

# Tourism News

**DUTCHESS  
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## Dutchess County 2008 Farm Fresh One-Day Getaways a Huge Success

This year almost 1300 people took advantage of this unique, agri-tourism day trip thanks to a generous grant from NYS Agriculture & Markets. From June 2008 – October 2008 Dutchess County Tourism coordinated weekend one-day getaways for NYC metro area residents that were convenient, affordable, educational and fun. Dutchess County Tourism created six different itineraries offering farm-fresh experiences and culinary adventures as day trips. Visitors made the connection through the "Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link," a One-Day Getaway available through Metro-North Railroad. The Farm Fresh program highlighted Dutchess County's idyllic green countryside which was just a relaxing train ride away from the New York City area.

Visitors got to taste what Dutchess County farms, markets, wineries and gardens have to offer. The farm fresh program gave visitors a chance to experience the fresh, wholesome goodness of nature's bounty and to bring home fresh-from-the-farm produce, fruits and vegetables, sample local wineries, savor freshly made cheeses, meet friendly farm animals, and a great deal more. The 2008 agri-tourism destinations highlighted included: Clinton Vineyards; Locust Grove; Beacon Farmer's Market; Shenandoah Dairy Farm; Secor Farms; Gigi Market, Greig Farm; Millerton Farmer's Market; Sprout Creek Farm; Barton Orchards; Harney & Sons Fine Teas; Morehouse Farm; McEnroe Organic Farm; Millbrook Farmer's Market; Millbrook Vineyards; Terhune Orchards and Fishkill Farms. 95% of visitors said they had learned something new about agriculture and 92% indicated they would return or recommend to a friend.

For details about the Dutchess County's Farm Fresh program as well as other local agri-tourism resources, news and information, visit Dutchess County Tourism's agri-tourism website, [farmfresh.dutchesstourism.com](http://farmfresh.dutchesstourism.com).

Started in 1984, Dutchess County Tourism is a destination marketing organization, bringing tourism dollars to area businesses by marketing and promoting the assets of Dutchess County to the nation and the world. Their offices are located at 3 Neptune Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Dutchess County Tourism is a division of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation and is funded by the county of Dutchess. Visit [www.DutchessTourism.com](http://www.DutchessTourism.com) or call 845/463-4000.



Dutchess County Tourism Farm Fresh visitors climb aboard Terhune Orchards' hayride to pick apples.



Vern Jackson from Shenandoah Farm greeting Farm Fresh visitors.