The 9th Annual Goshen Open Farm Tour

August 6th & 7th 2022 from 10-4 pm 13 Farms - 2 Days - 1 Town "Experience the Bounty of The County" FREE TOUR

This annual tour highlights the unique and diverse farms that call Goshen home. Come learn, explore and experience this special agriculture community. Tour is presented by "The Friends of Goshen Agriculture, LLC to benefit The Goshen Agriculture Council. Their mission is to Preserve, Protect and Promote the deep heritage and the future of agriculture in Goshen. And, to share the importance of preserving and protecting the remaining food producing land in this beautiful town of Goshen - known as the Land of Milk and Honey.

The Farms participating this year are:

1. <u>Briar Hill Farm</u> - This 56 acre, family-run farm currently produces 100% natural free range eggs, pasture raised poultry and pork, with the mindset "Happy food tastes better, because it has lived better and cleaner in the first place." Briar Hill Farm will be open for the farm tour to discuss our sustainable farming practices, showcase some of our animals, as well as offer our products for sale.





2. Crosswicks Farm - BlanCrosswicks Farm is a new and growing market garden at the corner of West Street & Lyman Lane. We offer a variety of fresh seasonal produce and pastured eggs at the Goshen Farmers Market and at our roadside stand. We are focused on regenerative agriculture and incorporate sustainable practices (like no-till, composting, interplanting, cover-cropping, and more) to keep our land healthy and our gardens thriving.

3. Freedom Meadows Farm - Freedom Meadows Farm is an 18-acre retirement horse boarding facility. We offer stalls as well as 24/7 turnout with run in sheds. Medical layups are also welcome with owners having past experience rehabilitating injured horses. Individual or group turnout is available.





- 4. Goshen Farmers Market- The Goshen Farmers Market has provided the northwest CT area with local fresh produce and crafts for over 15 years. You can find us at Scoville Park in the heart of Goshen, right next to the town hall, Saturdays from July till late October. We bring together local, sustainably-minded vendors to offer the best to the Goshen community.
- 5. <u>Ivy Mountain Goat Farm</u> Dairy goats. Herd shares available for milk and cheese.
- 6. Mohawk Mountain Mushroom Mohawk Mtn. Mushroom will demonstrate how to inoculate logs with shiitake spawn and talking about other options for growing mushrooms throughout the day. He will also have mushrooms for sale. There will also be fruiting logs of shiitake for people to view. Mohawk Mountain Mushrooms will be featured at Briar Hill Farm 10-1pm Saturday, 10-4pm Sunday.





- 7. Northern Farm and Forestry LLC We are Goshen's premier flower farm and nursery offering annuals and perennials, potting soil and mulch as well as seasonal items like Mums. A section of our farm is being planted for a u-pick cutting garden. We also offer locally grown, inseason produce when available.
- 8. Old Barn Farm Voted Best Blueberry Farm in Connecticut by Yankee Magazine!

9. <u>Sunset Meadow Vineyard</u> - Voted a top 101 Winery in America! The largest vineyard in Connecticut winning hundreds of National and International Awards with over 25 estate grown wines.



- 10. <u>Sustainable Goshen-</u> Will be featured at the Goshen Green Garden. The Sustainable Goshen Team works with town government, organizations and residents of Goshen, CT to adopt practices and policies that promote resiliency, equity, and sustainability. Our goal is to earn Bronze Certification with Sustainable CT in 2022.
- 11. The Goshen Green Garden & New Monarch Sanctuary This 100% organic community garden includes the "Garden of Feedin" which has provided local organizations between 750-1,000 lbs. of vegetables annually to be distributed to those in need. It also includes 100 & 200 sq. ft. plots to individuals and families in the community. Our new Monarch Sanctuary is a pathway providing nutrition and habitat for our pollinating insects and birds. Sustainable Goshen will have a table here as well.



12. Thorncrest Farm & Milk House Chocolates -Voted Best Chocolatier in Connecticut!

13. 89th Annual Litchfield County 4-H Fair -Year-end event where over 300 Uconn 4-H members highlight their 4-H projects for evaluation in over 15 different categories of projects. Visitors can pick up a schedule of events at the gazebo at the Goshen Fair Grounds.

