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PUBLIC INVITED TO CONNECT WITH LOCAL FARMERS DURING FARM TOUR

Greenfield, IN – Looking for a way to connect with your local farmer? Have an interest in learning where your food comes from? The Buy Fresh Buy Local Farm Tour will connect central Indiana residents with farms who are producing local farm products. This free self-guided driving tour will be Saturday, June 27 from 11AM-4PM. The event is sponsored by the Hancock Harvest Council, a producer group helping to provide ready access for Indiana consumers to high quality, locally grown farm products. The four east central Indiana farms featured are Piney Acres, Tuttle Orchards, Engleking's Country Beef Shop, and Vaughan Buffalo Farm. Over twenty other local farms will be represented at the different tour stops.

The farm tour will include activities for the whole family. Tour participants will have the opportunity to interact with farm animals, enjoy local burgers, play family games, take a horse drawn carriage ride, tour greenhouses growing early season tomatoes, learn more about home gardening, see Christmas tree shearing demonstrations, sample local foods, shop from farm market vendors, and win local farm products. Directions and more information about activities at each site can be found at www.hancockharvestcouncil.com or by calling (317) 462-1113.

Earl Smith, president of the Hancock Harvest Council, hopes “this farm tour helps to put a face with the food people buy locally.” The farm tour is an event of the Buy Fresh Buy Local campaign whose goal is to connect consumers to local farm products and to educate on how buying local helps to support central Indiana's economy. Farm tour coordinator, Darlene Engleking says, “When we buy our food from local producers we are supporting the farms that support so many businesses throughout the community, which in turn makes our community economically stronger.” The Hancock Harvest Council invites all central Indiana families to come experience this exciting, free day on the farm.

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