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Summer in Maine: A Season Rooted in Agriculture and Community

Summer in Maine is more than a season; it's a celebration of our over one million acres of working lands, the thousands of people who care for them, and the rural communities they sustain.

Across the state, crops are growing, farmers' markets are bustling, and roadside stands are open for business. It's a time when Maine's agricultural heritage is on display, and when all of us can connect more closely with the people and places that produce our food.

June marks **National Dairy Month**, a chance to recognize the dedication of Maine's dairy farmers. These are families and businesses that rise early and work long days, every day of the year, to produce high-quality milk and dairy products. Their commitment supports working lands and rural communities across our state.

As summer unfolds, Maine's agricultural fairs and festivals bring that connection to life in ways that are both timeless and uniquely local. Our fairs also showcase livestock, crops, craftsmanship, and rising FFA and 4-H agricultural leaders.

For example, in northern Maine, the **Maine Potato Blossom Festival** (July 11-19, 2026) celebrates Aroostook County's deep agricultural roots. It's a week filled with parades, music, food, and community pride, honoring both the region's farming heritage and the people who make it thrive.

Downeast, the **Machias Wild Blueberry Festival** (August 14-16, 2026) offers a fun celebration of Maine's iconic crop. From pies and pancakes to music and craft vendors, it's a reminder of how deeply wild blueberries are woven into the region's culture and economy.

Later in the season, the **Common Ground Country Fair** (September 25-27) will mark its 50th year, an annual celebration of rural living featuring educational speakers, live entertainment, and demonstrations, with a focus on sustainable living and on supporting vibrant communities and local economies.

These events and gatherings, and so many others, continue through summer and into fall, highlighting the importance of agriculture not just as an industry but as a way of life. Please visit Realmaine.com for the most up-to-date, comprehensive list.

In 2026, Maine is also proud to recognize the **Year of the Woman Farmer**, aligning with the global International Year of the Woman Farmer. Women are at the heart of Maine agriculture, as farm owners, operators, innovators, and leaders. Their contributions have shaped our food system for generations and continue to strengthen it daily. Be sure to visit DACF's Facebook and Instagram pages to learn more about the many amazing women farmers who have been nominated for recognition across the state.

This year offers a meaningful opportunity to celebrate their work, share their stories, and help ensure that the future of agriculture is inclusive, resilient, and strong. To learn more and nominate a woman farmer for recognition, visit Maine.gov/DACF and click on the Year of the Woman Farmer logo.

At its core, Maine agriculture is about farmers and producers who work tirelessly. It is not an exaggeration to say they are the backbone of our rural economy and a cornerstone of our shared heritage.

This summer, I encourage you to visit a farm stand, attend a fair, thank a farmer, and take part in the traditions that make Maine such a special place. When we support local agriculture, we're not just buying food, we're investing in our communities and our future.

Wishing you a great summer!

Amanda Beal

Amanda Beal, Commissioner
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry



What's In Season

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Apples												
Asparagus												
Beans (Snap, Wax)												
Beets												
Blackberries												
Blueberries, High Bush												
Blueberries, Wild												
Broccoli												
Brussels Sprouts												
Cabbage												
Cantaloupes												
Carrots												
Cauliflower												
Corn (Sweet)												
Cranberries												
Cucumbers												
Eggplant												
Garlic												
Grapes												
Kale/Collards												
Leeks												
Lettuce/Spinach/Mixed Greens												
Mushrooms (Cultivated)												
Onions												
Parsnip												
Peaches												
Peas												
Pears												
Peppers												
Plums												
Potatoes												
Pumpkins												
Radishes												
Raspberries												
Squash (Summer)												
Squash (Winter)												
Strawberries												
Sweet Potatoes												
Tomatoes												
Turnips												
Watermelon												

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Q&A with The Milkhouse

We recently spoke with Caitlin Frame, co-owner of Real Maine member The Milkhouse in Monmouth, an organic dairy farm, creamery, and farm store. You may have seen their yogurt jars or containers in your travels. We wanted to learn more about their yogurt, how it is made, and about being a dairy farm.

What ingredients are needed to make yogurt? Can you tell us about cultures in yogurt and how those are introduced?

Milkhouse yogurt is made with two ingredients: whole milk from our Jersey cows and probiotic bacteria. Because our Jersey cows’ milk is high in fat and protein, it is easily made into thick, rich yogurt. Milkhouse yogurt is a very simply made whole food!

The strains of bacteria in our yogurt are S. Thermophilus, L. Bulgaricus, L. Acidophilus, and B. Lactis. This combination of cultures produces a high-protein, smooth, mildly tangy yogurt full of probiotics. These cultures are introduced after heating and cooling milk in our vat pasteurizer.

How much yogurt does The Milkhouse produce on a weekly/monthly basis? Detail the process from collecting milk from cows to having a finished yogurt product ready for sale.

At the Milkhouse, the cows are milked twice a day, 365 days a year. The milk produced by the cows goes into a few things. First off, yogurt. We make up to 650 gallons of pas-

teurized yogurt a week, which is packaged in quarts for grocery and natural food stores. Yogurt is also packaged in one- and four-gallon quantities for several school districts, institutions, and some cafes and restaurants. Bottled fluid milk is sold at our farm store in Monmouth and at a few other retail locations. And last, we sell fluid bulk milk to several cheesemakers. We are not cheesemakers, so it's very cool to see all the amazing things these cheesemakers/scientists/artists/farmers do with Milkhouse milk. They all make excellent cheese; it is not to be missed!

What is the difference between, say, Greek yogurt and other types of yogurt?

Greek yogurt is just plain whole milk yogurt that has had whey strained out of it, and what remains is about half the original volume, so it's considerably thicker than whole milk yogurt, and has higher protein per serving. The strained yogurt is then mixed in a stand mixer to smooth it out. Whole milk yogurt is the OG, and will always be our favorite, but I do understand the appeal of the Greek yogurt!

You include ingredients like Maine maple syrup and wild blueberries in your yogurt. Why is it important to you to use those local ingredients?

There is a concept of a 'foodshed', which is the geographic region that produces the food for a particular population, defining the flow from origin to consumption, including the land it grows on, the route it travels, the markets it passes through, and



the tables it ends up on. For us, it's been a no-brainer to make our yogurt flavors with foods grown and produced in Maine.

Tell us something Maine people may not know about being a dairy farmer.

It's important that people have a sense of all the individuals, businesses, and various support systems that, in turn, support the continued existence of all farms and give any of us a shot at our farm businesses surviving, and hopefully thriving in the long run. We are interdependent with coworkers, customers, neighbor farmers, distribution partners, mechanics, veterinarians, the grain company, local trade professionals, non-profit organizations, state and federal representatives that have the best interests of farmers and eaters in mind, state and federal technical assistance, and grants. Farms are an integral piece of local economies.

At the Milkhouse, we do this work for the love of the land and animals, and feeding people in our local and extended community. It's a huge challenge and a real privilege to run a small business, and we are so grateful to all the folks who support us every day.



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Augusta Farmers' Market at Mill Park

Covered pavilion beyond the parking lot at Mill Park, 1 Water St.
Tuesdays 2-6, May - October

Bangor's European Market

117 Buck St. at Sunnyside Greenhouse, across from Bangor Auditorium parking lot
Saturdays 8:30-12:30, Year Round

Bangor Farmers' Market

Abbot Square, across from the Bangor Public Library
Sundays, 11-1:30, May - late Nov.

Bar Harbor Eden Farmers' Market

MDI YMCA parking lot, 21 Park St.
Sundays 9-12, mid-May through October

Bath Farmers' Market

Waterfront Park during the summer, 61 Commercial Street
Saturdays 8:30-12, Mid-April - October

Belfast Farmers' Market

Outside Waterfall Arts, 256 High Street
Fridays 9-1, April - October

Belgrade Lakes Market

Maine Lakes Resource Center, 137 Main St.
Sundays 8-1, June - mid-September

Bethel Farmers' Market

On the greenspace next to the Norway Savings Bank, 1 Parkway
Saturdays 9-12:30, May to October

Biddeford Public Market

Mechanics Park, 45 Water St.
Wednesdays, 4:30-7:30

Blue Hill Farmers' Market

At Blue Hill Fairgrounds, 233 Ellsworth Rd.
Saturdays 9-11:30, Late May-October

Boothbay Farmers' Market

On the Town Commons, 1 Common Drive
Thursdays 9-12, May to mid-October

Bowdoinham Farmers' Market

Mailley Waterfront Park, 1 Main Street
Saturdays 8:30-12, June through October

Brewer Farmers' Market

Brewer Auditorium parking lot, 318 Wilson Street. August and September the market is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Saturdays 8:30-1, May through October

Bridgton Farmers' Market

Depot Street Green, behind Reny's, 1 Depot St.
Saturdays 8-12, May to October

Brooklin Farmers' Market

In the parking lot between the church & the library, 4 Bay Rd (Rt. 175)
Thursdays 11-1, Late May to Columbus Day

Brooksville Farmers' Market

Community Center Parking Lot, 1 Black Bear Road
Wednesdays 9-11:30, June - mid-September

Brunswick Farmers' Market

On the mall downtown, 159 Park Row
Tues & Fri 8-1, May to Thanksgiving

Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Farmers' Market

Crystal Spring Farm, 277 Pleasant Hill Road
Saturdays 8:30-12:30, May through October

Bucksport Bay Farmers' Market

Elm Street Congregational Church, 31 Elm St.
Thursdays 12-4, April through Christmas

Camden Farmers' Market

Tannery Park, 116 Washington Street (Rt 105)
Sat 9-12, Weds 3:30-6, May thru Oct

Cherry Hill Farmers' Market

616 Main St., Gorham, next to Sebago Brewing
Wednesdays 9-1, June to Sept

Cumberland Farmers' Market

Mabel I Wilson School parking lot, 353 Tuttle Road
Saturdays 10-1, mid-May through October

Damariscotta Farmers' Market

Damariscotta River Association, 3 Round Top Land
Fridays 9-12, mid-May through October

Danforth Farmers' Market

9 Central Street
Fridays 9-1, mid-June to end of September

Dayton Farmers Market

24 Jessica May Rd
Sat 8-12, June thru October

Dover Cove Farmers' Market

1049 W Main St, Piscataquis County Ice Arena
Saturdays 9-1, through October

Downtown Rangeley Farmers' Market

On the corner of Depot Street and Main St
Thursdays 10-2, May through mid-October

Downtown Waterville Farmers' Market

Parking Lot at Head of Falls, near the Two Cent Bridge, 60 Front St.
Thursdays 2-6, May through mid-Nov

Ellsworth Farmers' Market

413 Water St., Fogtown Brewery parking lot
Saturdays 9:30-12:30, May through Nov. 15

Fairfield Farmers' Market

Nazarene Church Parking Lot, 81 Main Street
Wed 2-6, Sat 9:30-1:30, Mid-May - October

Falmouth Farmers' Market

Next to the ice rink, 22 Hat Trick Dr.
Wednesdays 10-1, mid-May - October

Farmington Farmers' Market (Fridays)

Next to the Farmington Food Co-op, 181 Front Street
Fridays 10-1, May through October

Farmington Farmers' Market (Saturdays)

In front of District Courthouse, 129 Main St
Saturdays 10-1, May through October

Freeport Farmers' Market

In Memorial Park, 28 Bow St.
Fridays 10-1, May 31-Sept. 27

Freeport Harraseeket Grange Farmers' Market

At the Big Red Barn on Elm St.
Wednesdays 3-6, Year-round

Fryeburg Farmers' Market

83 Portland St.
Sundays 10-1, June to mid-Sept.

Gray Village Farmers' Market

5 Yarmouth Rd
Sundays 10-1, July-October

Greater Gorham Farmers' Market

Route 114, 71 South Street
Saturdays 8:30-12:30, May through October

Greenwood Farmers' Market

270 Main Street (Route 26), Lock Mills
Fridays 4-6, thru mid-September

Hallowell Farmers' Market

Steven's Commons, 2 Beech Street
Saturdays 9-12, May through October

Hampden Farmers' Market

St. Matthews Church, 70 Western Ave.
Fridays 2-5:30

Houlton Community Market

Market Square
Saturdays 8:30-12:30, May thru mid-Oct.

Howland Farmers' and Artisans' Market

5 Bridge Street
Sundays 10-2, May through October

Islesboro Farmers' Market

Islesboro Community Park, 103 Pendleton
Thursdays 10:30-12:30, June to early Sept.

Kennebunk Farmers' Market

Garden Street Lot
Saturdays 8-12:30, May to November

Kittery Community Market

Post Office Square, 10 Shapleigh Rd.
Sundays 10-2, June to November

Lewiston – Kennedy Park Farmers' Market

Kennedy Park, corner of Pine St. & Bates St.
Tuesdays, 2-5

Lewiston Farmers' Market

2 Oxford Street
Sundays 9:30-1, May to November

Lubec Market

55 Water St.
Saturdays 10-12, May through October

Machias Valley Farmers' Market

On the dike across from Helen's Restaurant, 110 Main St.
Fridays 9-2, May through October

Madawaska Farmers' Market

380 Main St., under the Pavilion
Saturdays 9-1, June-September

Medway Farmer's Market

Recreation Area Road
Mondays 8-7, June-September

Milbridge Farmers' Market

Camden National Bank parking lot, 29 Main St.
Saturdays 9-12, May to September

Northeast Harbor Farmers' Market

On the Green, Harbor Drive
Thursdays 9-12, late June to August

Norway Farmers' Market

At Alan Day Community Garden, 26 Whitman St.
Fridays 5-8, July-August

Orono Farmers' Market

University Steam Plant parking lot, College Ave.
Sats 8-12, Tues 2-5:30, May through Nov.

Pittsfield Farmers' Market

Corner of Hathorn Park, across from the Church of the Nazarene, 200 Central St.
Mondays 2-6, May through October

Portland Farmers' Market

At Deering Oaks Park
Wednesdays and Saturdays 7-1, April through November

Presque Isle Farmers' Market

Riverside Pavilion, 19 Riverside Drive
Saturdays 8:30-12:30, May-October

Pumpkin Vine Farmers' Market

217 Hewett Road, Somerville
Sundays 11-2, May through Oct.

Rockland Farmers' Market

In Harbor Park, 1 Pleasant St.
Thursdays 9-1, May through October

Rockport Farmers' Market

Guini Ridge Farm Greenhouses, 310 Commercial St.
Saturdays 9-12, Year-round

Saco Farmers' Market

Shaw's Parking Lot, 4 Scamman St.
Saturdays 8-12, May through October

Sandy River Farmers' Market

33 Town Hall Road
Tuesday 10-2, May through Oct.

Sanford Farmers' Market

Central Park, 919 Main St.
Saturdays 8-12, Early May to Oct.

Scarborough Farmers' Market

In the Town Hall parking lot, 259 U.S. Route 1
Sundays 9-1, June through October

Skowhegan Farmers' Market

In the parking lot of Maine Grain, 42 Court St.
Saturdays 9-1, April - Nov (April & Nov hours: 10-1)

South Portland Farmers' Market

City Hall Parking Lot, 144 Ocean St.
Sundays 10-2, May through October

Southwest Harbor Farmers' Market

In the St. John's Church parking lot across from Bar Harbor Bank on Main Street
Fridays 9-12:30, June to mid-Oct.

Steep Falls Farmers' Market

Gazebo Park, 2 Main Street
Saturdays 9-1, May through October

Stonington Farmers' Market

Island Community Center parking lot, 43 School St.
Fridays 10-12, May to September



Town of Lincoln's Farmers' Market

In Veterans Square in downtown Lincoln
Fridays 10-2, June-Oct. 3

Turner Farmers' Market

The lawn in front of the Natural History Club Building, 442 Turner Center Road
Tuesdays 4-6, June-Late August

Union Farmers' Market

61 Common Road
Fridays 4-7, June through Sept.

United Farmers' Market of Maine – Belfast

18 Spring St., Belfast
Saturdays 9-2, Year-round

Van Buren Farmers' Market

Under the Farmers' Market Pavilion across from the Family Dollar
Saturdays 10-2, June to mid-Sept

Waterford Farmers' Market

663 Waterford Road
Mondays 2-5, June-August

Wayne Farmers' Market

On the Village Green next to the Post Office
Saturdays 9-12, thru Labor Day

Wells Farmers' Market

Wells Library, 1434 Post Rd
Wednesdays 1:30-5, June-August

Wilton Farmers' Market

Vera's Iron & Vine, 76 Weld Rd
Saturdays 9-1, May to October

Windham Farmers' Market

4 Turning Leaf Rd
Saturdays 8:30-12:30, Late May to Sept

Winter Harbor Farmers' Market

Newman Street
Tuesdays 9-12, June to August

Winthrop Farmers' Market

In the Municipal Parking lot at 1704 US Route 202
Thursdays 2-6, June to September

Yarmouth Farmers' Market

Memorial Lawn (Right in Front of Town Hall), 200 Main St.
Thursdays 3-6, May through October

York Gateway Farmers' Market

Greater York Region Chamber Visitor Center, 1 Stonewall Lane
Saturdays 9-1, May to October

Visiting Animals at Agricultural Fairs:

Safety Tips for People and their Pets

Tips for Visiting Agricultural Fair Animals

What are the best ways to stay safe around fair animals?

Enjoy animals with curiosity and respect. Wash your hands after leaving animal areas, keep food and drinks out of barns, follow posted signs, and only pet animals when permitted. Children should always be supervised.

How can parents help kids interact appropriately with livestock?

Teach children to ask before touching animals, move calmly, avoid loud noises, and never approach animals from behind. Make handwashing part of the routine before eating or touching their face.

What are common mistakes fairgoers make?

Eating or drinking in animal areas, skipping handwashing, feeding animals without permission, leaning into pens, and climbing barriers can create safety risks for both people and animals.

What should visitors know before touching, feeding, or photographing animals?

Always ask first. Some animals may not be comfortable with handling, and feeding may not be allowed. Avoid flash photography and watch for signs that an animal needs space.

How can visitors help reduce stress for animals?

Keep voices low, avoid sudden movements, respect barriers, and give animals room to rest. Fair environments can be busy and noisy, so a little extra consideration goes a long way.

Protecting Your Pets and Livestock After the Fair

What precautions should I take before returning home to my own animals?

Wash your hands, change clothes, and clean or disinfect your shoes before interacting with pets or livestock. Germs can travel on clothing, footwear, and personal items.

Can people unintentionally bring diseases home from fairs?

Yes. The risk can be reduced by practicing good hygiene, changing clothes, and keeping shoes, bags, and other items away from animal areas at home.

What hygiene step is most important after visiting barns or animal exhibits?

Handwashing with soap and water is the most effective way to reduce the spread of germs. If possible, also change clothes and clean footwear before returning home.

Should children change clothes or shower after visiting livestock areas?

Yes. At a minimum, children should wash their hands and change clothes before interacting with family pets. A shower is a good extra step after close animal contact.



Keeping Animals Safe During Summer Heat

How does hot weather affect livestock at fairs?

High temperatures and humidity can cause dehydration and heat stress, especially in busy fair environments.

What signs of heat stress should people watch for?

Heavy panting, drooling, sluggishness, loss of appetite, or difficulty standing can all be signs of heat stress. Report concerns to an exhibitor or fair official right away.

How do exhibitors help animals stay comfortable?

Providing fresh water, shade, ventilation, and limiting activity during the hottest parts of the day are key ways to help animals stay healthy.

What should be done if an animal appears overheated?

Move the animal to a shaded, well-ventilated area, provide cool water, and alert a veterinarian or experienced fair staff member immediately.

Ask the Vet

What advice would you give first-time fair or farm visitors?

Enjoy the experience, ask questions, and be respectful of both the animals and the people caring for them.

What are three important things to understand about animal behavior?

Animals can react to noise and crowds, sudden movements may startle them, and respecting barriers helps prevent stress and injury.

Agriculture & Land Stewardship

What should farm visitors know about how agricultural fairs reflect local land use and farming practices?

Fairs offer a snapshot of local agriculture and rich heritage. They offer a look into how animals are raised, what crops are grown, how the land is managed, and the traditions that are passed down through generations.

How do farm visits and fairs help people understand stewardship?

They provide a firsthand look at how farmers care for animals, manage land and resources, and work to protect soil, water, and the environment for future generations.

What's a common misconception a farm visit can help correct?

Many people don't realize the level of care, planning, and hard work involved in producing food. Visiting a farm helps connect people to the farmers and practices behind every meal.

Checklist of Summer Activities to Celebrate Maine Agriculture

By Real Maine

Find Maine flavors and farm goods wherever you shop. Summer is a great time to shop at a local farmstand or farmers' market where you can buy a variety of products. Look for Maine-brands when grocery shopping at a local retailer or supermarket—many stores showcase Maine brands. If you are looking for a particular item, feel free to ask!

☒ **See the sights, meet the farmers all summer long!** Make a day of getting to know more about farming in Maine with a visit to any of the Open Farm Day sites July 26, a wild blueberry field for Wild Blueberry Weekend on August 1-2, Farmers' Market Week August 2-8, Open Winery Day August 22, and the Maine Cheese Festival Sept. 13!

☒ **Savor the harvest.** Try a new recipe, or start preserving the fresh harvest with canning and freezing. You can find a variety of bulk choices at u-pick, Pick Your Own "PYO" farms, and even farmstands. Need help with recipes? Let UMaine Cooperative Extension be your guide. FMI: extension.umaine.edu/food-health/food-preservation/preserving-the-harvest.

☒ **Experience and explore Maine foods, traditions and fun.** From The Maine Artisan Bread Fair (July 25, 2026) to special educational workshops, tastings and pop-up markets, you can a summer favorite that fills your curiosity. Visit RealMaine.com for a list of ideas!

☒ **Find Maine ice cream, made with Maine milk or cream.** There are hundreds of places you can find ice cream, frozen custards and gelato in Maine. But not all of them source milk or cream from Maine dairies. Follow the Real Maine Ice Cream Trail to savor all the deliciousness while supporting local businesses that use Maine ingredients! Find a list of sites and an interactive map at realmaine.com/icecreamtrail.

Share the Road on the Scenic Route this Summer

There is plenty to see and appreciate along Maine's scenic routes, and as the seasons change, so do the traffic patterns of vehicles, animals, people and communities. These are signs of the local economy and business at work.

It's not uncommon to see tractors and heavy equipment sharing the road on their way to plant or harvest crops. Or to come upon livestock crossing a roadway as they relocate from one pasture to another, or to and from the dairy barn milking parlor.

In towns across Maine, parks and parking areas transform into temporary shopping destinations with farmers' markets, fairs and festivals.

Wherever your travels take you, please give extra care getting there and back with these tips:

- **Space.** Don't tailgate or crowd.
- **Pace.** Drive slow until the tractor arrives at the destination, or you may safely pass.
- **Play it Safe.** Practice safety for everyone's sake.



A Slice of Local Flavor: Maine Craft Pizza

When traveling through our great state this summer, a great way to sample a meal that combines a number of different Real Maine ingredients is to try some craft pizza.

All of these parts can add up to a delicious pie: crust made with local flour, Maine cheese, and any number of toppings that come from our state’s farms and food businesses. Adding in a local craft beer, wine, cider, or spirit pairs well.

A great place to start your next trip for craft pizza is exploring the Maine Craft Pizza Initiative’s webpage at kneadingconference.com/maine-craft-pizza. A project of the Maine Grain Alliance, the initiative highlights “values that encompass sustainable farming and energy practices, fresh ingredients grown nearby in each of Maine’s four seasons, and skilled craftsmanship.”

Make sure to also go to www.RealMaine.com to plan your next trip for craft pizza or agricultural experience, and to connect to farms, food, and agriculture throughout Maine.



Stone-Ground Flour Pizza Dough

Makes two medium pizzas or three smaller pizzas

Ingredients:

- 500 g flour
- 300 g stone-ground bread flour or sifted wheat flour
- Stone-ground flour can be purchased from Real Maine members like Maine Grains and Aurora Mills and Farm
- 200 g all-purpose or high-gluten flour
- 350 g water
- 10 g salt
- 2 g instant yeast
- 15 g olive oil, optional
- 5–10 g honey or sugar (optional — helpful for browning)



Method:

Mix flour and water first. Combine the flour and water until no dry spots remain. Let sit for 20–30 minutes. Stone-ground flour benefits from this rest because it absorbs water more slowly.

Add yeast, salt, and oil. Mix/knead until the dough comes together and feels smoother. It may be a little tackier than white-flour dough.

Bulk rise. Cover and let rise at room temperature for 2–3 hours, folding once or twice if you can.

Divide and ball. Divide into 2 or 3 dough balls, depending on pizza size. Lightly oil containers or a tray.

Cold ferment. Refrigerate for 24 hours. This really improves flavor and makes dough easy to handle.

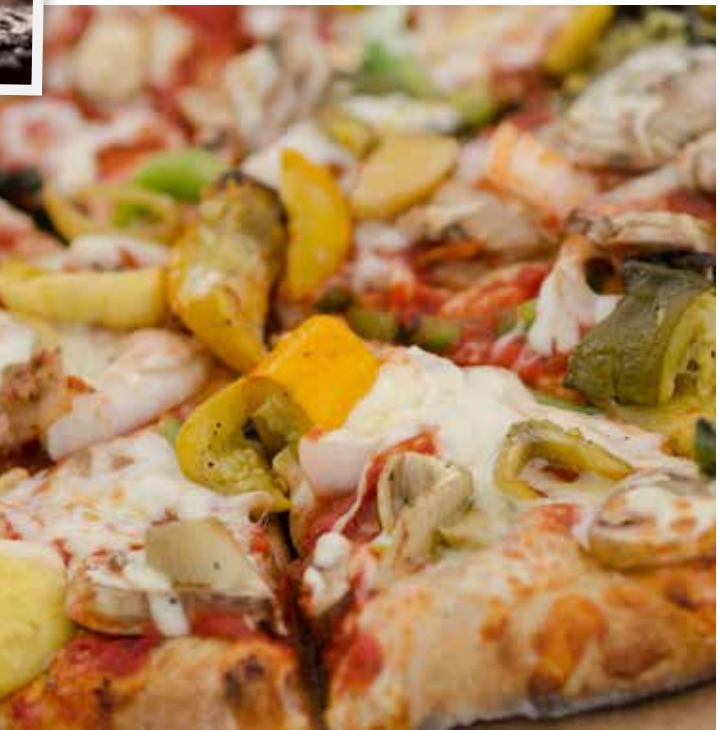
Bring to room temperature. Take dough out 2–3 hours before baking.

Bake hot. Bake on a preheated stone/steel at your oven’s highest temp, usually 500–550°F, for 6–10 minutes, depending on thickness and toppings.

Recipe contributed by The Good Crust



The “Pizza Expo Classic”
from The Good Crust
in Canaan



Over-the-top Toppings

There is an incredibly wide spectrum of topping ideas for pizza. Here are some of the many examples of Real Maine businesses getting creative with local, fresh toppings:

Bigelow Brewing Company in Skowhegan – Their “Opa” pizza includes artichokes and Kalamata olives as toppings.

Boothbay Craft Brewery in Boothbay – The “Hungry Botanist” pie includes spinach, broccoli, microgreens, and edible flowers as toppings.

Cushnoc Brewing Co. in Augusta – The “Mill Park” has a roasted butternut squash base and includes shaved Brussels sprouts as a topping, along with bacon and a balsamic drizzle.

Fogtown Brewery in Ellsworth – Their “Mushroom Kingdom” pizza has a white sauce base and a medley of mushrooms and roasted leeks as toppings.

The Miller’s Table at Maine Grains in Skowhegan – On weekends, pie toppings include local apples from Cayford Orchards (to pair with pulled pork) and ricotta from Crooked Face Creamery.

Maine Beer Company in Freeport – Their “Pesto & Cheese” pizza offering includes local goat cheese and honey as toppings.

Stutzman’s Farm Stand & Bakery in Sangerville – A local favorite is Stutzman’s pizza buffet at their café. A recent offering on the buffet included sliced beets and potatoes.

The Good Crust in Canaan – A favorite pie that they have featured include the “Pizza Expo Classic,” which is topped with Eureka Farms sweet Italian sausage, onions, peppers, and Creamy Acres small batch mozzarella.

Tinder Hearth in Brooksville – Their bakery and café’s pizza offerings change weekly and seasonally. A recent pie included local parsnips two ways — in a parsnip and celeriac cream base and fried as a topping. Pickled ramps also went on this Vegan pizza.

Other local pizza toppings to be sure to sample include Maine wild blueberries, lobster meat, fiddleheads, asparagus, and local meat, such as hamburger and chicken.



The “Mill Park” from
Cushnoc Brewing Co.
in Augusta



Grow a Pizza Garden

There is always the option to make your own craft pizza at home, as well, using local ingredients like Maine grains and flour, sauce, and cheese, but here’s an idea for planting this summer: how about a pizza garden where you grow toppings you can add to your pizza from your own backyard?

You can set aside a part of your plot for a pizza garden or grow in containers. Some ingredients could even grow in a sunny window.

It’s a great time to purchase some “pizza garden” seedlings and the supplies to grow them. Your local farm store, farmers’ market, greenhouse, or nursery is a great place to start your search for seedlings (make sure you go to www.RealMaine.com to find the one nearest to you). You’re likely to find separate areas dedicated to different types of seedlings. Many farms, greenhouses, nurseries, and garden centers have experienced staff who can offer advice. Once purchased, try to plant your seedlings as soon as possible.

Here are some basics to get your “pizza garden” started:

Tomatoes: Use tomatoes to make a sauce or to top your pizza. Common types of tomatoes include “cherry” tomatoes (small, sweet, early to ripen, good for toppings), and “paste” tomatoes (low pulp, good for cooking and sauces; an example is Roma).

Basil: A natural complement to tomatoes. Basil loves the heat and is easy to grow in whatever space/container you have for it. The smell of fresh basil is always welcome. Chop it up and add it to sauces or use it as a topping or garnish.

Oregano: An herb that is used widely in pizza sauces and as a garnish. Oregano is also easy to grow wherever you plant it.

Here are some more ideas to include in your “pizza garden”:

Peppers: A wide variety of peppers make great additions to pizza from mild and sweet (an example being a Bell pepper) to hot peppers (jalapeno and chipotle). Peppers also love the heat for growing.

Summer squash and zucchini: If you use these as pizza toppings, make sure you shred or slice them thin and squeeze out any excess water.

Eggplant: Before using eggplant as a pizza topping, make sure you pre-cook it by roasting, pan-frying, or grilling slices or cubes until golden brown before adding them.

There is a diverse range of fresh ingredients that can be used in making your own pizza — the sky is the limit. You can opt for the traditional route or maybe for something more creative.

Open Farm Day

is Sunday, July 26, 2026

Maine Open Farm Day is celebrating 37 years!

Plan to visit one of these farms that will be open for visitors!

Visit **REALMAINE.COM** for more info.

TIPS: Most farms, but not all, are open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Some are also open Saturday, July 25. We recommend checking local listings before you head out. Examples include the RealMaine.com event calendar, individual farm websites, social media, and phone. Farms may update schedules and activities as the event date nears.

If you're new to this tradition, we recommend reading our online tips for visiting a farm.

Scan the code to view the pre-made trip itineraries and an interactive map of host sites ►

REALMAINE.COM

ANDROSCOGGIN

Boothby's Farm Market

📍 1425 FEDERAL RD. (RT 4), LIVERMORE

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

☎ (207) 754-3500

Local Crafter's Fair & Farmer's Market onsite to meet other local farmers, gatherers and artisans. We welcome you to visit and tour our small orchard and vineyard and discuss the techniques we are trialing in the vegetable plot. Free crafts for kids.

🌐 boothbysorchard.com

Goss Berry Farm

📍 311 ELM STREET, MECHANIC FALLS

📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 346-6811

You-pick, you-pick flowers, dig your own potatoes.

🌐 gossberryfarm.com

Liberation Farm

📍 1002 GARDINER RD, WALES

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

☎ (415) 309-6162

Learn more about the community-based farming programs at Liberation Farm! Check out the crop fields, meet the goats and chickens, sample Somali snacks and shop for fresh produce at the pop-up market.

🌐 somalibantumaine.org

Use these symbols to help plan your visit

FARM	WINERY / CIDERY	SPECIALTY
SUGAR SHACK / MAPLE SYRUP	NURSERY / GREENHOUSE	FARMERS' MARKET
CREAMERY	BREWERY / DISTILLERY	AGRITOURISM

Nezinscot Farm Store

📍 284 TURNER CENTER RD., TURNER

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☎ (207) 225-3231

This is a statewide event that allows all who are interested to learn more about what we do, sample some of our goods, walk and tour the farm and gardens, experience a craft related to farming, enjoy lunch in our cafe, visit the animals, and much more! This is a great way to support your local farming community.

🌐 nezinscotfarm.com

Old Crow Ranch

📍 427 DAVIS RD., DURHAM

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 329-8775

Come visit Old Crow Ranch, meet the animals (and the farmers), learn a bit about how we raise our beef and pork, peruse the #OCRFarmStore and a handful of local makers. Bring your appetite and buy a local lunch from On A Roll food truck!

🌐 oldcrowranch.com

Fluffy Honey Farm

📍 62 GREY RD, GREENE

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (845) 662-7089

Please enjoy learning about fiber processing and alpaca animal husbandry. Enjoy interacting with the alpacas and feeding them by hand.

🌐 fluffyhoneyfarm.myopenherdwebsite.com

AROOSTOOK

A Better Day Counseling and Farms

📍 41 JOHNSON RD., NEW SWEDEN

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

☎ (207) 896-3596

Enjoy getting to know our donkeys, horses and mules with hands on activities, education and fun for the whole family. Take a tour of the farm and meet our social turkeys or just sit under the shade of tree taking it all in.

🌐 abetterdaycounselingfarms.com

Gallifreyan Farm

📍 133 CODFISH RIDGE RD., LINNEUS

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 694-6703

Gallifreyan Farm is a small farm in Northern Maine that focuses on alternative sustainable agriculture and humanely-harvested sheep and alpaca fiber.

🌐 morninggloryfarmmaine.com

McElwain's Strawberry Farm

📍 711 SWEDEN ST. CARIBOU

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 498-8276

We will have tractor pulled wagon rides around the farm, storybook walk, self-guided farm tour, farm tool museum, playground with slides, swings, sand table, and games. The farm store will be open with fresh veggies, blueberries, honey, jam, maple syrup, and farm merchandise. Ice cream with strawberries also available.

Whitmore & Edgcomb Family Farm

📍 291 THIBODEAU RD., WOODLAND

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 999-9798

We are a hay and grain farm catering to everyone from Equine to livestock. We take pride in showing care for our finished product and the care of our land through organically grown methods. We also host agritourism events for fun, team building and educational purposes.

MTD Feather And Fiber Farm

📍 135 SHERIDAN RD., ASHLAND

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (802) 752-9052

Guided horse walks, goats and sheep brushing, draw an emu, draw a rhea

CUMBERLAND

Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals

📍 279 RIVER RD., WINDHAM

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

☎ (207) 892-3040

Enjoy a stroll around the farm and the opportunity to meet the MSSPA herd and watch a horse training demonstration in the indoor arena.

🌐 msspa.org

Mare Brook Farm

📍 20 SEA GRASS FARM RD., BRUNSWICK

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 370-5109

As flower farmers, we have the privilege of growing seasonal blooms that evoke feelings of connection and joy for our neighbors and friends from afar. We focus our eco-conscious efforts on establishing healthy, fertile soil—without the use of pesticides—to cultivate the most lush perennials, annuals, culinary herbs, and produce for our community. Come visit our farm and learn about choosing “grown-not-flown” flowers and Maine's floral offerings!

Misfits Haven Farm

📍 43 BEAN FAMILY RD., NEW GLOUCESTER

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour the barnyard, visit with the animals and feed them a favorite snack! Learn about our small-scale homestead. We will have a tasting table with our goat dairy products and garden goods. The farm stand will be open for purchasing goods. Kids activities in the play area will include games & coloring! Two goat hikes will be offered at 11am & 2pm (\$5 per family)

Phillip View Farm

📍 723 BRIDGTON RD., SEBAGO

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 232-1196

Visit our farm and see our 100% grass fed cows, llama, and goats. Farm Store open!

🌐 greenemapplefarm.com

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Pineland Farms

📍 15 FARM VIEW DR, NEW GLOUCESTER

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 04 p.m.

☎ (207) 650-3031

Join the Pineland Farms Education Department for OPEN FARM DAY as we celebrate Maine agriculture. Our 2 Hour Farm Visits will be FREE on this special day and there will be ongoing hands-on animal activities through out the day.

🌐 pinelandfarms.org

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village

📍 707 SHAKER RD, NEW GLOUCESTER

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

☎ (207) 926-4597

Learn about the farm, see goats, chickens, ducks, and a pig.

🌐 maineshakers.com

Tir na nOg Farm

📍 44 LEIGHTON RD., POWNAL

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 749-8321

Come see a post-peak oil regenerative farm with deep Celtic roots, featuring Scottish Highland cattle, heritage-breed pigs and poultry, organic flower and vegetable gardens, and a fledgling food forest.

🌐 mainecelt.weebly.com

Tripping Gnome Farm

📍 64 LUPINE LANE, FREEPORT

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☎ (508) 596-5222

Come visit us at Tripping Gnome Farm to see how we grow mushrooms and microgreens and try your hand at harvesting potatoes!

🌐 trippinggnome.com

Wooly Bee Farm

📍 142 GLOUCESTER HILL RD., NEW GLOUCESTER

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 956-2203

Join us for a cozy and creative day on the farm during Maine Open Farm Day! Families are invited to stop by for: Meet the animals, A kids craft table, A simple hands-on weaving activity, A beautiful farm photo spot, Handmade farm and fiber goods including felted soaps and nature-inspired creations This will be a relaxed, family-friendly day focused on creativity, community, and enjoying the farm together. Children can explore simple fiber arts activities, visit the animals, and create something to take home. We hope you'll come spend part of your day with us!

Cape Newagen Farm

📍 395 NEW GLOUCESTER RD., NORTH YARMOUTH

📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 489-9228

Come and meet the animals that we raise, who grow the fiber to make our beautiful farm yarns! You'll get to see all the processes it takes to create yarns from raw fiber to finished product.

🌐 capenewagenfarm.com

Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment

📍 184 BURNETT RD, FREEPORT

📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☎ (207) 865-4469

We offer a variety of programs including farm and animal tours, interactive workshops, or programs designed for the whole family to have fun and learn. Be sure to check into the Farm store during from June - August for drop in programs and educational talks happening all summer long.

FRANKLIN

Black Acres Farm

📍 123 BLACK RD, WILTON

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 491-5443

Celebrate Open Farm Day at Black Acres Farm with a full slate of family-friendly activities that showcase the best of Maine agriculture. Guests can enjoy guided farm tours, meet and feed the animals, watch live demonstrations like maple syrup production and composting, and explore hands-on stations for kids. The farm store will be open with fresh, all-natural products, and visitors can relax with local food, and plenty of space to take in the beauty of the farm. It's a great chance to connect with where your food comes from and experience a true working farm.

Maine Local Living School

📍 71 LAKE DRIVE, TEMPLE

📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☎ (207) 778-0318

We will lead tours of the campus including the ice house, root cellar, greenhouse and gardens, solar food dehydrator, animal barn, and the classroom/workshop. Visitors will learn about

and interact with earth-friendly systems including rainwater collection and solar water heating, rocket stoves and outdoor kitchens, composting toilets, and alternative building construction.

 mainelocaliving.org



Morrison Hill Orchard

 272 MORRISON HILL RD, FARMINGTON
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 778-4945

Enjoy woodfired pizzas, and cider and learn about our orchard and other parts of the farm.



Thistle Moon Farmstead

 83 MCLAUGHLIN RD, WILTON
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 645-4678

Opening weekend for our U-Pick blueberries. We steward an historic blueberry field with 9 varieties of heirloom highbush blueberries and visit our farmstore featuring farm raised and local products.

 thistlemoonfarmstead.com



HANCOCK

Bald Mountain Farm

 772 BALD MOUNTAIN RD., DEDHAM
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 356-5767

We will offer goat and lamb petting. Visitors can tour the farm, visit the veggie garden, the orchard and the wild blueberry patch. Children can use the playground and see the animals: cows, goats, sheep, peacocks, geese, ducks

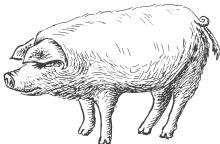


Good Life Center

 372 HARBORSIDE RD., HARBORSIDE
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 326-8211

Good Life Center will offer garden tours, fresh vegetarian snacks from the garden, viewing of a documentary about the Nearings, and a viewing of the Maine State Museum's exhibit on the 'Untold History of Maine Vegetarianism.'

 goodlife.org



KENNEBEC

Applewald Farm

 525 HUNTINGTON HILL RD, LITCHFIELD
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 (207) 268-9276

Guests will be able to take a guided tour of the produce fields. Children will be allowed to pick a few items. We can also show you the cider room and teach about the cider making process.

 applewaldfair.wixsite.com/farm



Hart-to-Hart Farm & Education Center

 16 DUCK POND LANE, ALBION
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 692-4603

Join us for guided tours of our calf barn, cow barn, milking facility and fields. Visit our goats, sheep and chicken barns. There will be plenty of opportunities to pet our animals. Learn how we made the transition to organic farming in 1990 to become proud producers for Organic Valley, a farmer -own coop. Inquire about our Farm Day camp program running for 26 yrs for youth ages 5-13. Throughout the day there will be plenty of hands- on activities ie hand spinning wool to yarn, milking and more. We recently became a Forever Farm.

 hart2hartfarm.org



Misty Brook Farm

 156 BOG RD., ALBION
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 437-4719

Come to our farm in Albion for self-guided tours around the farm: meet the horses, lambs, chickens, pigs, and dairy cows. Stock up in our Farm Store on organic and grass-fed meats, dairy, and pantry staples from our farm and others. Our Farm Store is open dawn to dusk every day with honor system payment, and we are just a short drive from Augusta, Belfast and Waterville. Please follow us on socail media for updates and event schedule.

 mistybrook.com



Run Amok Mead

 1043 HIGH ST, WEST GARDINER
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 466-2142

Come explore and see animals, including horses, cows, donkeys. Enjoy Mead Tastings (21+), Honey Tastings, Meadery tours, Elderberry patch, Honeyberry patch

 runamokmead.com



Versicolor

 28 WILLETTE DRIVE, SOUTH CHINA
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 480-0332

Visit the dye garden and studio. Participate in naturally dyeing. See the family-size vegetable garden and greenhouse, including Asian vegetables, and the “rewilding” project increasing native plants



KNOX

Brae Maple Farm

 233 NORTH UNION RD, UNION
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 785-4978

View Master Gardener Volunteer Demonstration Gardens, the Heritage Garden and Medicine Wheel garden. Activities for kids, bee keeping demonstration, spinning and music and snacks.



Meadowcroft Farm/ Seacolors Yarnery

 45 HOPKINS RD., WASHINGTON
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 845-2587

Please come meet the only Polwarth Sheep on the North and South American continents, (tours at 11 and 1). And the lovely working dogs who make it all happen. Small Batch Yarns, One of a Kind Sweaters and limited edition Blankets available for sale: Solar dyed in Seawater. Flush toilet and hand washing stations on site.

 getwool.com



Round the Bend Farm

 2928 N UNION RD., UNION
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (603) 490-6969

We provide a forever home for a variety of animals, including horses, cows, donkeys, goats, chickens, ducks, and a pig.



Sweet Season Farm

 77 LIBERTY RD., WASHINGTON
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 542-5008

Sweet Season Farm is a high bush blueberry farm offering both u pick and pre picked blueberries in our farm store.



Terra Optima Farm

 980 GURNEYTOWN RD, APPLETON
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 975-9834

Tour a small working livestock farm. Weather dependent goat walks and up close farm animal meet and greets.

LINCOLN

Beau Chemin Preservation Farm

 1749 FINNTOWN RD., WALDOBORO
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 691-8164

See and learn about conservation of endangered livestock, visit rare Poitou donkeys, take a look at a 180 year old barn, learn about rare fiber,natural dyeing and old spinning wheels.



Broad Arrow Farm

 33 BENNER RD., BRISTOL
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 800-6183

We have an on-farm restaurant and bar, and will be serving food and drinks all day; our farmers will be available for tours; we will have a scavenger hunt and games for kids.



Lakin's Gorges Cheese and East Forty Farm

 2361 FRIENDSHIP RD, WALDOBORO
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 230-4318

We are a regenerative dairy farm, turning all the Jersey milk into butter and award winning cheese, we also raise beef. Please attend our seasonal farm to table meals.

 lakinsgorgescheese.com



Pumpkin Vine Family Farm

 217 HEWETT RD, SOMERVILLE
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 549-3096

Tours include 1) fascinating farm history, 2) personal time with our fabulous goats, 3) cheese samples, and 4) an insider look into our state of the art milking parlor. Grab lunch and lots more at our friendly farmers market.

 pumpkinvinefamilyfarm.com



SeaLyon Farm

 1788 ALNA RD, ALNA
 **Days & Times:** Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 290-2954

Pick Your Own Lavender, Food Truck, Craft

Vendors, Horse wagon rides, Farm Store with lavender lemonade and lavender ice cream. Drive directly to the farm or get the full experience and ride the 1800's narrow gauge steam train to the farm. You can get your tickets steam train here: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/725-lavender-pickin-train-to-sealyon-farm

 sealyonfarm.com



The Byre Farm

 25 ROCK SCHOOL HOUSE RD., BRISTOL
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (603) 344-5639

Walk and brush Scottish Highland cows with the farm's 4-H club. Learn to make a weaving on a peg loom with our Shropshire wool.



OXFORD

A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm

 106 BLACK MOUNTAIN RD., SUMNER
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 212-4058

Farm store with yarns, needle felting, felted art, maple syrup and maple syrup products; demonstrations of spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, dyeing with natural plants and experiencing small diversified sheep farm. Earth oven pizza available for purchase. Visit with sheep. Labrador Dog breeder.

 awrinkleinthymefarm.com



Conant Acres

 49 CANTON POINT RD., CANTON
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 597-2810

Visit our dairy farm and on-farm market to learn more about local agriculture and food production. Don't miss opportunities to socialize with our calves and cows, sample cheese and other products, eat lunch served by a local food truck, and more!



Foxx Run Farm

 1912 PEQUAWKET TRAIL, HIRAM
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 632-3375

Visit with our farm animals and feed them their favorite treats. Explore our historic farm and learn about our events and workshops. \$10 Pony Rides available from 10 am to Noon. Feel free to bring a picnic and have lunch on the farm. Visitors can also find fresh greens, herbs, eggs, sourdough breads, sweet treats, GF baked goods, honey, goat

milk soaps, and handmade wooden utensils in the Farmstand.

 foxxrunfarm.com



Morning Glory Farm

 343 FLAT RD., BETHEL
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 381-0321

Take a guided farm tour to meet our Jersey cows, goats, sheep, and chickens. Look for eggs in the chicken coop! Learn how our small farm incorporates regenerative agriculture principles. Sample our award-winning SmokeBomb hot sauces! The pizza oven will be fired up - pizza by donation. Visit our website for more info and directions.

 moringgloryfarmmaine.com



PENOBSCOT

Blackberry Creek

 170 PALMER RD., NEWPORT
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 278-0030

Join us for farm tours, delicious food trucks, talented local Maine craftsmen and vendors, exciting raffles and so much more. We'll have our onsite farm market stocked and ready, including our famous sourdough breads and baked goods.

 blackberrycreekmaine.com



Country Junction

 1204 MAIN RD, BRADFORD
 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (207) 327-1398

We are a family run greenhouse with vegetable gardens and a small dairy. We will have produce to sample, baked goods, animal interactions and try your hand at churning butter the old fashioned way. As well as homemade ice cream.



Reigning Hope Ranch

 305 CENTER DRIVE, ORRINGTON
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 307-1398

Guided tour of our equine ranch & meet not only our horses but also donkeys, chickens, ducks, goats, and vermicomposting worms. Learn how our horses are trained for therapy and how our rescued horses now play a powerful role in helping humans heal.

 reigninghoperanch.com



SAGADAHOC

Apple Creek Farm

 538 MILLAY RD, BOWDOINHAM
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 948-3022

Visitors will get to 'meet' the animals (including our livestock guardian dogs). There will be activities for children including a barnyard tour, coloring, and an egg hunt. Our pop-up farm store will be open and in addition to our selection of eggs, beef, chicken, and specialty products; we'll have our entire inventory of cashmere goat hides & sheepskins on sale at 15% off!

 applecreekfarm.me



Willows Highlands Farm

 36 FURLONG RD., RICHMOND
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 (207) 737-9321

Self-guided farm tour, visit the cow, children's activities, food, music, makers market

 Willowshighlandsfarm.com



SOMERSET

Balfour Farm

 461 WEBB RD., PITTSFIELD
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (207) 213-3159

Farm tours, cheese and salami tastings, products for sale

 balfourfarm.com



Equiculture Anam Cara Farm

 100 SALISBURY RD., CANAAN
 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 (413) 813-2000

Weather permitting we will give wagon rides the length of the farm while describing what we have planned for the land and animals on our Sanctuary.

 equiculture.online



Martin Woods Farm

 24 ABIJAH HILL RD, STARKS

Tessier Farm

📍 337 MALBONS MILL RD, SKOWHEGAN
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 474-6380

Come tour our small family farm . We have an on site farm store. Visit our dairy barn and try your hand at milking Bessy our demo milk cow! Food & restroom available
🌐 tessiersfarm.com



WALDO

Calderwood Farm

📍 995 BEACH RD, LINCOLNVILLE
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
📞 (571) 867-7112

Visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the farms trails, barns, greenhouses and animals.



Moosehead Maple Farm

📍 1390 MOOSEHEAD TRAIL, JACKSON
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
📞 (785) 410-0162

We are small maple producers in central Maine with about 250 taps, run on a wood-fired evaporator. We specialize in maple syrup, maple-coated nuts, sugar, and candy. We also have our popular bourbon-barrel aged syrup, produced in small batches with dark robust syrup and aged in a barrel for 3 months. Come visit our operation during Maine Open Farm Day! Although we won't be boiling, we'll have samples and tours of the sug-arhouse. Stock up on all your maple favorites!

🌐 Mooseheadmaplefarm.square.site



Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm

📍 141 CROSBY BROOK RD, UNITY
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
📞 (207) 356-2464

You are sure to fall in love with the 35 alpacas and the beautiful clothing, toys, gifts and yarn in the farm gift shop. Bring a picnic and enjoy watching alpacas while you relax and take in the beauty of Maine. Open rain or shine.

🌐 mainealpacaexperience.com



Windy Knoll Goats

📍 374 BLANKETT LANE, PROSPECT
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 322-6886

Come visit our farm, cuddle some baby goats and learn about goats and products made from goats milk.



Windy Ridge Farm

📍 299 BAGLEY HILL RD., TROY
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 558-3134

Come meet all the farm animals - dairy and beef cows, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens, Golly Gander & his 2 friends, Pharaoh Peacock and his Lady Penelope. Our farm store will be open.
🌐 windyridgefarm.wordpress.com



Winterport Evergreen Farm

📍 486 MONROE RD., WINTERPORT
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
📞 (207) 944-2649

From seedling to Christmas tree: educational tours of the farm will be offered throughout the afternoon. We will also be hosting a farmer and artisan market!



WASHINGTON

Rime Nor Reason Farm

📍 82 ARTHUR DAMON RD, CHARLOTTE
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 404-1177

We are Certified Organic and offer CSAs, Wild Blueberries, Grass-Fed Beef, Free Range Chicken, Eggs and Pork. Come see our farm, shop the farm store and learn how we serve our community through farming!

🌐 RimeFarm.com



Englishman Bay Lavender Farm

📍 167 JOHNSON COVE RD, ROQUE BLUFFS
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
📞 (207) 259-0922

Experience a working lavender farm and certified pollinator garden. Learn about honey bees and how they and other pollinators are needed for crops to grow for our food.



YORK

Annie's Daylilies

📍 300 BLANCHARD. RD., SPRINGVALE
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
📞 (207) 432-1365

Walking around the daylilies in bloom enjoying the day. Purchasing your favorite if you want to.

🌐 anniesdaylilies.com



Blackrock Farm

📍 293 GOOSE ROCKS RD., KENNEBUNKPORT
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 967-5783

We will be hosting several activities for children and make your own flower arrangements. There will be farm to table food available for sale in our farm stand!

🌐 blackrockfarm.net



Blueberry Hill Farm

📍 231 BLUEBERRY HILL FARM RD., ACTON
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
📞 (207) 457-1151

Pick your own highbush blueberries! Baked Blueberry goodies for sale! Stroll through the Barn at Blueberry Hill; our space for weddings, parties and special events!
🌐 blueberryhillfarm.us



Crooked Brook Farm

📍 210 MEETINGHOUSE RD., WELLS
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 432-1421

Sugarhouse and sugarbush tours. Christmas tree shearing demonstrations. Apiary demonstration. Farm made treats for sale.

🌐 crookedbrookfarm.com



Dooley Gardens

📍 428 SOKOKIS TRAIL N, LIMERICK
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 233-7182

Dooley Gardens is a daylily-focused flower farm and official display garden located in Limerick, the garden showcases 900+ registered cultivars plus several thousand seedlings from ongoing hybridizing work, with emphasis on hardy, Maine-resilient introductions.

🌐 dooleygardens.com



Elf Paca Meadows

📍 45 LIBBY RD., WEST NEWFIELD
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (603) 817-0356

Experience the charm of Maine Open Farm Days with a visit Elf-Paca Meadows , where you can meet these gentle, curious animals up close and learn about their soft, luxurious fiber. Enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly outing that showcases Maine's agricultural heritage and the craftsmanship behind alpaca products.

🌐 elfpacameadows.com



Hilltop Boilers Maple Syrup

📍 159 ELM STREET, NEWFIELD
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 793-8850

Come join us for a day of sunshine and adventure at our farm in Newfield! We're opening our gates for an unforgettable family journey where you can explore our rolling hills and watch our cattle grazing peacefully in the lush pastures. The farm becomes a giant playground for the little ones, who can climb on real tractors and compete in exciting games and contests designed just for kids. To add to the magic, the legendary Mr. Drew and his animal friends will be there to provide plenty of laughs and family fun for everyone. Be sure to stop by our charming maple store to browse a delicious variety of maple products that are sure to sweeten your visit. Whether you're here for the tractors, the animals, or the treats, there's something special waiting for every member of the family!
🌐 hilltopboilersmaplesyrup.com



Ingendahl Acres

📍 1229 BRAGDON RD., WELLS
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
📞 (207) 432-9085

Walk-in petting zoo, local vendors, tie-dye, food truck, pony rides & more!

🌐 ingendahlacres.com



Kittery Land Trust's Nooney Farm

📍 22 STEVENSON RD, KITTERY
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
📞 (207) 439-8989

Nooney Farm was purchased by the Kittery Land Trust in 2020 and has since become a community hub for agriculture, education, and recreation. Explore the farm, hike the trail, and pick your own flowers.

🌐 kitterylandtrust.org



McDougal Orchards

📍 201 HANSON RIDGE RD, SPRINGVALE
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
📞 (207) 324-5054

Join us for the 12th annual Springvale Farm Walk! Visit our apple orchard and hike to other neighboring farms in this beautiful corner of York County!

🌐 mcdougalorchards.com



River Bend Farm

(The Ecology School)
📍 184 SIMPSON RD., SACO
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
📞 (207) 283-9951

Open Farm Day is an exciting opportunity to explore River Bend Farm and all it has to offer. Since We're typically a private campus welcoming youth from Maine & beyond for Outdoor School programs, Open Farm Day is a chance to see what We're up to on these 313 acres in Saco, Maine. Our team will lead tours throughout the day, and you are also welcome to walk the grounds and explore on your own. The many growing spaces on-site included our 1 1/4 acre farm field, raised beds, food forest, orchard, greenhouse, and more.

🌐 theecologyschool.org



Shy Beaver Trout Hatchery

📍 161 SHY BEAVER RD, HOLLIS
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 300-7999

One of the countries oldest trout hatcheries. Learn all about the life cycle, feed fish, hatchery tour and more

🌐 shybeavertROUT.com



Sturgeon Creek Farm

📍 1651 STATE RD., ELIOT
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (603) 767-8545

Visit our chickens, turkeys, lambs and adult sheep while strolling around the farm or walking out to the pond to observe wildlife. Check out our farm store to stock up on local produce, meats and eggs and check out the crafts from local artists.

🌐 sturgeoncreekfarm.com



The Noon Family Sheep Farm

📍 78 SUNSET RD, SPRINGVALE
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 432-3708

Take part in the Springvale Farm Walk and visit our sheep and cows and donkey and horse! Stop for a bite of grilled lamb and a cool drink in the shade.



Twisted Willow Treasures

📍 73 ELM ST, NEWFIELD
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
📞 (484) 707-2419

Meet our goats, pigs, and other farm animals, explore the historic barn, and shop for

handcrafted goods from local artisans including barn quilts painted on site. Gorgeous setting in the historic village of Newfield at the former Willowbrook Village Museum site.



Unique Maine Farms at the Doyle Family Farm

📍 515 GARLAND RD., WEST NEWFIELD
📅 **Days & Times:** Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 793-2759

Doyle Family Farm specializes in the sale of over 200 varieties of perennials and herbs

🌐 doylefamilyfarm.com

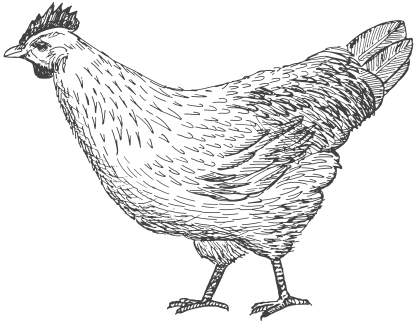


Yellowbird Love Farms

📍 92 PIGEON BROOK RD, WEST BALDWIN
📅 **Days & Times:** Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
📞 (207) 956-2434

Come see how we have been healing our soils and souls by using as much natural resources around us. Join a mushrooms in the garden presentation.

🌐 medicinemakersorganization.com/mushroom-education



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BOWDOINHAM'S
OPEN FARM AND STUDIO DAY
📅 July 26, 2026 🎨

A Celebration of Bowdoinham's vibrant farming & arts community.

9 AM-5 PM Explore farms & studios with live demos, fresh food, farm tours & stores, pop-up markets, & more.

4 PM-7 PM Join us at Maily Waterfront Park (1 Main St.) for a Food Pantry benefit BBQ! Enjoy fresh local eats & live music.

Follow the red signs to explore farms & studios showcasing the best of Bowdoinham!

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Download the event guide

SPRINGVALE FARM WALK **SUNDAY July 26th 2026**

- McDougal Orchards
- Twin Maples Farm
- Sky Island Homestead
- Blueberry Bend
- Rivard Farm
- Sanford Community Garden
- Noon Family Sheep Farm

Treasure hunts, photo contest, story stroll, and more!

9am
Muffins with Friends breakfast treats by Three Rivers Land Trust at McDougal Orchards barn! Donations welcome

10am-2pm
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• ME State Beekeepers
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www.mcdougalorchards.com




2026 Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Licensed

Agricultural Fair Dates

JULY

- Ossipee Valley – July 9-12
- Houlton – July 10-12
- North Waterford – July 17-19
- Bangor – July 30-August 8

AUGUST

- Northern Maine – August 5-9
- Union – August 5-9
- Topsham – August 9-16
- Skowhegan – August 13-22
- Acton – August 27-30
- Piscataquis – August 27-30
- Washington County – August 29-30
- Windsor – August 29-Sept. 7

SEPTEMBER

- Blue Hill – September 3-7
- Harmony – September 4-7
- Clinton – September 10-13
- Litchfield – September 10-13
- Oxford – September 16-19
- New Portland – September 18-20
- Farmington – September 20-26
- Common Ground – September 24-27
- Cumberland – Sept. 27-Oct. 3

OCTOBER

- Fryeburg – October 4-October 11

Note: The above schedule lists the dates of each agricultural fair license. Please check each fair's website or socials for their specific events and activities.

Celebrate the Sixth Annual Wild Blueberry Weekend
Mark your calendar for August 1-2, 2026

Wild Blueberry Weekend is an annual statewide celebration held during the first full weekend of August in honor of Maine's wild blueberry harvest. Because wild blueberries are harvested just once each year in late summer, the weekend offers a special opportunity to experience the harvest firsthand. Across the state, farms and participating businesses open their doors to offer fresh berry picking, tours, demonstrations, kids' activities, special menu items, and more! It's a fun, family-friendly way to support Maine's wild blueberry community.

Wild Blueberry Weekend celebrates generations of Maine's agricultural heritage, educates visitors about the wild blueberry industry, and offers a fun and delicious way to support Maine's hard-working farmers and businesses, experience Maine culture, and eat a lot of delicious blueberry treats.

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