

Greene County Commission Agriculture Tour

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018

TRANSPORTATION - 25-person shuttle from J. Howard Fisk (CONFIRMED)
 Funded by Greene County Extension Council. **OWE DRIVER A \$100 TIP as part of agreement**

DEPART - Commission building at 8:30 a.m. (NEW LOCATION)
 1443 North Robberson, Springfield, MO 65802 (Cox Medical Tower) – front entrance

SCHEDULE

Stop	Location	Address	Minutes at Location	Arrival Time	Depart	Distance in Miles	Time From Previous	Distance From Previous
1	Commissioners Bldg	1443 N Robberson Ave, Springfield, MO 65802		8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	0	0:00	0
2	Republic High School	4370 Repmo Dr, Republic, MO 65738	45	9:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11.48	0:22	11.48
3	Dan Chiles	11750 W Farm Rd 124, Bois D'Arc, MO 65612	60	10:10 a.m.	11:15	24.47	0:21	12.99
4	Spfd Livestock Center	6821 W Independence Dr, Springfield, MO	105	11:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	32.08	0:11	7.6
5	Vital Farms Egg Hachery	2007 N Alliance Ave, Springfield, MO 65803	90	1:30 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	37.14	0:08	5.06
6	Farm 2 Counter	2006 N Broadway Ave, Springfield, MO 65803	30	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	42.21	0:10	5.06
7		1443 N Robberson Ave, Springfield, MO 65802			4:15 p.m.	43.51	0:05	1.29

STOP INFORMATION

STOP 1: Republic High School FFA – Greenhouse and fields – **Kelly McGowan**

Will include visit with students and tour of facilities / Republic FFA

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“Any time we have the opportunity to showcase the awesome things taking place here at Republic High School and the talented students that attend it; we will take it! As they are stewards of the county resources, it would be our pleasure to demonstrate how their investment in the future is paying off.” – David Mareth Students will be in front of the High School to meet tour.

STOP 2: Dan Chiles farm where family is in the process of reviving their farm after decades of renting it out. They are working with state, local and federal agencies to incorporate conservation practices to make this farm a practical, sustainable success. They will be hosting a Partners in Conversation event (hosted by Bass Pro) at their farm in October.

STOP 3: (Includes lunch)

Formed in 2002, **Springfield Livestock Marketing Center** moves nearly 200,000 animals yearly through our state of the art sale ring, hosting buyers from a half-dozen states, and pulling cattle from a 90-mile radius of Springfield. There will be a sale taking place and owner Tom Kissee will provide a tour of the livestock center. Eldon Cole, MU Extension livestock specialist with 53 years of experience, speaking during lunch about issues facing cattlemen in the area. *Lunch catered by café at livestock center and is sponsored by Tom Kissee.*

STOP 4: (Includes lunch)

Vital Farms Egg hatchery with a tour conducted by their community engagement manger. Tour format will include: Egg Central Station tour then assemble in the breakroom for ~5 minutes of video clips that focus on our farms plus some time for Q&A. Vital Farms' core mission is to bring ethically produced food to the table by coordinating a collection of family farms to operate with a well defined set of organic agricultural practices that includes the humane treatment of farm animals as a central tenet. The Springfield facility is highly automated and a new facility.

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STOP 5: Final Stop

Farm to Counter store at Broadway and Atlantic (participants have a chance to purchase some local foods). Owners opened their first location open to the public on 12/08/2017. They have a wide selection of local and organic snacks, beverages and produce. This store markets itself as “your link between the farmer and your kitchen counter.”