

Celebrate Saratoga County Agriculture at “Sundae on the Farm” in the town of Northumberland!

Fifty years ago there were 1,800 farms in Saratoga County... today less than 600 (one-third as many) are in operation. Because fewer people are directly involved in farming, not many have the opportunity to experience agriculture first-hand and understand how the food we eat (and some of the fiber we wear) is produced. The Saratoga County Agricultural Promotion Committee decided to provide that critical link between the farming community and the public-at-large and hold an open house at a different farm each year for area residents to visit a real working farm, learn about local agriculture, and realize the importance of a viable agricultural industry in Saratoga County.

Saratoga County’s 13th Annual “Sundae on the Farm” will be held on Sunday June 22 at Kings Ransom Farm on 311 King Road in the Town of Northumberland. The annual event, taking place from 12:00 pm through 4:00 pm, showcases the breadth and significance of agriculture in Saratoga County and is enjoyed by approximately 2,500 visitors each year. This is the fourth time the popular farm tour and festival has been held in Northumberland; farms in the town of Charlton and Saratoga have also hosted the event.

“Sundae on the Farm” is fun and educational for the whole family... a perfect way to spend a Sunday together. Free events include: tours of the dairy farm, children’s activities, farm animals to see, horse-drawn wagon rides, live music, agricultural exhibits, and demonstrations by chefs from three popular area restaurants using local farm products.

Chef Tom Dillon from Siro's, Chef Matt Scofield from The Wishing Well, and Chef David Pedinotti from One Caroline and the Mouzon House are three of Saratoga’s finest chefs who will be creating dishes using locally produced products.

Plenty of food is served at “Sundae on the Farm” including: hotdogs, hamburgers, BBQ chicken, Stewart’s Ice Cream featuring hot fudge topping from Sundae’s Best Hot Fudge, and Pie a la mode featuring homemade pies from Smith’s Orchard Bake Shop.

More fun can be found for all ages with the showcase of horses and a unique Farmer’s Market. Parking is plentiful and several trams (with farm-savvy hosts on board for questions and answers) will transport visitors between the parking area and the farm.

Saratoga County’s “Sundae on the Farm”, a successful educational effort to promote local agriculture, has become a model emulated by many other counties. The event is organized by the Saratoga County Agricultural Promotion Committee and sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County, American Farmland Trust, Saratoga County Farm Bureau, and the Town of Northumberland with support from the Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. The public is invited to experience this year’s event in Northumberland and see what all the fun is about!