2 Aloe Organics aloeorg.com Check website/ Facebook for market locations

Honey, Veggies

3 Albritton Fruit Farms 9600 St Rd 72 Sarasota 941-780-0888 albrittonfruitfarms.com Berries

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4 Arcadia Stockyard 2719 NE Earnest St Arcadia 863-494-1808 arcadiastockyard.com Cattle auction every Monday & Wednesday at noon

5 Blackbeard's Ranch 15800 Coker Gulley Rd Myakka blackbeardsranch.com

6 Blumenberry Farms blumenberryfarms.com Fruits, Veggies

Brown's Grove 16015 Winburn Dr Sarasota 941-322-2835 brownsgrove.com Fruits, Honey, Veggies 8 Dakin Dairy Farms 30771 Betts Rd Myakka City 941-322-2802 dakindairyfarms.com Dairy, Honey

Down South Blues Corp. Arcadia

downsouthbluescorp.com Check website for U-Pick info. Order online, pickup at farm. Blueberries Only

Edgerton Farms Punta Gorda colornet.us/EdgertonFarms Herbs, Meat, Veggies 11 Emerge Gardens

6420 Scott St Punta Gorda 941-271-0441 emergegardens.com Tower Gardens, Veggies

12 Francis Farm 6500 Alan Blvd Punta Gorda 239-470-1860 francisfarmfl.com Eggs, Veggies Scheduled tours only

Fruitville Grove 7410 Fruitville Rd Sarasota 941-377-0896 fruitvillegrove.com Fruits, Honey, Veggies

14 Gamble Creek Farm 14950 Golf Course Rd Parrish 941-777-2090 gamblecreekfarms.com Berries, Honey, Veggies

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15 Green Life Farms Punta Gorda greenlifefarms.ag/our-farms Herbs, Veggies

> 16 Green Planet Farm, LLC Punta Gorda greenplanetfarm.com

Greenbyrd Farm 305-207-7038 ingrid003@hotmail.com Email to order/pickup at farm. Pasture raised chickens. Pre-order only Eggs, Meat

18 Grove Ladder Farm Arcadia groveladderfarmllc. grazecart.com Order online and get pickup information. All organic Eggs, Honey, Meat, Veggies

19 Homestead **Hydroponic Farm** 31305 Clay Gully Rd Myakka City homesteadhydrofarm.com Veggies, Honey

Melon1

20 Honeyside Farms Parrish 941-405-0015

honeysidefarms.com Meat, Berries, Veggies

21 Jessica's Organic Farmstand 4180 47th St Sarasota 941-358-3895 jessicasorganicfarm.com

Herbs, Veggies

22 Joshua Citrus Inc 4135 SE County Rd 760 Arcadia 800-749-8219 joshuacitrus.com Citrus, Veggies

PA

Kberry Produce 5029 SW Hwy 72 Arcadia 717-324-1393 kberries@norcell.us Raw Milk, Veggies, Berries

Punta Gorda melon1.com 25 Million Acre Farms 30124 Bermont Rd Punta Gorda 941-303-9738 millionacrefarms.square.site

26 Mote Aquaculture

27 My Sweetest Honey Sarasota 941-809-2322 mysweetesthoney.com

Scheduled tours only

Veggies

Fruitville Rd

Sarasota

mote.org

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28 Peace River Organics 941-661-0928 peaceriverorganics.com Fruits, Herbs

29 Prana Farms 6026 Sweden Blvd Punta Gorda 239-922-2752 prana-farms.com Eggs, Nursery Scheduled tours only

30 Sarasota Honey Company 2227 University Pkwy Sarasota 941-726-8755 sarasotahoney.com Scheduled tours only Honey, Meat, Eggs

3 SWFL Produce Punta Gorda 239-464-6595 swflproduce.com

32 Tatum Ridge Farms 300 Tatum Rd Sarasota 941-780-5641 tatumridgefarms.com Meat, Eggs

33 Weil Farms Punta Gorda weilfarms.com Honey

RESOURCES

Arcadia 1 Jersey Acres 5029 SW Hwy 7

Wildside Farms Sarasota Farmers' Market wildsidefarms.org Herbs

35 Worden Farm 34900 Bermont Rd Punta Gorda 941-637-4874 wordenfarm.com Herbs, Veggies VA 4

1131 Blvd of the Arts

941-955-0875

348 W Dearborn St

12 Punta Gorda

10 Sunfresh Farmers' 3037 S McCall Rd

Punta Gordo 11) History Park

4 Historic Heard

October to mid-May

7 Yellow Deli 22 N. Polk Ave 863-884-1212

Englewood

Farmers Market

17 Newtown Farmers Cocoanut Ave & Dr Martir Fri and Sat 10am-5pi

farmhousemarket.org

18 Phillippi Farmhouse Market

21 The Market at Year Round

13 Detwiler's Farm Market

14 Fruitville Grove

19 Sarasota Farmers'

20 Siesta Key

Sarasota

4180 47th St

23 Fresh Harvest Farmers Market 19745 Wellen Pk Blvd Year Round

Market 401 W Venice Ave at

Sat 8am-noon thevenicefarmersmarket.org

22 Yoder's Produce

Community Garden

Farm Resources

Osprey

i Visitor Information Centers – Downtown Sarasota

> Sarasota Bradenton Int. Airport 6000 Airport Cir

597 S Tamiami Trl

CHARLOTTE

Port Charlotte

Locally Grown **Food Tastes Better**

FARM

Is Better for You **Supports Families Builds Community**

Farm Stand Meet your local farmer and purchase fresh produce from where it's grown or at markets.

Farm Tours Experience and learn about the farm firsthand.

CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) Share in the bounty!

U-Pick Get down and dirty and pick your own produce.

Please contact the farm directly to confirm hours before

Bee Ridge

Green Path

GARDENS

History Park

Laurel Community

South County

North Port

Orange Blossom 1822 N Orange Ave

941-322-1000 DeSoto Count

> 863-993-4846 ECHO Global Farn

Sarasota County





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Is an Investment

in the Future

Forks & Corks dineoriginal.com/forksandcorks The Sarasota Seafood and Music Festival seafoodfestivals.com

January

Savor Sarasota Restaurant Week savorsarasota.com Sarasota Music Festival sarasotaorchestra.org/festival Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix sarasotapowerboatgrandprix.org State Goat Show visitdesoto.com

4th of July Freedom Fest

September

Bulls & Bands lets-eat-englewood

10th Annual Fall Rodeo arcadiarodeo.com

sarasotamod.com Siesta Key Crystal Classic

Sand Sculpting Competition siestakeycrystalclassic.com

Arcadia Youth Rodeo arcadiarodeo.com

Holiday Extravaganza & Tour of Historic Homes & Buildings

historicdesoto.org Holiday Night on St. Armands

chalkfestival.org Sarasota Rocktoberfest

paragonfestivals.com/music-

facebook.com November

Arcadia Bike Fest arcadiamainstreet.com

Atomic Holidav Bazaar sarasotafair.com

Englewood Waterfest englewoodbeachwaterfest.con Farm Days

oakshirefarms.com Padgett Ranch Family Fest facebook.com/

padgettranchfamilyfest Sarasota Medieval Fair sarasotamedievalfair.com

Sarasota MOD Weekend

October-April

seafoodfestivals.com

Morton's Firehouse Chili Cook Off mortonschili.com

familyfest

festivals/

visitdesoto.com

Arcadiarodeo.com Let's Eat, Englewood

Naples Dog Show

Big Mama's Collard Green Festival

facebook.com/newtownnati **DeSoto County Fair** Fall Festival desotocountyfairassoc@gmail.com

Eat Like a Local Restaurant Week dineoriginal.com

Florida Winefest & Auctio floridawinefest.org Fruitville Grove

Pumpkin Festival fruitvillegrove.com/festival

& Music Festival

February

DeSoto County Fair **Englewood Seafood &** Music Festival paragonfestivals.com Sarasota Highland Games & Celtic Festival sarasotahighlandgames.com

The Sarasota Winter Opera Festival sarasotaopera.org

Thunder by the Bay

March

96th Annual Arcadia

Downtown Sarasota Blues Festival paragonfestivals.com

DeSoto County Pioneer Day historicdesoto.org

Englewood Shrimp & Music Festival

Eat Local Week

padgettranchfamilyfest 35th Annual SpringFest

sarasotafair.com

Taste of Punta Gorda tasteofpuntagorda.org **Englewood Seafood**

June

All-Florida Championshi arcadiarodeo.com

paragonfestivals.com transitionsrq.org

Padgett Ranch Family Fest

islandartleague.org/festiva Sarasota Jazz Festival jazzclubsarasota.org Sarasota County Fair

joshuacitrus.com

sarasotadowntownmerchants.com La Musica International Chamber Music Festival lamusicafestival.org

Padgett Ranch Family Fest Facebook.com/padgettranch-

Sarasota Chalk Festival **NASCAR** Reunions at the Turner Center

> **Padgett Ranch** Family Christmas

> > padgettranchfamilyfest Siesta Beach Seafood &

Music Festival paragonfestivals.com

Venice Holiday Boat Parade venicechristmasboatparade.com

starmandscircleassoc.com

Lights in Bloom

Recurring 1st Saturday at The Grove

October-May joshuacitrus.com

Arcadia Antique Fair Every 4th Saturday facebook/antiquing-inhistoric-Arcadia-FL

Oak Street Market October-May Every 2nd Saturday arcadiamainstreet.com

Arcadia Youth Rodeo arcadiayouthrodeo.com

December

DeSoto Christmas Parade desotochamberfl.com





YOUR SOURCE FOR WHAT'S Fresh, Local, and in Season

Sarasota, Charlotte & DeSoto County

-2023-2024

Visit a Southwest Florida farm

VISIT

Our region is blessed with an abundance of fresh produce, including melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, and peppers. These crops are cultivated by hardworking farmers who contribute to the booming agriculture industry in DeSoto, Charlotte, and Sarasota counties. Despite the behind-the-scenes nature of this industry, it provides over 76,000 jobs in the region. Sarasota County alone has 61,033 acres of farmland, and Charlotte County has 112,000 acres. Meanwhile, DeSoto County boasts more than 330,000 acres of farmland, with blueberries, watermelon, and citrus being the top three fruits grown. In fact, DeSoto is consistently ranked as a top producer of oranges in Florida. It's clear that farming is a significant business in our region, with local growers working hard to provide us with fresh produce for generations to come

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live and work on a farm?

Sarasota, Desoto, and Charlotte County areas are home to groves, ranches, dairies, gardens—and our friendly farmers welcome you to visit and learn about what they do and why. Visiting a farm is a unique opportunity to see firsthand how food is produced, right from the very beginning.

The Farm 411

Get ready for a fun, energizing, relaxing day at the farm! Breathe deeply, look and listen closely, get your hands dirty, and if you have a chance to taste the farm's produce, savor it!

Here are some hints on making the most of your visit



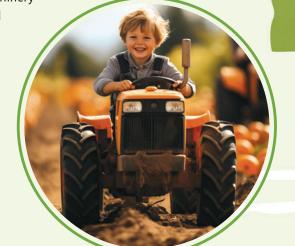
Be curious: There's lots to learn on a farm, and a tour offers the perfect chance to have your questions answered. So don't be shy—ask away!



Be safe: Seeing live animals and impressive farm machinery up close can be thrilling, but always be very careful and listen to your tour guide for instructions.

Be casual: Wear comfortable footwear and clothes that can stand up to a bit of work and dirt. You may find yourself walking on dirt roads and uneven terrain. And of course remember to wear a hat and sunscreen

Be informed: Call ahead to confirm tour availability and to get additional information on what to wear, bring, and expect.



Southern Peas Starfruit (Carambola **Pumpkins** Squash Sugar Apples Salad Greens Sweet Corn **Surinam Cherry** Yard-Long Beans Zucchini Squash Swiss Chard Sweet Corn Sweet Potatoes Tangelos **Tomatoes** Turnips

There's nothing like fresh fruit and vegetables at their seasonal best. There's something so

good about eating food when it's just been picked. It tastes better, it's a better value, and it's

Here's just a taste of what we have growing

April-June

Bell Peppers

Blueberries

Broccoli

Cabbage

Cantaloupe

Carrots

Celery

Cucumbers

Eggplant

Grapefruit

Lettuce

Limes

Nectarines

Oranges

Potatoes

Snap Beans

– January-March

Arugula

Beets

Bok Choy

Broccoli

Brussels Sprouts

Cabbage

Carrots

Celeriac (Celery Root

Celery

Citrus

Endive

English Peas

Escarole

Green Onions

Kale

Kohlrabi

Leeks

Lettuce

Mustard

Parslev

Radicchio

Snap or Snow Peas

Spinach

Swiss Chard

Sweet Onions

Turnips

Chinese Cabbag

July-September

Avocados

Bananas

Barbados Cherry

Basil

Coconut

Eggplant

Hot Peppers

Limes

Longans

Lychees

Malabar Spinach

Mangos

Muscadine Grapes

Okra

Passion Fruit

Pineapple

ieminole Pumpkin

October-December

Arugula

Avocado

Bananas

Beans

Beets

Bok Choy

Broccoli

Collards

Cucumbers

Endive

Escarole

Green Onions

Guava

Kale

Kohlrabi

Lettuce

Melons

Mustard

Navels

Papaya