

2009 High Country Farm Tour

August 8 & 9

Farm Application

Application Directions:

If you wish for your farm to be considered for inclusion in the 2009 High Country Farm Tour, please complete this application. The High Country Farm Tour is coordinated by the Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture (BRWIA) and local sponsors. The tour showcases a selection of the area's most outstanding farms, inviting the public to connect with local food sources, learn how food grows, celebrate agricultural heritage, and enjoy our rural landscape. A limited number of farms will be selected based on factors such as what they offer the public and accessibility. The tour will focus on farms located in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, and Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Return your completed application to brwia@yahoo.com or mail it to BRWIA, PO Box 67, Boone, NC 28607. We must receive your application by **Monday, May 11th** for consideration. You will be notified of your selection by Friday May 22nd. Thank you for your application.

I. Contact Information

Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Farm Address (if different): (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Which of the following may we print on the map for visitors to see? Address is automatically included. Phone number is recommended. Please check all that apply:

Phone number E-mail address Website

II. About Your Farm

In what county is your farm located?

What do you produce? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Value added (Dairy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat/Livestock products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Value added (Produce) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please be specific) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut flowers | |

What products, if any, will be available **for sale** on your farm the weekend of the farm tour? We encourage you to sell your products during the tour!

Which of the following are characteristics of your farm? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian Grown | <input type="checkbox"/> Water conserving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Naturally Grown | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture-based animal management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Agricultural easements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodynamic | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Conservation BMPs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IPM | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No-till | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Organic | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organic (not certified - sales under \$5,000) | |

How do you market your products? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> CSA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct to stores | <input type="checkbox"/> On-farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale | <input type="checkbox"/> U-Pick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' Markets – please list specific markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |

III. Farm Location and Map

Please write detailed directions to your farm from Boone, West Jefferson or North Wilkesboro whichever is nearest to you. Please include mileage travelled on each segment of your directions, as precisely as possible. If you participated in the farm tour last year, we already have this information and you do not need to include it here, unless there are changes you'd like to make. Please note major roads and intersections or other landmarks that will help us place your farm on a map.

Are Google maps directions to your farm correct? Please visit <http://maps.google.com/>, enter your address, and review the directions. Should we use an address other than the one you have provided above for mapping?

BRWIA will distribute directional signs to all selected farms prior to the tour.

IV. Logistical Information

Are you free to devote yourself to the farm tour on Aug. 8 & 9 and to take time to prepare for the tour beforehand?

Is there a restroom available for visitors to use at your farm?

Have you hosted groups on your farm before (e.g., school field trips, etc.)?

Do you have an area where visitors can park?

Does your parking area need to be marked with a sign?

What would you estimate your approximate visitor capacity to be at one time?

Do you have livestock that visitors will be able to interact with?

Do you have hand washing facilities for visitors to use?

V. Insurance

Do you currently carry liability insurance that covers visitors to your farm?

If not, have you spoken to your insurance agent about the possible risks of having visitors to your farm in the absence of liability insurance?

If you do not have liability insurance but are interested in liability coverage for the duration of the farm tour, special event liability coverage may be possible through your insurance carrier. Please note that activities involving vehicles or machinery (e.g., hay rides) often require additional/specialized liability insurance beyond the standard liability. If you are completing this application, we encourage you to be sure about what you are covered for and what your risks are. BRWIA is happy to provide interested farms with a list of area insurance agents who may be able to help with farm liability insurance.

BRWIA will provide each participating farm with a sign to post that contains the appropriate language for agritourism sites.

VI. Volunteers

Please note: Each farm that participates in the farm tour must be able to provide **at least one volunteer** for each day of the tour. BRWIA and cooperating organizations will do our best to provide each farm with a second volunteer, but we cannot guarantee this. Please be sure that you can arrange **at least one volunteer** for each day of the tour before you initial below:

I can provide at least one volunteer for each day of the farm tour ____

VII. Farm Description

Please write a description of what visitors will see at your farm in **40 words or less**, and please include what products will be available for sale during the tour. BRWIA will work with farms on the tour to develop a final version of this description for publication.

If you were on the farm tour last year, we already have this information and you do not need to include it here, unless you'd like to make changes.

Thank you for your application to participate in the 2009 Family Farm Tour. You will be notified of our selections by May 22nd.