

Fresh From
Historic
Bucks County Farms



A Companion to
Fresh From Bucks County Farms: A Guide to
Roadside Markets & “Pick Your Own” Farms

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Historic Bucks County farms produce much more than just farm products. Surrounding communities reap many benefits from farms, particularly those that have been permanently protected. Preserved open space, a continued rural lifestyle, and the prevention of urban sprawl are some advantages. More specific agricultural values include long-term food security, fresh food and support to local farmers. Yet another benefit is the protection of our rich rural heritage. The earliest barns in Bucks County were modest, log buildings. By the mid 1800's, post-and-beam construction became standard: massive timbers made up the frame and were held together with wooden pegs. These barns were built in a variety of styles and sizes and used differing materials. The later barns were almost completely Americanized, although some of the earliest barns reflected the builder's national origin. Barns are the most dominant structure on a historic farmstead. Barns provided shelter for livestock, storage for grain and hay, housing for tools and equipment, and a site to perform various work activities. When not being used for work, barns doubled as centers for social events like barn dances and husking bees. The act of erecting a barn was also a social event. "Barn raisings," as they were called, offered a welcome break from the isolation of everyday work life. With the steady increase in mechanized farming during the twentieth century, barns became increasingly less essential to a farm's operation. Other, more specialized structures were developed to house machinery and store crops. By drawing attention to the importance of preserving the unique, historic elements of Bucks County's rural heritage, the legacy can be passed on to future generations.



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Bolton's Farm Market*

1005 Route 113
Silverdale PA 18962

Visitors to Bolton's Farm Market will be able to see a picturesque view of the barns, various outbuildings and home in the distance. The history of the two-story stone and stucco home has been traced back to the original deed from William Penn.

Farm # 8



Carousel Lavender Farm*

5966 Mechanicsville Road
Mechanicsville PA 18934

Carousel Lavender Farm boasts beautiful meadows filled with fragrant lavender, set among a backdrop of well maintained historic structures. The grounds include a three-story stone farmhouse, springhouse, 18th century barn, and formal garden. (Source: www.carouselfarmlavender.com)

Farm # 12



Photograph courtesy of Niko Christou

Ely Pork Products*

401 Woodhill Rd
Newtown PA 18940

The Ely House represents a classic example of a Bucks County stone farm house. The formal section of the house is two-rooms deep with a recessed one-room deep kitchen wing. The two wings share a common roof ridge, giving the kitchen wing an uneven "saltbox" appearance. Close examination of the two-room section shows that the door way was moved from the original bay, perhaps when the wing was added. The stonework of the first floor of the formal section is finer stonework than the remainder, suggesting that the house may have originally been only one-story tall.

Farm # 18



Fairview Farm*

831 Pineville Rd
Pineville PA 18946

The driveway leading to the Fairview Farm Market will afford you a great view the farmhouse. This home is a collection of several additions. The original is most likely to the right due to the visible corner quoins. Notice evidence in the stone work of the existence of a door where the center-most first-floor window is now. Each subsequent addition was added to the left of this first section. This home was most likely covered in plaster during some of its lifetime as small fragments still remain.

Farm # 19





Lapinski Farm*

Farm # 28

1003 Middle Rd
Dublin PA 18917

The house provides an excellent example of Gothic Revival architecture. It has a cross gable (wall that extends into a centered gable) with a pointed arch window. Other Gothic Revival features include the steeply pitched roof and

front and side porches with elaborate trim.



Maximuck's Farm Market*

Farm # 32

5793 Long Lane
Doylestown PA 18901

Maximuck's Farm Market visitors will see the plastered stone farmhouse to the left of the market. The oldest section is most likely the deeper two-story section to the right. The

addition to the left of it is very similar to the home on the Ely Farm (Farm # 20). It, too, is less deep than the first section and was tied into the original roof line.



Meadow Brook Farms*

Farm # 33

2655 Slifer Valley Rd
Riegelsville PA 18077

Visitors to the Little Farm Store at Meadow Brook Farms will encounter sweeping views of preserved farm land. Be sure to stop and admire the covered bridge nearby while you are there!

Milk House Farm Market*

Farm # 34

1118 Slack Rd
Newtown PA 18940

At the Milk House Farm Market customers will be able to see two stone farmhouses and the barn. The home (pictured here) located across the road from the market bears a date stone of 1856 in the frontward facing gable.

Notice that the shutters on the second floor are louvered, but the first-floor shutters are not. This feature afforded additional security overnight on the first floor while allowing for air flow on the second. Additional interest is achieved by the segmental arch dormer windows and eve brackets.





Milk House Farm Market* (continued.. Farm # 34
(This an additional house next to the market)

The home next to the market has the iconic look of the typical Bucks County farm house. The barn (see cover), built in 1816, bears a somewhat faded date stone that is visible from the parking lot. Evidence of a missing forebay is revealed by the finer stone work above the drip course and rafter tails. This farm was preserved by the county and Upper Makefield Township in 2006.

Penn Vermont Fruit Farm* Farm # 45
Rt. 113 & Rolling Hills Rd
Bedminster PA 18910

Here visitors will be able to see the home built by Abraham and Magdalena Fretz in 1820. The stone section to the right in the photo is the earliest portion. The stucco section to the left in the photo was originally only a one-story structure that served as a summer kitchen. In 1925 the second floor of this section was added. The Fretz Family purchased the farm in 1737, and their descendents remained there until 1982 when the current owner purchased it. In addition to the home, visitors will see a barn that most likely predates the house and 20th century press house, which is still used to make apple cider to this day. (Source: Kenneth Bupp) This farm was preserved by the Bucks County Agriculture Preservation Program in 1991.



Penn View Farm* Farm # 46
1433 Broad St
Perkasie PA 18944

Penn View Farm offers visitors to the market a scenic view of the farm and its buildings. Elmer Umstead named the farm after he became owner in 1903 because by using field glasses he claimed to be able to see William Penn's statue in Philadelphia on a clear day. While this is no longer possible, the two-story stucco Bucks County farmhouse is highly visible from the market. The oldest section of the home is the portion left of center in the photo, which was built in 1852 by David R. Rickert. It is presumed that sometime between 1848 and 1880 Samuel W. Myers built additions to both sides of this center portion. The most recent addition (far right in photo) was put on by the current homeowners in the 1970s. (Research by Della A. Ulmstead Shelly, June 1950).





Rose Bank Winery*

Farm #50

258 Durham Rd
Newtown PA 18940

The house on the Rose Bank Winery is a double pile (two-room deep) house with a shallower kitchen wing and double parapet brick chimney. The barn is a tall English Lake District-style barn built by John Buckman in 1835.



Tabora Farm & Orchard*

Farm # 60

1104 Upper Stump Rd
Chalfont PA 18914

Tabora Farm's sizable market is housed in a converted 19th century post and beam barn with visible hand-hewn beams. Visitors will also be able to catch a glimpse of the stone farmhouse next door. The gable end facing Upper Church Road contains a faded date board that appears to read 1858.



Tall Pine Farms*

Farm # 61

1046 Swamp Rd
Rushland PA 18956

Tall Pine Farms boasts a gambrel roof barn with an unusual gable entry. Engineering innovation in the late 19th century allowed for this distinctive shape. These barns allowed for more interior space than the traditional gable roof barn, and their construction used smaller wooden sections. The bridge used to gain access to the barn is still in place.



Trauger's Farm Market*

Farm # 66

370 Island Rd
Kintnersville PA 18930

The Trauger Farmhouse was built by William Abbot in 1799. There is a wonderful out-kitchen along the canal that has a porthole vent and a date of 1831 in the gable. The farmland was preserved by Bucks County Agricultural Preservation Program in 2001.



Tussock Sedge Farm* Farm # 67
1239 Route 113
Blooming Glen PA 18911

Tussock Sedge Farm customers will be able to see the early 19th century house as well as a frame barn with stone stabling area. This farm was also preserved by Bucks County Agricultural Preservation Program in 2001.



Winding Brook Farm* Farm # 70
3014 Bristol Rd
Warrington PA 18976

The preserved farm at Winding Brook contains a circa 1800 stone farmhouse. This farm has been in the current owner's family since 1805. Take note of the large barn with a masonry lower level. The old barn burned, and this one was built in 1905 to replace it.



Wisglen Farm*
87 Log Cabin Rd
Perkasie PA

Farm # 71

Another preserved farm, Wisglen Farm, has a stone farmhouse with a faded date board that can be seen at the top left corner of the photo. This plaque appears to read A & E W 1843. Descendents of the builder continue to occupy the farm to this day.

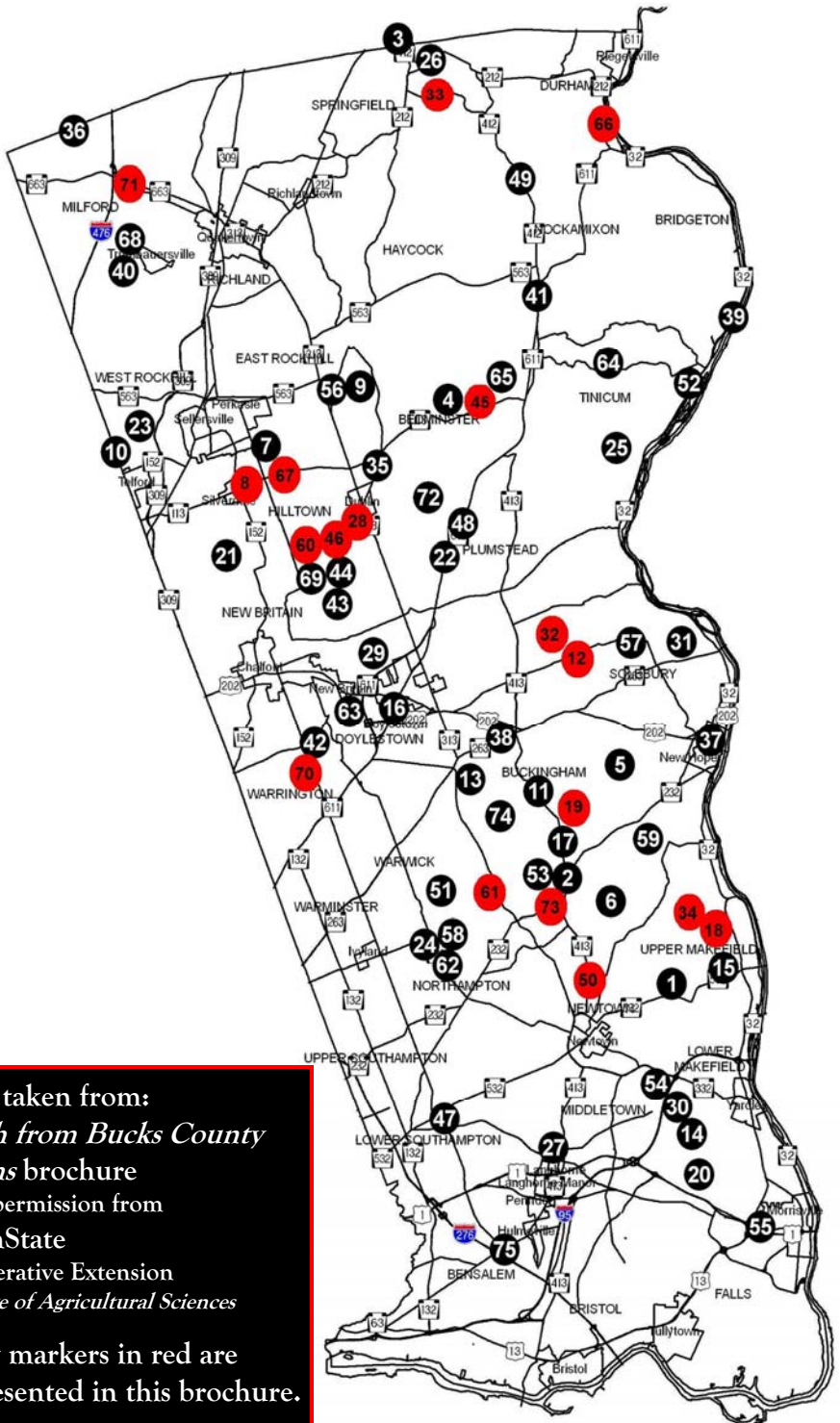
Wrightstown Farmers' Market at Chippewa Farm*
2203 Second St Pike
Wrightstown PA 18940

Farm # 73



From the Wrightstown Farmers' Market you will see Chippewa Farm with its three-story farmhouse, smokehouse, and barn. The Albert Thompson house bears a date stone which reads AST 1849. The multi-section barn is an assemblage of several structures, which creates an interesting view for market shoppers.

***REMINDER:** These buildings are not open to the public and this information is presented only to help the public understand and appreciate Bucks County's historic farm buildings and Heritage. For your safety and the farmer's privacy, please do not wander away from the farm stand.



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