



*Assemblywoman
Marianne Buttenschon's*

**2025 Farm
Tour Guide**



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Welcome to the 2025 Mohawk Valley Farm Tour

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 Mohawk Valley Farm Tour! It is an absolute joy and honor to open our doors, both literal and figurative, to you as we journey through the heart of our community's agricultural heritage and innovation.

This tour is more than just a series of farm visits; it's a celebration of the values that define our region: hard work, resilience, family, and a deep respect for the land. Each farm you'll visit today represents a legacy of dedication and a commitment to feeding our communities, strengthening our local economies, and preserving our way of life.

As we travel across Oneida County, I hope you take the time to truly connect with the stories behind every pasture, greenhouse, and barn. Our farmers are not only stewards of the land; they are educators, entrepreneurs, and pillars of our rural identity. They remind us that agriculture is not simply an industry, but a calling rooted in purpose and care.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the farm families, speakers, partner organizations, and guests who are part of today's event. Your presence signifies a shared belief in the power of agriculture to shape a brighter, more sustainable future for New York State.

Thank you for joining us on this meaningful journey. I am so proud to represent a district where the values of community, tradition, and progress walk hand in hand, and I am even prouder to share it with all of you today.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Buttenschon". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized 'M' and 'B'.

Marianne Buttenschon
New York State Assemblywoman, 119th District

Sincere Gratitude To Our Sponsors

This tour could not have happened without the support of our amazing sponsors.

Their generosity, partnership, and unwavering commitment to New York's agricultural community made today possible. We are deeply grateful to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee Donna Lupardo, the New York Farm Bureau, and Oneida County Farm Bureau

Thank you for helping us celebrate the hardworking farmers of the Mohawk Valley and for investing in the future of agriculture in our region.



TOUR TIMELINE & SCHEDULE

Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon's Annual Farm Tour

Monday, July 14, 2025

We have a busy and exciting day ahead of us as we visit some of the Mohawk Valley's most dedicated and inspiring farms. You are welcome to join us at any point along the tour, whether for one stop or the full day.

If you need help finding a location or have any questions at any time during the tour, please don't hesitate to contact my Communications Director, Alexandra Osilovskiy, at (315) 507-7966.

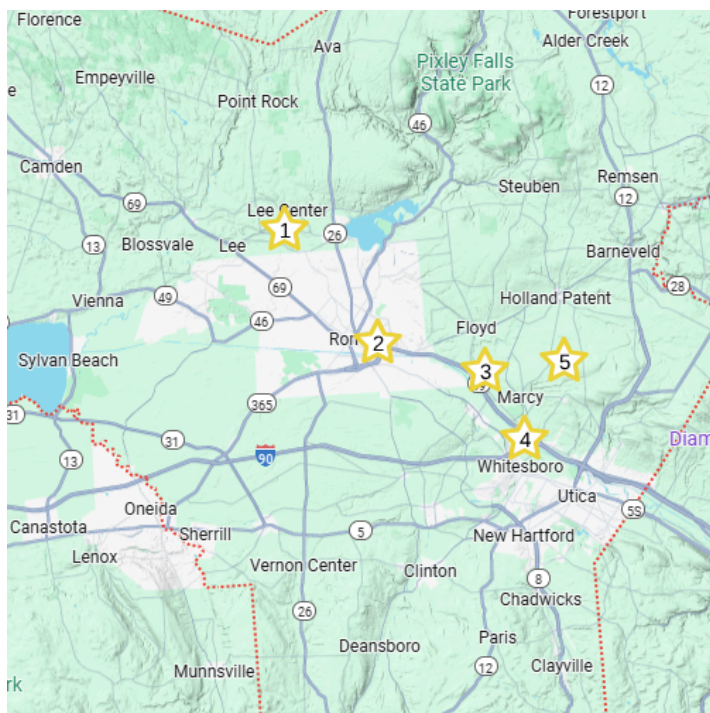
- ***09:30am - 11:00am: Collins Farm and Creamery - 8744 Thomas Rd, Rome, NY 13440***
 - Arrive at Collins Farm and Creamery to begin the Farm Tour
 - Networking and light breakfast of pastries and coffee, courtesy of the New York Farm Bureau
 - Review of the Neonic Study by Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) - Associate Dean, Director of Translational Research Programs, Office of Land-Grant Affairs *Julie Suarez* and Associate Professor, Department of Entomology *Scott McArt*
 - Small wholesale/retail business presentation by Collins Farms
- ***11:30am - 1:30pm: Working Lunch hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension at Copper City Brewing Company: 1111 Oneida St, Rome, NY 13440***
 - Presentations & Remarks by:
 1. Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, *Richard A. Ball*
 2. Agriculture Committee Chair,

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo

3. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Food Systems Specialist *Carl Mierek and Dairy/Livestock Educator Marylynn Mattison-Collins*
4. New York Farm Bureau - Director of Public Policy, *Renée St. Jacques*
5. MCR Labs NY/MMRI, Cannabis Testing – Scientific Operations Director *Dr. Jason McCarthy* and Lab Manager *Julian England*
6. Upstate Growers – Director of Sales/Operations, *Luke George*

- ***1:45pm -3:00pm: DiNitto Farms: 6585 Benton Rd, Marcy, NY 13403***
 - Large family farming discussion
 - Land efficiency & agricultural technology overview
- ***3:15pm - 4:30pm: Candella's Farm: 5800 Cavanaugh Rd, Marcy, NY 13403***
 - Blueberry picking
 - Community agriculture box presentation
- ***5:00pm: Reception at Buttenschon & Sciortino Farms: 9663 Luke Road, Marcy, New York, 13403***
 - Overview of tree development
 - Small family farm presentation
 - Enjoy a delicious dinner featuring local restaurant favorites and regional specialties

Map of Farm Tour Stops



1. Collins Farm and Creamery
8744 Thomas Rd, Rome, NY
2. Copper City Brewing Company
1111 Oneida St, Rome NY
3. DiNitto Farms
6585 Benton Rd, Marcy, NY
4. Candella's Farm
5800 Cavanaugh Rd, Marcy, NY
5. Buttenschon Christmas Tree Farm
9663 Luke Rd, Marcy, NY

Directions

1. Collins Farm and Creamery - 8744 Thomas Rd, Rome, NY



John and Sam Collins are a first-generation farm family. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, they made the move to milk processing after receiving a letter from their Dairy Co-Op regarding quotas that would restrict payment to 85% of the raw milk being produced on the farm, as well as witnessing farmers dumping milk throughout the state. They believe the move to milk processing will provide stability and viability to their farm, not only for themselves but for their two children; Cody and Charlie.

2. *Copper City Brewing Company - 1111 Oneida St, Rome NY*



Copper City Brewing Co. is a New York State Farm Brewery with 12+ hand-crafted beers on tap, the area's most comfortable tap room and two spacious outdoor patios. They have a large selection of NYS wine, hard ciders, cocktails, and bourbon.

Drive time from Collins Farm and Creamery: Approx. 17 minutes

- ↑ Head east on Thomas Rd (0.9 mi)
- ↪ Turn right onto Link Rd (2.0 mi)
- ↩ Turn left onto Rome-Taberg Rd (4.3 mi)
- ↪ Slight left onto NY-46 N (Under the bridge) (0.2 mi)
- ↪ Turn right onto E Dominick St (1.3 mi)
- ↩ Turn left onto Panesi Ave (108 ft)

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3. *DiNitto Farms - 6585 Benton Rd, Marcy, NY*



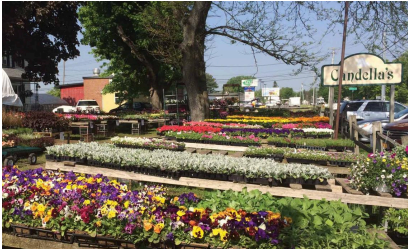
For three generations, the DiNitto family of DiNitto Farms has worked hard to grow their beloved dairy operation from 100 to 1,200 cows. The farm’s steady growth is a result of a simple philosophy: “If you take care of the farm, it will take care of you.” A pretty darn good way of looking at things that’s been passed on to brothers Joe and Tony from their father.

Drive time from Copper City Brewing: Approx. 9 minutes

- ↶ Turn left onto E Dominick St (1.7 mi)
- ↑ Continue straight onto River Road (4.1 mi)
- ↶ Turn left onto Benton Road (0.2 mi)

[Destination on the left]

4. *Candella's Farm - 5800 Cavanaugh Rd, Marcy, NY*



Candella's Farm & Greenhouses in Marcy has been in the Candella family since 1916. Our greenhouses are bursting with plants for your home, garden, business & cemetery. The vegetable plants that we grow and sell at our farm stand are just like the ones we grow and plant in our 200+ acre produce farm. The selection of over 70 herbs and perennials will let you have a garden your family can enjoy for many years. The hanging baskets, patio & combination pots, boxed annuals, and potted flowers are continuously growing & cared for.

Drive time from DiNitto Farms: Approx. 7 minutes

- ↑ Head south toward Benton Rd (318 ft)
- ↪ Turn right onto Benton Rd (0.2 mi)
- ↩ Turn left onto Old River Rd (2.6 mi)
- ↪ Turn right onto NY-291 S (0.3 mi)
- ↩ Turn left onto River Rd (1.2 mi)

[Destination on the right]

5. *Buttenschon Christmas Tree Farm - 9663 Luke Rd, Marcy*



The Buttenschon Christmas Tree Farm has been owned and operated by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon and her husband, Don, for more than 30 years. They offer U-Cut and pre-cut trees, and regularly donate trees each year to many local organizations such as the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica.

Drive time from Candella’s Farm: Approx. 9 minutes

- ↑ Head west on River Rd toward Cavanaugh Rd (157 ft)
- ↪ Turn right onto Cavanaugh Rd (3.0 mi)
- ↩ Turn left onto Eaton Rd (26 ft)
- ↖ Slight left onto Toby Rd (1.7 mi)
- ↪ Turn right onto Fox Rd (486 ft)
- ↪ Turn right onto Luke Rd (0.9 mi)

[Destination on the left]