

NC-ANA 2023 SUMMER FARM TOUR

Monday, August 14, 2023

Farms we will be visiting.....



Holly Grove Farms ~ Mount Olive, NC

www.hollygrovecheese.com

As a farmstead and woman-owned operation, Holly Grove Farms uses only the milk from their own herd of goats. Fresh milk is pumped from one room to the next, never trucked from location to location. Everything that goes into the making of their cheeses happens right there on the farm and only there which is a difference that can be seen and tasted in each of their cheeses. Holly Grove Farms' passion has been the production of some of the highest quality goat cheeses available anywhere. They've watched domestic cheese production increase in both quantity and quality and are excited about the prospects for the future of the industry. Nevertheless, too few producers are able to avoid the loss in quality that comes from growth and the use of purchased milk, something that Holly Grove Farms never uses there.

Odom Farming Company ~ Goldsboro, NC

www.odomfarmingcompany.com

Odom Farming Company is third generation farmers in Goldsboro, NC. In 2010, they decided to do something a little different than those generations before them. They opened their farm up for families and groups to come have a great time on their farm. The Odom's goal is to bring people back to the farm, get them excited about agriculture, and help kids realize that food actually comes from a farm and not a grocery store shelf. In the spring, Odom's has a pick-your-own strawberry patch. During the summer months, they have a sunflower maze and in the fall they have a pumpkin patch and corn maze. Odom's Farming Company offers special events throughout the year.

~ Lunch catered by Farmer and the Dail

Stacy was born and raised in Greene County where farming is a way of life. When she wasn't spending her days working at her mom's restaurant, Strickland Dail Dining, she could be found riding the tractor with her Dad or going with him to check the (smelly!) pigs. Farmer and the Dail gives new meaning to "farm to table" because our roots are here. The bakery is built on family land and many of the customers that they see daily are the same ones that Stacy was pouring tea for when she was 10 years old. Sharing that country life and appreciation for slowing things down and enjoying the moment while rocking on our front porch looking out at farmland is part of the charm of FATD!

Birdsong Chapel / The Cornealius Properties ~ Goldsboro, NC

www.thecornealiusproperties.com

Birdsong Chapel is a wedding venue located in Goldsboro, NC which is situated on an almost 90-acre working farm. There is often tobacco or soybeans growing in the fields, a birds eye view away from anywhere your guests will be. The "green spaces" are something to appreciate, especially if you're accustomed to "city life". It is not uncommon to see a tractor go down the road or wildlife, such as deer, running through a nearby field. Birdsong Chapel is a 1728 sq. ft. open air chapel in a woodland setting. A wedding experience that is up close with nature, under the protection of a roof! Surrounded by trees, the birds literally surround you in song! It's a spiritual and worshipful place to slow down, and "take it all in"; what a treasure on wedding day! Antique pews provide seating for approximately 200 people. Beautiful chandeliers and woodwork details create a peaceful scene. Ceiling fans keep air moving in the summer and a rack of blankets is just inside the chapel in the winter! The ringing of the Chapel's bell at the conclusion of the ceremony could be the perfect job for a young ring bearer or flower girl! Booking the Cornealius Properties Wedding Venue includes the use of all the spaces on property. Birdsong Chapel, the Honeymoon House (bridal suite), the Camp Cabin (grooms suite) and Carriage Hall (where the dining and dancing occur), as well as beautiful natural areas and porches. Each building is a short walk from the others.

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Peruvian Pastures ~ Lucama, NC

www.peruvianpastures.com

In December 2019, Nathan Baker and he wife changed paths and moved to North Carolina. They purchased a 15-acre peanut field in Lucama, and had a modist modular home placed on the back part of the property. They planted Bermuda and Crabgrass for the future alpacas to eat. From there, Nathan hand built a barn on the property along with installing fencing. In 2020, they welcomed their first livestock to the farm - Guinea fowl and Muscovy ducks. Just before Christmas, they brought home Stella, their Great Pyrenees livestock guardian dog. Late 2021, they purchased their first two alpacas, Wolfgang and Sheldon. From there it was time to bring home the rest of the heard. Early 2022, they added 10 more alpacas, along with their newest livestock guardian dog, Stanley, a Maremma sheepdog. Peruvian Patures wants to share the beauty and fun of these animals with everyone. Nathan loves the farm tours and telling everyone about the docile nature of these fluffy animals.

Davis Family Farms ~ Fremont, NC

www.davisfamilyfarmsnc.com

On Christmas Eve of 1776, Joshua Davis purchased the first tract of land to become the Davis Family's farm. At his death, Joshua Davis owned over 2,000 continuous acres of farmland in Norther Wayne Co, a saw mill, grist mill, and turpentine still. Since then, the Davis Farms have remained in continuous agriculture production and continuous ownership of direct descendants of Joshua Davis. Davis Family Farms isn't your regular Farm. Not only do they offer incredible products and produce to their visitors, but they also host fantastic events including a Farmer's Market, concerts, food & vendor fairs, Pick-Your-Own produce events and much more!

Farm House Dinner at Rustic Roots ~ Bunn, NC

www.rusticrootsbunn.com/#/

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