Dear Dad & Ann,

I thought you would like to have a flier of the Farm-City Tour.

What a surprise it was when our kids picture came out on the cover!!! (they printed 8000)

We didn't know it until Fred picked one up at Farm Bureau!

If you remember, 11 years ago we had 1800 people who toured our farm.

We haven't started getting ready yet, with the sale and all the farm work!!

They predict 2000 people!!

Have a good week!

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# Plan your own tour . . .
# choose from these friendly host farm families.

**1. A.J. NIEMAN NURSERY**
**3881 Cincinnati-Brookville Road**
**Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

Tony and Dottie Nieman and sons, David and Danny, operate this third generation nursery business. This is a nursery stock production farm which includes evergreen, shade and ornamental trees, and shrubs. The farm yields Christmas trees which may be cut on sight or purchased precut. The house is of local historical interest, and was written about in the book SAGA OF PADDY'S RUN. The house was built in 1857 on the farm which was previously owned by six generations of the Francis family. The barn was built in 1813 with hand hewn beams, and the ash tree in the front yard, which is five feet in diameter, is known to be 133 years old. There are 111 acres on this farm and it takes a lot of machinery to work this operation. The Niemans have five tractors that plow, disk, cultivate, mow and spray. In addition, they operate two trucks, three bobcats and a tree digger. The Butler County Bee Keepers will also have a display.

**2. ALBERT AND GOLDIE BOMMER**
**3385 Millville-Shandon Road**
**Hamilton, Ohio 45013**

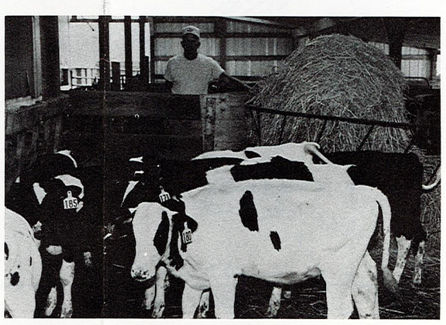
The Bommer Farm is a cattle and sheep operation now, but before the 1950's it was a dairy operation. The Bommer's grandson, Eric, helps on the farm with the haying, but he, like so many of the farm offspring, has an off-farm job. Mrs. Bommer always raises a large garden and with modernization she now freezes the vegetables for winter use. Mr. and Mrs. Bommer are still farming actively though they are 72 and 82 respectively. The average age of farmers in Ohio today is 55, and a farmer never retires. The farm consists of 78 acres - a typical small family farm. The Bommers have 20 acres of corn, 10 acres of wheat, and five acres of hay. They work the farm with a tractor, baler and the ever necessary manure spreader. They market their cattle and sheep each spring. Continuous weaving demonstrations and hourly sheep shearing will occur at this stop.

**3. CARL AND MARGIE HESSELBROCK AND SONS**
**6065 Alert-New London Road**
**Shandon, Ohio 45063**

The Hesselbrock Farms are truly a family operation. Carl and Margie originally bought 104 acres in southwestern Butler County in 1950. Over the years they had added acreage until they now total 1400 acres, with additional acreage rented. Some of their crops are planted on rented land in both Ohio and in Indiana. All three of the Hesselbrock sons have full-time jobs on their farm operation. One hundred ten Holstein cows are milked daily on the farm, with an additional 70 heifers to replace the full grown cows. The operation also is raising 50 feeder calves for market and 240 sows. In a year's time, the Hesselbrocks ready for market about 3500 hogs and 100 cattle. At this time, the farm is filled to capacity with 1250 acres of corn, 525 acres of soybeans, 190 acres of wheat and 35 acres of oats. This is truly a diversionary operation, with the land feeding their cattle with their 200 acres of hay. The Butler County Antique Machinery Club will have a display of old farm equipment and gas engines on the Hesselbrock farm.

**4. DAVE AND CHRIS WURZELBACHER**
**7152 Dwyer Road**
**Okeana, Ohio 45053**

Dave Wurzelbacher purchased this family farm in 1967, the year he graduated from high school. He was a young man who was willing to put in a lot of hard work and long hours into the agriculture industry. Four sons have now joined Dave and Chris in this family crossbred sow operation. The Wurzelbachers market 1000 plus head of crossbred hogs per year. That averages to about 70 head at any given market bunch. This is a farrow-to-finish operation, which means from birth until the hog is ready for marketing. The Wurzelbachers put in about 22 man hours per day. Dave points out that a lot of their work is manual labor because of the lack of modern buildings. The farm now consists of 450 acres, with 140 acres in corn, 100 acres in soybeans, 35 acres in wheat, and 25 acres in hay. Several tractors, a combine and many other implements make up the equipment line required for the Wurzelbacher Farm operation.



**5. JULIE AND FRED ZAENKERT FAMILY FARM**
**7461 Cincinnati-Brookville Road**
**Okeana, Ohio 45053**

The Zaenkert Family Farm began 26 years ago when Fred and Julie, both reared in the city, bought the original 243-acre dairy farm. They had no farm background of experience, which made this quite an undertaking. The dairy operation began in 1964 with fifteen Holstein cows. Presently the farm houses 150 milk cows and 100 heifers. The farm is currently producing 200 acres of corn, 125 acres of hay, and 50 acres of wheat and oats. Forty man hours per day are required to conquer the farm's work load. The Zaenkerts have ten children - Joe, Christa, Jenny and Amy living at home, Dan and Harry are part of the farm's labor, Bob and Fred operating a sawmill on the property, and Margie and Donna married. The farm now consists of 400 acres owned and 85 acres rented. The sawmill and its related equipment will be in operation on the days of the Farm City Tour. The Ohio Tree Farm Association representatives will be on hand to discuss tree farming. The Zaenkerts invite you to see a modern milking parlor in operation. The parlor will show automatic feeding and energy saving devices during the milking which occurs at 4:00 p.m. daily. You are also invited to take a hayride around the farm.

**6. GOVERNOR BEBB COUNTY PARK**
**Cincinnati-Brookville Road**
**Okeana, Ohio 45053**

Farm-City Tour visitors are invited to enjoy Governor Bebb Park. Please use the restroom facilities at the park - these facilities are not available at the farm stops. This park is operated by the Butler County Park District.

**all tour stops will be marked with signs**

# 6 stops are available . . .

The Farm City Tour is for your pleasure and information.

All of the farms are located within a small area in Morgan and Ross Townships.

You can drive it yourself and set your own pace.

Tour maps and information are available at each stop.

Spend as much time as you wish at each stop.

All precautions for your comfort and safety have been taken. Nonetheless, your hosts and planning committee will not be responsible for accidents.

Governor Bebb County Park, Stop #6, invites visitors to enjoy the park's picnic area. Restrooms are also available at the park. These facilities are not available at the farm stops.

Please observe NO SMOKING and PRIVATE signs.

Children are welcome, but they should be accompanied by their parents or another responsible adult.

No pets are allowed on the tour.

For more information call 867-5925 or 867-5013, or write:

Tour Committee
P.O. Box 958
Hamilton, Ohio 45012

Please park in designated areas, and please drive safely.

Courteous, knowledgeable guides and members of the host families will be at the stops to guide you on the tour. Please observe their instructions.

Refer to the map on the other side of this brochure for exact locations.