



# AGRICULTURAL TOURS

CHICAGO, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AND MOLINE/QUAD CITIES, ILLINOIS

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## WHAT AND WHERE IS AGRITOURS ILLINOIS?

Agritours Illinois is in the heart of the Midwest. Your itinerary will include Chicago, Champaign County, and the Quad Cities on the Mississippi River. This product is designed for groups of 20 or more people using 10 or more rooms. Motorcoach transportation is available and can be arranged through your receptive operator. Visit us at [agritoursillinois.com](http://agritoursillinois.com) for recommended receptive operators.

Fly in and out of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD). We are accessible from I-80, I-57, I-74 and I-88 out of Chicago.



### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

**University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (A.C.E.S.)**

- **Morrow Plots**—The oldest continuous ag research field in the United States, est. in 1876

**AgTech Luncheon**—dine with scientists and researchers that are reshaping the way we view agriculture in today's world

**Farm Tours**—High tech intensive Farming Techniques

- Corn and soybean field tours
- Sustainable Family Farms—vegetables, dairy farms, and farm-to-table experience

**The Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology**—Researching today's most pressing problems, from cancer to drug discovery, to enhancing agricultural productivity in the face of climate change

- Interdisciplinary genomics approaches leading to agricultural innovations
- Pioneering the next generation of crops designed to withstand heat and drought
- Improving yield and photosynthetic efficiency in biofuels
- Prototyping robots to provide more accurate measurements in the field

**NCSA and Green Waters Super Computer**—Powerful technology and expert support that helps scientists and engineers improve our world

- 3D Visualization Tour
- Fastest computer on a college campus
- See how data is translated into content that supports the research used to shape the world we live in

**One Earth Energy, LLC**—Producer of ethanol and distillers' grain, maximizing returns, and enhancing the economic development of American agriculture

**Andersons Grain Terminal**—Site of proposed 110 million gal/year ethanol plant

**Tony Noel Agricultural Technology Center**

- Soil Science—Fertilizer and chemical application
- Global Precision Satellite (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)



### QUAD CITIES

**John Deere**

- World Headquarters, John Deere Pavilion & Store
- John Deere Historic Site & Blacksmith Demonstration
- Factory Tours (reservations, based on availability)
- TPC Deere Run—John Deere Classic (Professional Golf Tournament)

**Cinnamon Ridge Farms**

- 100% Dairy Robotics Barn with Viewing Room
- Farm Family Meals in Home
- Hog Barn with Viewing Room
- Tractor/Combine Demonstrations
- Cheese Factory

**Family and High-Tech Farm Tours**—Visit operational family and high tech farms and learn hands-on (*crops vary and are based upon availability and harvest times.*)

**Fish Hatchery**

**Monsanto Company**

- Plant Tour, Test Farms & Catering options available

**Farm Bureaus & Co-ops**

- Educational Discussions, presentation and test plot farms

**Mississippi River Cruises**

- Site Seeing, Lunch and Dinner Cruise options with entertainment





# AGRICULTURE EVENTS & FESTIVALS

## January

**Farm Show, Quad Cities**—Thousands of farmers gather for three days in the Quad Cities to discover products and services offered from vendors.

**Northern Illinois Farm Show, DeKalb, Illinois**—With over 5,000 attendees and 200 local and leading exhibitors, the IDEAg Northern Illinois Farm Show is a convenient venue for producers in northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin and eastern Iowa to meet with agribusinesses under one roof. The show will feature a multitude of highly informative and strong educational programs developed by the University of Illinois Extension Services.

**Iowa Pork Congress, Des Moines, IA**—This annual event brings together attendees and exhibitors working with swine to learn, network and discover new products.

## February

**Iowa Beef Expo, Des Moines, Iowa**—The Iowa Beef Expo is an annual event held mid-February bringing together farmers, buyers and sellers for a full week of networking, shows, and a free expo.

**Illinois Beef Expo, Springfield, IL**—This annual event is the last full weekend of February at the Illinois State Fairground in Springfield. One of the premier cattle events of the Midwest, the event hosts multiple sales, a junior show for Illinois exhibitors, and a large industry trade show.

## July

**Historic Farm Days, Penfield, IL**—Located in Penfield, Illinois this yearly event of farm festivities include, tractor pulls, collector edition tractors, daily parades, fireworks, food & more!

## August

**Half-Century of Farm Progress (Biannual)**—The Half Century of Progress Show held in Rantoul, Illinois, is the premier working vintage farm show in the U.S. Held the weekend before the Decatur Farm Progress Show, the Half Century of Progress allows visitors to experience what

farming and agriculture was like 50 years ago and beyond with live demonstrations, attractions, and fellowship.

**International Agronomy Day, Champaign, IL**—Agronomy Day is a collaborative field day hosted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Crop Sciences in partnership with several academic units in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES). The Agronomy Day Program is packed with a wide range of topics and speakers. Enjoy tent tours with additional field demonstrations and sponsor booths.

## Aug/Sept

**Farm Progress Show Decatur, IL/Boone, IA**—Producers from all over gather, meet, and learn at the Farm Progress Show. Major manufacturers choose to roll out their newest offerings and agriculture families take a break from their daily routine to immerse themselves in the wider ag community. This is where tradition and business have come together for 65 years and you celebrate agriculture at the Nation's largest outdoor farm show.

## Sept/Oct

**World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wisconsin**—World Dairy Expo's 890 company Trade Show is an opportunity for producers to see cutting-edge technology and the latest dairy equipment. As the global dairy industry meets in Madison, leading researchers, technical experts and national sales representatives from around the world can be found in at WDE. Expo's strictly dairy-focused Trade Show is the largest of its kind, and it is all designed around helping today's producers become more profitable.



**DISCLAIMER:** Please note that some farm and agriculture attractions are seasonal. Tours are subject to availability, and require groups of 20 or more people using 10 or more rooms. Please check with your receptive operator or inquire at [Agritoursillinois.com](http://Agritoursillinois.com)

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