

DUFFERIN FARM TOUR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 2026



YOUR TOUR PASSPORT

Rain or Shine! from 9:00am to 4:00pm we welcome you to our host farms! Inside you will find a map and bio on each of our farms. Feel free to start at any farm you wish and follow the recommended tour route. AND bring a cooler for produce purchases.

Each \$5 cash donation made at a farm on tour day will earn a ballot for your chance to win a pair of Blundstones, courtesy of Blundstone Canada. Follow on Instagram @blundstoneca or Blundstone Canada on Facebook. Draw to be held October 15, 2026



ADMISSION WITH DONATION

If you haven't already made an online food bank donation, please bring a donation of a non perishable food item that will go directly to the local food banks. Donate at the first farm you visit.

THE FARMERS

- Our Tour Hosts are committed to sharing information regarding their passion for their craft, and meeting the challenges of farming today.

THE FARMS

- Today you have the opportunity to see how the agricultural industry operates through the lives and businesses of several different farm families. We hope this exchange will enhance public awareness and efforts to meet emerging challenges. **Please DO NOT bring your dog** out of respect for all the other farm animals...your dog may stress them out.

A NOTE FROM THE LIVESTOCK

- Hay! (that's what we eat sometimes) Thanks for coming...our barn is clean and healthy. If you have germs remember to wash or sanitize your hands before and after visiting us...and watch your step. You never know what you might step into....sorry



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BARNARROW FARM

062233 DUFFERIN COUNTY ROAD 3

EAST GARAFRAXA

Dave and Lisa de Kleer both worked on their family farms growing up. After attending the University of Guelph, they continued to work in Agriculture while living in Guelph and working towards their own farm one day.

In 2012, they bought Barnarrow Farm and became first generation farmers. Although a work in progress, they love the great large 1887 barn, the land, their crops and their animals. They first filled the barn with sheep, then added beef cows in 2018 and meat chickens two years after that. They grow hay, corn, soybeans, wheat and cover crops.

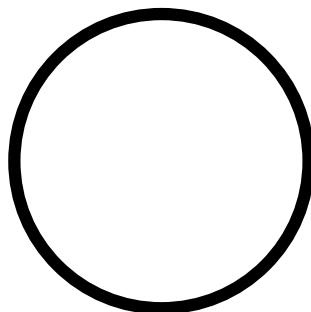
Barnarrow Farm is honoured to provide local, fresh and safe food for your family - that tastes delicious! They sell their meat online for pick up straight from the farm (by appointment) and at the Georgetown Farmers' Market. A pop-up farm store will be open for tour day - try their meat, beef tallow products, pick up some fall decor and more!

The name Barnarrow comes from a rather unusual feature of the farm: an arrow that has been stuck in the barn for years. No one knows exactly when it happened or who fired it, but the story has become part of the farm's character. So, naturally, the barn and its arrow became Barnarrow.

DID YOU KNOW

- Dufferin produces over \$25.6 Million in beef.
- There are over 695 working farms in Dufferin.

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CHECK OUT...

- Learn about the importance of the Grand Valley Conservation area
- Farm products for sale on tour day. Rest of the year products visit www.barnarrow.ca
- Chat with the 4H Ambassador

Thank-you to all our farm hosts, volunteers and sponsors! Without your generosity of time and effort the Dufferin Farm Tour would not be possible.

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ELLIOTT TREE FARM

9467 ERIN EAST GARAFRAXA TOWNLIN, HILLSBURGH

The Elliott Tree Farm is a 100-acre, second-generation family farm specializing in Christmas trees, pure Ontario maple syrup and memorable seasonal farm experiences.

The property has been in the Elliott family since 1983, when it was purchased by Fred Elliott. Today, it is owned and operated by his son, Derek, who has continued to grow the farm while welcoming visitors to experience Ontario agriculture firsthand.

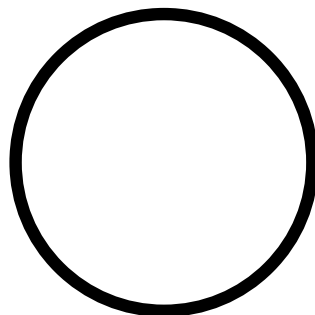
The farming year begins with the maple harvest and ends with the Christmas tree harvest. During maple season, guests can visit the sugarbush, learn how sap becomes syrup, enjoy maple tastings and explore the Maple Syrup Museum of Ontario. From April through November, the Maple Sugarbush Tour & Tasting extends the experience beyond harvest season and has welcomed visitors from across Canada and around the world.

At Christmas, families can choose a fresh-cut tree or explore the plantations to cut their own. The farm grows Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Norway Spruce and Canaan Fir, with fresh-cut Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir also available. Each tree requires years of planting, pruning and care, with sustainable farming practices helping protect the land and support future crops.

Visitors come for the farm products, but they return for the experiences—from tours on the maple trolley to maple taffy over ice during maple experiences or the Golden Ticket & visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus in Santa's Cabin at Christmas.

DID YOU KNOW

- Elliott Tree Farm has served as the backdrop for Netflix's A Merry Little Ex-Mas!
- The Early Harvest Golden Maple Syrup was named one of TasteAtlas' Top 20 maple syrups in the world.



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CHECK OUT...

- Visit the Maple Syrup Museum
- Heritage Barn Gift Shop.
- Maple syrup tasting flight and farm tour
- Great food and beverages available for purchase in the Horse Barn Canteen.

Maple products are made in small batches and shipped across Canada.

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BOWLING GREEN FARMS **333324 7TH LINE** **AMARANTH, ON**

Bowling Green Farms was established in 2009, but the Bryan family's farming roots in Amaranth date back to 1877. Today, we are proud to be fifth generation farmers that operate a thriving dairy farm while embracing new opportunities to serve our agricultural community.

Recognizing the need for another local grain handling facility, Kris and Kevin added a licensed grain elevator in 2015 to the farming operation. Since then, the elevator has expanded three times to meet the growing needs of our customers and the surrounding farming community.

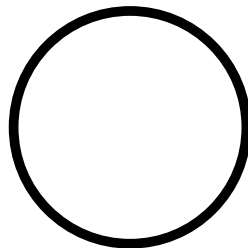
In addition to our dairy operation, grain elevator, and crop production, we provide grain marketing, custom farming, seed dealership and trucking services. We currently grow and receive wheat, soybeans, and corn. While much of the grain we handle supports the livestock feed industry, we are especially proud to produce and receive Identity Preserved (IP) soybeans, which are grown specifically for human consumption. These premium soybeans, grown by both our family and our customers, are shipped to markets around the world.

At Bowling Green Farms, our customers are more than just customers—they are our neighbours. We are committed to building strong relationships and helping local farms succeed through dependable service, honest advice, and shared knowledge. Farming is more than our livelihood; it's our passion. We believe that when our neighbours succeed, our entire agricultural community grows stronger.

DID YOU KNOW

**Soybeans are a natural
plant based protein**

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CHECK OUT...

- **Corn Kiddie Pools with
toy trucks and farm
equipment**
- **GV Lions Food Booth**
- **Ballantyne Blooms and
Bees**

DURING THE CIVIL WAR IN THE USA, SOYBEANS WERE BREWED AS A COFFEE SUBSTITUTE..

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GENVERS HOLSTEINS LTD

THE VERSTEGEN FAMILY

394273 COUNTY ROAD 12, AMARANTH

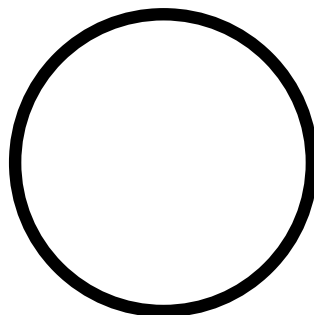
At Genvers Holsteins, the well-being of their cows is paramount. In 2025, in keeping with changes in the dairy industry, the Verstegen family built a new state of the art barn. This bright and airy facility has 56,000 sq ft of area in which the 180 cows currently being milked roam freely or lay in comfort on the soft beach sand. At any time throughout the day or night, cows may venture into one of the four robotic stations. As they enter, computers identify the animal, disperse allotted feed and start the milking process while recording valuable data that monitors the health and production level for each cow.

Neil Verstegen grew up on a farm in the Netherlands where limited lands were available for agriculture expansion. As a young man, he was able to tour Canada and was impressed with the freedom and opportunities here. As a result, Neil encouraged his parents and one sibling Hans to emigrate to Canada where they purchased this Amaranth dairy farm. Soon after, the Verstegens started rebuilding, replacing and improving the various barns and outbuildings to serve the growing business. In 2003, Hans relocated to a purchased farm across the road with his share of the herd and quota. As the farm operation grew, so did Neil's family with his marriage to Frida followed by the arrival of three children. Sons Marco and Jack are both actively involved in the daily farm operation.

DID YOU KNOW

A cow that is milking will eat up to 100lbs of feed a day and drink approximately 40 gallons of water.

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CHECK OUT...

- Tour the dairy barns and talk to some of our dairy experts

The average size farm in Dufferin is 226 acres.
The average dairy cow weighs approximately 1,500 lbs.

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HEREWARD FARMS 141051 SIDEROAD 15 EAST GARAFRAXA

Hereward Farms is a 250-acre lavender and sunflower farm located in East Garafraxa, Ontario, where we grow over 8,000 lavender plants alongside over 400,000 sunflowers that are used for birdseed and seed oil processed locally by Sharpes. What started with just 40 lavender plants has grown into a proudly Canadian farm and all-natural skincare and home brand, with products made using lavender grown and harvested right here on the farm.

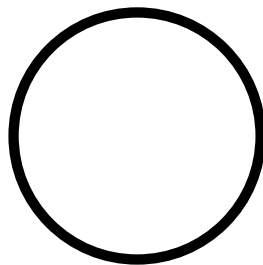
Visitors can explore our Lavender Lounge + Boutique, discover our farm-grown products, enjoy seasonal events and workshops, and experience a little bit of country life—with the occasional appearance from Gordie, our Chief Nap Officer.

At Hereward Farms, we believe in keeping things simple, sustainable and close to home: **We grow it. We make it. You love it.**

DID YOU KNOW

- Lavender was used on the battle fields of WWI and WWII to prevent infection and to relieve pain when medical supplies were running low.

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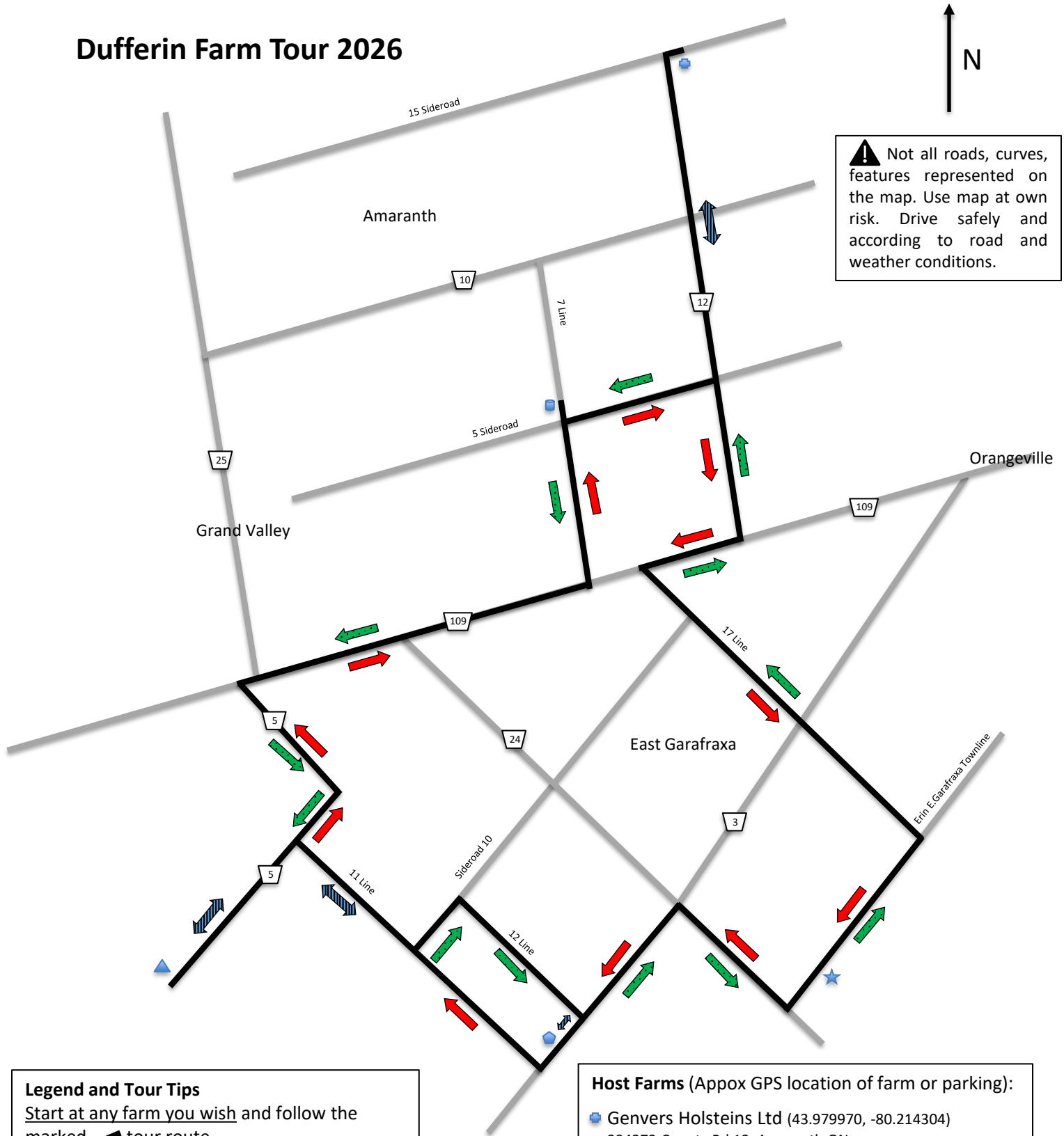
CHECK OUT...

- Working Horses from Sky Ridge Clydesdales
- Sheep Shearing
- Wooden cut out photo ops

The name lavender originates from the Latin verb “lavare” which means to wash. It’s word origin holds true in the ways that we use lavender today.

***PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ROAD**

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Legend and Tour Tips

Start at any farm you wish and follow the marked  tour route

Take red  or green  arrows. Generally the red arrows take you clockwise and the green arrows take you counter-clockwise. Double arrow , both green and red in the same direction.

Food bank donations are accepted at any host farm. Drop your donation at your first farm visited.

Host Farms (Approx GPS location of farm or parking):

-  Genvers Holsteins Ltd (43.979970, -80.214304)
394273 County Rd 12, Amaranth ON
(NOTE: parking entrance is on 15 sideroad, turn east from County Road 12)
-  Hereward Farm (43.822937, -80.329302)
141051 Sideroad 15, East Garafraxa ON
-  Elliott Tree Farm (43.826135, -80.178892)
9467 Erin East Garafraxa Townline, Hillsburgh ON
-  Barnarrow Farm (43.815539, -80.239069)
062233 Dufferin County Road 3, East Garafraxa ON
-  Bowling Green Farms (43.919859, -80.239373)
333324 7th Line, Amaranth ON



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