The tour begins and ends at the Champion White Oak on the UConn campus in West Hartford off Troutbrook and Asylum Avenues.

“I look forward to this trip – even to the extent of taking a vacation day to do it!”
Karen Binney, Repeat Extension tour participant

About the Hartford County Extension Council

The Council is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing funds for the work of University of Connecticut's Cooperative Extension including food and nutrition programs, food safety education, lead paint remediation education and support, urban gardens, pesticide safety, the Master Gardener Program, 4-H, and urban forestry.

University of Connecticut’s Hartford Cooperative Extension Council presents:

The NOTABLE FARMS TO FOOD TOUR

Visit food producers in northwestern Connecticut and learn about their sustainable relationships with the land and animals

Thursday, November 14, 2013
8 am – 5:30 pm
About the Tour

The Hartford Cooperative Extension Council invites you to join them on Thursday, November 14, 2013, for the “Notable Farms to Food” bus tour of farms in northwest Connecticut. Check-in is at 8 am; the bus departs at 8:30 am from the UConn parking lot on Troutbrook Drive in West Hartford and returns around 5:30 p.m. (Meeting and parking details will be emailed with your reservation.)

We will learn about how these extraordinary people make their locally-sourced food products with a mixture of pride, tradition, and science. We will see their day-to-day operations with a special interest in their sustainable practices and experience with Cooperative Extension services. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to purchase foods and handcrafted items for the holiday season.

Tour Stops

❖ **The Abbey of Regina Laudis** in Bethlehem, is a community of contemplative Benedictine women, who produce cheese, honey, beef, wool, jams, candles, and many other items from their gardens, sheep, and beef and dairy herds. We have the special privilege of touring the farming operations that are not open to the general public.

❖ **Arethusa Farm** in Litchfield, is home to prize-winning purebred Jersey, Holstein, and Brown Swiss cows, and its dairy store in Bantam for milk, cheese, yogurt, and ice cream made from their prize cows.

❖ **Hayward Orchards** in New Hartford, is noted for its apples and cider. They will tell us about how they benefit from Extension services.

❖ **Connecticut Valley Winery** in New Hartford, is winner of numerous awards for its red, white, estate-bottled, and specialty wines. There will be a small additional charge for an optional tasting.

Cost & Registration

The cost for the tour is $75.00 before Oct. 14th, and $80.00 thereafter. Included is transportation in a luxury motor coach and a gourmet box lunch. Reservations can be accepted until November 7th. Please print and mail the attached reservation form and check to secure your seat.

Join us, rain or shine!

The tour will be held rain or shine, and will involve walking over uneven ground. There is a rest room on the bus and facilities along the way. Seats are limited so please register early.

If you have questions contact Jenny Riggs at riggsja@comcast.net.

Registration Form

First Name__________________________________________Last Name_______________________________________________
Address____________________________________________________________________________________________________
City_______________________________________________State______________________Zip____________________________
Phone (               )_____________________________________________cell______________________________________________
Email (IMPORTANT for tour info—will NOT be shared) ________________________________________________________________
Lunch includes a half sandwich, side salad, dessert, and beverage. Please select one per seat:    Number of seats_______________
Amount enclosed $_____________

Proceeds from this educational event will support Hartford County Cooperative Extension, an educational outreach of the University of Connecticut. A portion of the registration fee is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided the day of the tour.