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Celebrate Local Agriculture with the 2015 Calvert County Farm Festival

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 5, 2015 – Get to know Calvert County's rural community by spending the day on five working farms during the 18th annual Calvert County Farm Festival Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Purchase pumpkins and other fall produce, take a hay ride, try a corn maze, sample wines and much more. The event, held rain or shine, promises to be a great family outing at five local farms:

Double Oak Farm at the American Chestnut Land Trust (Open Sunday only.)

676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick
410-414-3400 or www.ACLTweb.org

This farm is run entirely by volunteers with a mission to provide produce to local food banks and care for the health of the land. A one-acre farm, Double Oak also offers an educational garden that teaches historic farming practices and no-till, organic home gardening. Farm Festival activities to include fall wreath making, backyard habitats, hay rides, corn shucking and trail hiking.

Fridays Creek Winery

3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings
410-286-9463 or www.fridayscreek.com

Fridays Creek is home to picturesque vineyards, a variety of delicious wines, elegant décor and local art displays. A rustic barn where tobacco once hung has been fully restored to house a tasting room and gallery, as well as wine storage, aging and production rooms. There is a fee for wine tasting.

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Horsmon Farm

1865 Horsmon Farm Lane, St. Leonard
443-532-5761 or www.horsmonfarm.com

This family farm specializes in humanely raised quality all-natural meats, extra-large field-grown mums, pumpkins and many fall items. Recent expansions include fall fun activities geared toward elementary-aged children including a sorghum maze, petting zoo, hay ride and a FREE small pumpkin. There is a \$7 admission fee.

Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery

8650 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
410-586-2710 or www.perigeaux.com

Perigeaux has four vineyards of eight acres on a former tobacco farm. Farm Festival activities include wine tastings/food pairings, live music, pétanque (lawn bowling) tournaments, arts and crafts, vineyard and winery tours and food vendors. There is a fee for wine tasting.

Spider Hall Farm

3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick
410-610-0094 or www.spiderhallfarm.com

This 362-acre farm produces tobacco, corn and grain and focuses on agricultural education. Come enjoy a corn maze, hay ride, petting zoo, giant slide, moon bounce, corn box, "Little Hands on the Farm" interactive exhibit, food and other vendors. Admission fee of \$8; additional fees for some activities.

The annual Calvert County Farm Festival is coordinated by the Calvert County Department of Economic Development and the Calvert County Agriculture Commission. The Agriculture Commission conducts the farm festival to educate residents about farming and to provide the public with an opportunity to interact with the farming community.

For more information on the Calvert County Agriculture Commission, visit www.calvertag.com. For more on the 2015 Calvert County Farm Festival, contact the Calvert County Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583 or 301-855-1880; or via email at info@ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.