a great place to run in and get ready-picked fruits and vegetables, pumpkins, vinegars, jams and take 'n' bake Amish pies.

Farm fun: Nye's Apple Barn ships gift boxes (20 or 40 apples) anywhere in the continental U.S. (except California) from late September to December while supplies last.

Piggott's Farm Market & Bakery

3824 East Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
phone: 269-876-9269 web: piggottsfarmmarket.com

This family farm was started in 1949. Today it produces tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, summer squash, melons, peppers, gladiolus, hard squash, pumpkins, onions and much more. When their flavor is at its peak, you'll find these plus locally provided fruits, vegetables, herbs, honey, cheeses, maple syrup and preserves in the market. Their fresh-made pies, donuts, cinnamon rolls and cookies bring folks back.

Farm fun: In addition to food, this market offers annuals and hardy mums for home gardens. And in November-December, it's a good place to pick up a holiday tree or decorations (call for hours).

Stover's Farm Market & U-pic

7837 M-139, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
phone: 269-471-1401 web: stoversupic.com

Travelers driving along M-139, south of St. Joseph, cannot miss the big Red Barn. The Stovers genuinely enjoy sharing their 165+-year-old farm and its harvest with people from all over the world. Seasonally, visitors can pick lots of fruits from strawberries to pumpkins or get ready-picked produce, homemade jams and more in its indoor market.

Farm fun: Visitors can spend a day here hunting for arrowheads or taking a walk in the woods and ravine at the end of the apple orchard. It's a quiet place to birdwatch and look for wild turkey, deer and fox.

Tree-Mendus

9351 East Eureka Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111
phone: 269-782-7101
web: treemendus-fruit.com

In 1927, William and Leone Teichman purchased 160 acres atop a high ridge in Eau Claire. Two rows of the farm's original

Jonathan trees still stand 90 years later!

From cherries to 200 varieties of apples, including heritage apples, there's plenty of different fruits to u-pick or get

ready-picked from the market. Orchard tours, apple tasting parties and large gathering spaces are available.

Farm fun: The farm has made national news and a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for its International Cherry Pit-Spitting Championship held the first Saturday in July.



Community Farmers Markets

Many of Southwest Michigan's communities invite area farmers to sell their farm-fresh produce, jams, cheeses and baked goods along their streets or parks. Check in with the community before coming for updates on market days and times.

Benton Harbor: June-September, Wednesdays, 10am-4pm

Lawrence: July-mid-October, Saturdays, 9am-1pm

New Buffalo: June-Early September, Thursdays, 4-8pm

Niles Bensedoun French Market: May-October, Thursdays & Saturdays, 9am-2pm

St. Joseph: May-October, Saturdays, 9am-2pm

South Haven: Early May-mid-October, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 8am-2pm

Three Oaks: May-October, Saturdays, 9am-2pm

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