

# LOF NextGen Young Fruit Farmer Study Tour 2018

August 2 - August 4, 2018

## NextGen Young Fruit Farmer Study Tour in PA, August 2-4

The 3rd annual NextGen Young Fruit Farmer Study Tour will be held in the Adams County region of Pennsylvania August 2nd-4th.

The Young Growers Alliance (YGA) of Pennsylvania, the LOF team, the Future Fruit Growers of Lake Ontario, along with Matt Wells (New York Apple Sales), have organized an excellent itinerary.

The study tour is focused on helping next generation growers develop the knowledge and skills needed to take their family farms into the future.

There are no strict requirements to join. We have had people join the tour who are under 35, who are on family farms, who are growers in middle management positions, who may be beginning to manage farms, or who may be starting farms in the future. New growers are also welcome.

If you are not on the NextGen Young Fruit Growers email list (updates on the tour and any local events) and would like to be, please email Mark Wiltberger at [mw883@cornell.edu](mailto:mw883@cornell.edu).

For questions, don't hesitate to email or call Mark at 315-272-8530.

**Register for this event here:**

<https://lof.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=957>

**and click "Register for this Event Now" at the top of the page.**

If you have contacted us to pre-register, please register online now.

Feel free to forward this to anyone you think may be interested! **Is there someone in your organization who would benefit from this experience?**

### **Trip Highlights:**

The hosts at many of the stops are in the early years of their careers:

#### **Visits to:**

- **Hollabaugh Bros**, fourth generation orchard, farm, farm market, and bakery which collaborates with PSU Fruit Research and Extension Center.

- **Three Springs Fruit Farm**, a progressive orchard operated by grower Ben Wenk.
- **Knouse Foods**, packer and processor, known for Musselman brand.
- **PSU Fruit Research and Extension Center**, a look at their current research.
- **Mt. Ridge Farms**, owned and operated by the Slaybaugh family.
- **Rice Fruit Company**, a large packer and buyer of primarily fresh fruit.

**Delicious food and beverages:**

- **Catered Dinner at Ragged Edge Coffee House & Local Hard Cider Sampling** in Gettysburg.
- **Hard cider and beer tasting at Thirsty Farmer Brew Works.**
- **Breakfast at Hollabaugh Brothers**, fresh bakery and farm market.
- **Lunch at The Apple Bin** – homestyle American food.

**Costs to you are:**

- Registration fee
- Hotel 2 nights @\$143/night approx. = \$286
- Thursday night dinner is at no cost to you, catered meal at Ragged Edge Coffee House.
- Other meals: meals during transit, breakfast at Hollabaugh bakery, lunch at the Apple Bin, dinner on your own Friday night in Gettysburg, hard cider and beer tasting at Thirsty Farmer Brew Works. The eating establishments on the itinerary are moderately priced.

**Event Registration:**

Event Registration will offset some of the transportation and other costs of the event:

**Register now and save! Early Bird Registration rates end Thursday July 19th!**

**Final deadline for registering the event is Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup>!**

We are limiting the tour to 30 spots!

Early Bird registration rate \$50/person. Standard registration rate \$75/person.

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**Room reservations:**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn until Monday, July 30. It is up to each attendee to book their room. If you are unable to book a room at the Hampton Inn, please let us know, as we are planning logistics to depart from the Hampton Inn each day under the assumption that everyone is staying there.

The group rate is \$129/night plus tax, for a total of approximately \$143/night.

When you register, we will send you instructions on how to ask for the group rate for the room.

**Itinerary:****Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30am – 1:00pm	Geneva Experiment Station, Geneva, NY to Biglerville, PA	Geneva, NY	Transit via mid-size shuttle.
1:00pm – 2:10pm	Lunch at Apple Bin	Biglerville, PA	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/The-Apple-Bin-Grill-Bakery-113499752168803/">https://www.facebook.com/The-Apple-Bin-Grill-Bakery-113499752168803/</a>
2:15pm – 3:50pm	Three Springs Fruit Farm	Aspers, PA	<a href="http://www.threespringsfruitfarm.com/">http://www.threespringsfruitfarm.com/</a>
4:00pm – 5:15pm	Knouse Foods	Biglerville, PA	<a href="http://www.knouse.com/">http://www.knouse.com/</a>
5:30pm	Dinner and Cider tasting at Ragged Edge Coffee House	Gettysburg, PA	<a href="http://raggededgecoffeehouse.four-food.com">http://raggededgecoffeehouse.four-food.com</a>

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:15am – 9:45am	Breakfast at Hollabaugh Brothers	Biglerville, PA	<a href="https://hollabaughbros.com/">https://hollabaughbros.com/</a>
10 am - Noon	PSU Fruit Research and Extension Center	Biglerville, PA	<a href="https://agsci.psu.edu/frec">https://agsci.psu.edu/frec</a>
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Thirsty Farmer Brew Works (Round Barn)	Biglerville, PA	<a href="https://thirsty-farmer-brew-works.business.site/">https://thirsty-farmer-brew-works.business.site/</a>
1:30pm – 2:45pm	Mt. Ridge Farms	Biglerville, PA	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/mtridgefarms/">https://www.facebook.com/mtridgefarms/</a>
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Rice Fruit Company,	Gardner, PA	<a href="https://ricefruit.com/">https://ricefruit.com/</a>
	Dinner on your own	Gettysburg, PA	

**Saturday, August 4th**

After breakfast – early PM	Gettysburg, PA to Geneva, NY	Depart from Gettysburg, PA for Geneva Experiment Station, Geneva, NY after breakfast, arrival by early PM
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